

June 25, 2007

Thank you for remaining involved in the B.C. Prader-Willi Syndrome Association. The B.C. P.W.S.A. is working to provide information and create a connected community of affected people.

Our Spring conference, hosted in affiliation with the B.C. Children's Hospital, provided us with interesting and educational presentations from endocrinologists Dr. Roberto Bogarin and Dr. J.P. Chanoine and Nutritionist Huguette Cloutier. The B.C.P.W.S.A. is planning two more gatherings for the 2007 year.

BCPWSA SUMMER GATHERING

August 19th, 2007

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Kelowna, B.C.

The Taylor family will be hosting a pool party this summer in Kelowna, B.C.

Snacks will be provided:

- raw vegetables with non-fat dip
- fresh fruits with non-fat yoghurt
- diet pop and bottle water

Please bring swim suit, towels, chairs, and life jackets as needed.

Summer gathering takes place RAIN or SHINE!

*Please R.S.V.P. to Joanne Taylor through the B.C.P.W.S.A. web contact page or by telephone (250) 764-1009 by August 17th, 2007. ** Directions attached.*

BCPWSA FALL CONFERENCE

BCPWSA is currently organizing a conference and meeting for **Saturday, October 20th, 2007 at the Century Plaza Hotel & Spa in Vancouver, B.C.**

At this point we have the following presenters or work shops:

- **Dr. Morris Angulo**, Director of Medical Genetics, Winthrop University Hospital, a well known expert on Prader-Willi Syndrome coming from New York and presenting on the most recent hormonal treatments available for people with Prader-Willi syndrome.
- **Robin Friedlander**, psychiatrist and Clinical Director of the Vancouver & Fraser Developmental Disability Mental Health Services (DDMHS), presenting on behaviours of people who have Prader-Willi Syndrome. Robin Friedlander also works in the neuropsychiatry clinic at BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver, BC and is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of British Columbia.

- **Emily Lee**, an occupational therapist who will be presenting a hands-on workshop for the parents of younger children and infants with Prader-Willi Syndrome.

We are in the planning stages and as more information comes available we will post it on our web site.

The B.C.P.W.S.A. is again one of the chosen charities for the Richard Brodeur Charity Golf Tournament that will take place this summer. As discussed during our spring meeting, members are encouraged to seek donations for the silent auction or as prizes for the golfers. Bev Baldwin is representing our group on the organization committee for this tournament. If you have gathered donations or would like more information, please contact him at: (604) 926-6521. All donations need to be sent by the end of July.

The B.C.P.W.S.A. has a web site that is updated regularly with information applicable for B.C. residents. Past B.C.P.W.S.A. newsletters or conference information can be found on this site. You can access the website at: www.bcpwsa.com

Finally, if you have paid your 2007 membership fees of \$15, please find enclosed your selection of DVD on Prader-Willi syndrome. Both DVDs: P.W.S.- Food, Behavior and Beyond and Understanding the Student with Prader-willi Syndrome: Strategies for Success are excellent informative resources for any family living with Prader-Willi Syndrome. If you have not paid your 2007 membership dues and are interested in becoming a member, there may be some DVDs still available. Please contact us for more information.

Thank you!

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