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Brain Injury Association of Canada
Association canadienne des lésés cérébraux

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Brain Injury Association of Canada Hosts 6th Annual Conference



Barb Johnson and Ian Young

The picturesque Villa St. Martin in Pierrefonds, Quebec, was the location for the 6th Annual Conference hosted by the Brain Injury Association of Canada from July 10th to 12th, 2009. The focus of this year's event, Successful STEPS, Strategies for Education, Prevention And Support, was celebrating the successes of those affected by acquired brain injury. Successful steps are different for every individual and regardless of the magnitude of those steps they are all a success to be celebrated.

Following a "Welcome" by Shirley Johnson, President of the Board of Directors and representative from British Columbia, the conference began with an Opening Plenary from Marilyn Price-Spivack, founder and Past President of the Brain Injury Association of America, on Voices of Change/Voices of Advocacy.

At this year's conference we were offered sessions in both French and English for the first time on topics that included research, long-term supports, family involvement, brain injury in infants and children, survivors' stories, wellness, community integration, and an introduction to insurance.

Of particular interest was a presentation by Dr. Anthony Arita, a Commander in the U.S. Navy, and Dr. Lolita O'Donnell, both of whom are at the Defence Centers of Excellence in Arlington, Va. Traumatic Brain Injury in military personnel returning from active duty is recognized as a significant issue and they provided information about resources developed to support these veterans that are available to everyone. Information can be found at www.dcoe.health.mil and at www.realwarriors.net by calling 1-866-966-1020.

Friday evening was a time to relax at the Montreal Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey. The evening provided the opportunity to recognize the special contributions made by organizations who support the

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Dr. Anthony Arita, and Dr. Lolita O'Donnell

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Brain Injury Association of Canada and by individuals who are dedicated to injury prevention and improving the lives of those affected by acquired brain injury.

These included Dr. Kelly Leitch, the Insurance Bureau of Canada, Canadian Standard Association, Toronto Dominion Bank, and Air Canada, with special recognition to the Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation for their generosity in supporting this year's conference.

As well, other individual and corporate recognitions were presented throughout the Conference.

Ian Young, a brain injury survivor from Alberta, took the opportunity to thank VIA Rail for their generosity in providing him with the opportunity to travel across Canada raising awareness of



Marilyn Price-Spivack, founder and Past President of the Brain Injury Association of America

acquired brain injury. His trip included time in Ottawa speaking with politicians about the challenges and successes he has experienced.

Other awards presented throughout the weekend included the Award of Courage to Shirley Johnson, Volunteer of the Year award to Yvan Teasdale, and awards of Merit to Sharice Billet-Niedermayer, Barb Butler and Yvan Teasdale.

The response to the presentations and the collaboration that took place during the weekend made it abundantly clear that there are many dedicated people across Canada and in the U.S. working very hard towards prevention of injuries and improvement of services to those affected by acquired brain injury. Working together we are making a difference!

The 2010 Conference will be held in Saskatchewan. Details will be available at a later date on our website.

For information on the Brain Injury Association of Canada please visit our website www.biac-aclc.ca. We produce an e-newsletter four times a year.

To subscribe, please contact info@biac-aclc.ca. If you have an event or newsworthy item you would like included in our newsletter or on our website we would very much like to hear from you.




Message from the Editor - Barb Butler



You have before you the first edition of *Impact*, the newsletter of the Brain Injury Association of Canada formerly known as *The Brain Train*. The name change has been made to facilitate the desire to have the names of both the English version and the French version be the same.

The intent of the newsletter remains the same, to bring you news from across Canada and to keep you informed of all the exciting events happening at BIAC. As in the past I encourage you to email me at barbbutler@biac-aclc.ca if you have questions or anything you would like to see included in our newsletter.



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Greetings to All,

It seems like only yesterday that we all gathered at Villa St. Martin for our Annual Conference last July. As you will see from this newsletter, much has been accomplished by our members across Canada, from PEI to BC and by our modest office in Ottawa.

I will not rehash news that is in this issue, but I do want to welcome our new Board members.

I am pleased to introduce to you our new Board Members, Dr. Marion Barfurth Ph.D, William Pashby and Val St. Germain. All three bring a special skill sets to BIAC. Dr. Marion Barfurth Ph.D is a Executive Leadership and Strategist Consultant and President of Barfurth Associates and is located in Gatineau, Quebec; William Pashby is a Lawyer and President of the Pashby Foundation and Val St. Germain is a Financial Advisor with Edward Jones and former McGill University, Canadian Interuniversity Sport, and CFL All Star Offensive Lineman with Hamilton, Ottawa and Saskatchewan where he was part of the Grey Cup Riders' Team. On behalf of the membership and the Board welcome aboard and we all look forward to working with you on the BIAC Team.

I would also like to welcome the following sponsors into the BIAC Family. Not new to the group is TD Financial who have renewed their 3 year agreement and our newest supporter We Care who have joined us for 2 years. On behalf of the membership, THANK YOU!

A special THANK YOU to the following local organizing HOO committees in Waterloo-Wellington and Winnipeg for organizing HOO receptions in their regions. Special Thanks to Howard Brown for his efforts in obtaining and renewing sponsorships and pulling together the HOO's and Chairing our Foundation Feasibility Committee and Thank You to Barb Butler for her efforts on pulling together the Newsletter.

As well, I would like to say Thank You to Yvan Teasdale and his Nominating Committee for their efforts. And finally to Harry Zarins, our Executive Director who had to organize a move out of Gatineau to Ottawa on short notice while supporting our team of volunteers and committees. There are many more people that have to be thanked for their efforts across Canada on behalf of BIAC some of these people are included in this newsletter and others will be in future issues.

THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF BIAC-ACLC.
Shirley Johnson, President



Wellington HOO

On Thursday, September 24 the Brain Injury Association of Waterloo - Wellington hosted a very successful HOO event at the prestigious Westmount Golf and Country Club. Survivors, caregivers and friends of the Association were joined by Kent Bassett Spiers, CEO of the Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation; Harry Zarins, Executive Director of the Brain Injury Association of Canada; Elizabeth Witmer, MPP Kitchener-Waterloo; John Milloy, MPP Kitchener Center and Minister of Research and Innovation; Angela Colantonio, Ph.D, Saunderson Family Chair in Acquired Brain Injury Research, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute and professor, University of Toronto; Dennis Prouse, Director of Government Relations, Insurance Bureau of Canada, Howard Brown, Fundraising



Waterloo-Wellington County HOO guests had a great evening in support of those afflicted with a disability from an acquired brain injury

Chair for the Brain Injury Association of Canada and many more.

There was fine music, great food and stories of courage, determination and support. Thank You to Paddi Lehman, Executive Director of the Association and her team for putting on a great event!

We are looking forward to next year!

A message from the Executive Director

It has been an interesting time for BIAC over the last ten weeks since our Annual Conference. Our Annual Conference was a success on a number of fronts thanks to our conference committee, our quality speakers, and our survivors who shared their stories with us just to name a few. Many thanks to all those who gave of their time to have our best ever conference in our short history. Special Thanks to the Ontario Neurotrauma Association for their sponsorship and support to the conference, THANK YOU! We now move on to get ready for our next conference which will be in Regina September 30, October 1, 2, 2010 with our goal to make this the best ever.

In August, I deposited a brief to House of Commons Finance Committee for their Pre-Budget Consultations. Though we have not appeared in front of the committee just submitting a brief is an important step as we remain active with our government relations file. Shortly thereafter, BIAC was informed that the space we occupied in Gatineau would not be available to us as an office space because the building we were located in had been sold. The month of September and early October was in a big part taken up searching for space and preparing for a move and moving. After several weeks of searching, we have space in downtown Ottawa thanks to the generosity of the Insurance Bureau of Canada and Dennis Prouse, Director of Government Relations.

As Executive Director, I have been involved in the works of our Nomination Committee and our committee looking into the development of a Foundation. Both committees have been working hard with the Nomination Committee just recently successfully completing their work. The 2010 Conference Planning is moving ahead and more will be said about the conference soon.

I also had the privilege to attend the Waterloo-Wellington HOO at the end of September. The HOO was a huge success due to the volunteers. The Waterloo-Wellington Brain Injury Association is an active group serving an area just outside of Toronto. I also attended the Ottawa Valley Brain Injury Association dinner where over 300 people gathered to listen to Second Cup Founder Frank O'Dea. The evening raised over \$35,000 for their association. Kudos to the Organizing Committee.

We bid adieu to Nadine Archambault who served our association in a variety of capacities from book keeper to event planner. Nadine's business ventures have grown considerably and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. At the time of writing this article, I am in the process of finalizing Nadine's replacement.

The next few weeks and months will be active for BIAC with quite a few things in the pot. I will close my report by welcoming our new Board members and thanking them for their commitment to BIAC. Welcome Marion Barfurth, Bill Pashby and Val St. Germain.



Harry Zarins

Bursaries Awarded to Students

On July 11th at the National Conference held at Villa St Martin in Pierrefonds, Quebec, BIAC's President Shirley Johnson and Yvan Teasdale, Chair of the Government Relations and Public Affairs Committee, presented a \$2,000 Bursary to Phillip Roy, a student at the Université du Québec à Rimouski in the presence of his proud mother Manon Lefort. Phillip is pursuing a master's degree in Management of Maritimes resources. Upon learning that he would be receiving a bursary, Phillip said: "I danced in joy when I learned that I qualified for a bursary".

On August 28 a second \$2,000 bursary was awarded to Akira Peters of Yukon who is pursuing an Honours BA in English and History at the University of Saskatchewan. Her education was interrupted in 2008 when she sustained a brain injury as a result of a stroke. After months of rehabilitation at Glenrose Hospital in Edmonton and at home in Whitehorse, Akira has returned to the University of Saskatchewan to complete her degree. In commenting on the financial support, Akira says, "The BIAC bursary will be essential in aiding me as I complete my degree and get on with my life. Thank you for your consideration and support."

The Selection Committee composed of Board of Directors, namely, Marina White (Nfld & L.), Larry Carlson (Sask.) and Yvan Teasdale (Que.) had the difficult task of selecting only two candidates for the second edition of a \$2,000 Bursary Program awarded to brain injury survivors pursuing post-secondary education opportunities in an English or French institution or apprenticeship/trades program in Canada.

Congratulations to the selected candidates! We wish them success in their endeavours and we will follow their progress with interest.

If you were not selected this year, please try again, or, if you did not apply, you should consider doing so in time for the 2010-2011 school years. If you are applying using the BIAC online application or BIAC's application form, you must send it by April 30th of the given year. Bursary information will be posted on our website at www.biac-aclc.ca.



Larry Carlson, Akira Peters, Elden Swab, SBIA President



*Shirley Johnson,
Phillip Roy,
Manon Lefort,
Yvan Teasdale*

Ontario Happenings

Brain Basic Training Program

Date: November 19 & 20, 2009

Location: Delta Meadowvale Resort and Conference Centre
3750 Mississauga Road, Mississauga, ON L5N 2L3

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (daily) **Cost: \$210**

For Further Information please call 905-823-2221 (Local)

OR OBIA at 1-800-263-5404; e-mail obia@obia.on.ca

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13th Annual Holiday Dinner and Dance

Saturday, November 21, 2009 - RSVP by November 9th

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SBIA hosts walk in the park



Larry Carlson, SK BIA rep,
Elden Swab, Barb Butler, Angel Blair, Nelson Bird, CTV Regina

Dr. Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, Ray Boughen, MP Palliser, Christine Tell, MLA Regina Wascana Plains, Micheal Fougere, Regina City Councillor, Elden Swab, President SBIA

With picture perfect weather, the Saskatchewan Brain Injury held its seventh annual Walk and Barbecue on Saturday, September 12. Concurrent walks were held in Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert with over \$20,000 raised by participants.

Among the more than 70 walkers in Regina's Wascana Centre were representatives from all levels of government including His Honour Dr. Gordon Barnhart, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan and SBIA's Honourary Patron. Hosting the event were local CTV news personalities, J. C. Garden and Nelson Bird. Certificates of appreciation were presented to a number of SBIA volunteers who have worked over the years to make the event a success. A special award went to Shelli Gardner of Prince Albert, who raised over \$4,000 on her own.

With those who walked in Saskatoon and in Prince Albert, the total number of walkers was more than 150. The Walk and Barbecue is an important awareness event and the money raised helps to support the activities of SBIA including an annual Survivors' Conference in the fall and a Family Camp in the spring.



Ian on the rails!

Ian Young on his trip



I'm honoured my good friend/fellow survivor Barb Butler asked

me to contribute to IMPACT. As a survivor, amateur writer, the invitation was quickly decided YES! Bit of a background on me: I'm a survivor presently residing in Edmonton, Alberta, I suffered cerebellar strokes due to a rare disorder and have been grateful to be a survivor for 5 years now. I can spare readers the struggles I've been through but am glad to offer accomplishments I have obtained since my injury. Being strongly associated with BIAA (Brain Injury Association of Alberta) opened loads of doors for me to achievements rather than failures. My strong connection with President Meloni Lyon gave me the opportunity to become a self proclaimed advocate. Being recognized by my community was very flattering, being awarded for my contributions humbling. My most exciting venture was June 2nd 2009 ,after being awarded a door prize by VIA Rail to travel from Vancouver to Ottawa, photographing, documenting my journey, raising awareness for prevention and outcome of brain injury. Never did I ever imagine I would be addressing political decision makers in our House of Commons. Overwhelming to realize people were interested in what I had to say, but shocking to find out the statistics of how many of the population of the world are affected by brain injury.

So by fortunate events the train ride become a metaphor for my recovery/recognition of my own injury; a long, arduous journey but on the "right track" I will be offering insights, information in future issues, a unforgettable year is leading to an amazing busy future. I have formed a website, done loads of media interviews, returned part time to academic studies and most importantly survived! I will always keep active(Barb won't have it any other way) And be contributing in as many issues of IMPACT as I can! I'm a huge fan of quotations so here is one I penned myself "Realize the injury, let the healing begin" I look forward to keeping readers of this community on significant events ,viewpoints. Outcomes.

As one we are a voice, as two we are a cause, as a community we are an action!

Regards Ian Young

Intrawest sets helmet requirements at ski resorts

Headgear to be mandatory for all children, teens in ski and snowboard programs and all students regardless of age taking part in freestyle terrain park programs

VANCOUVER— The Canadian Press, Oct.01 2009

Six months after actress Natasha Richardson died following a fall at the Mont Tremblant ski resort in Quebec, the company that operates the facility has announced helmet requirements at all its North American resorts. Vancouver-based Intrawest says when the ski season begins in a few weeks, it will recommend all skiers and snowboarders wear helmets. The headgear will be mandatory for all children and teens enrolled in ski and snowboard programs and for any student, regardless of age, taking part in freestyle terrain park programs. And the company said it will update its advertising images to feature skiers and snowboarders wearing helmets.

The new rules “underscore Intrawest’s commitment to guest safety,” the company said in a statement issued Thursday. Intrawest operates nine ski resorts in North America, including Mount Tremblant in Quebec, Panorama Mountain near Invermere, B.C., and Whistler Blackcomb, which will host alpine events for the 2010 Winter Games.

Ms. Richardson, the 45-year-old wife of actor Liam Neeson, died of a blood clot on the brain in March just days after a minor fall at Mount Tremblant. Ms. Richardson was not wearing a helmet and the

mandatory helmet rules would not have applied to her as an adult who was taking a private ski lesson at the time of her fall. The actress’ death focused attention on the issue of mandatory helmets for skiing and snowboarding. She seemed fine immediately after her fall, but about an hour later in her hotel room she complained of feeling unwell and was taken to hospital. Ms. Richardson died March 18, two days after the accident.

The Canadian Standards Association has said wearing helmets on the ski hill can reduce the risk of head injury by 60 per cent, and has developed voluntary standards for helmets.

Intrawest said it will require employees to wear helmets while on duty in any freestyle terrain parks beginning in the 2010-2011 season. Some resorts are implementing the rule for this season.

Bill Jensen, CEO of Intrawest, said the company is working with the National Ski Areas Association and the Canada West Ski Areas Association to establish best practices.

Mr. Jensen said the company will continue to work “to raise awareness of this important initiative and the obligation of everyone to ski and ride in a controlled and responsible manner.”



Richard Kinar, BIAC Helmet Advocate

Nfld. & Labrador News

*Carla White,
Randy White,
Megan Upshall
and Terry Upshall*



In early August the Newfoundland and

Labrador Brain Injury Association (NLBIA) was involved with Safety Week which was planned in conjunction with the City of St. John’s, The Jessica Campaign and Jeannette Holman Price. The week focused on our roads in which we can all share and practise road safety, such as wearing helmets, car seat fitting and public awareness.

Presentations were made by KISS (Kids in Safe Seats), CAPSC Motorcycle Safety, CAPSC Bicycle Safety, HOGS (Harley Owners Group) who wore Pink Bows on their motorcycles in memory of



The group at Ferryland Lighthouse

Jessica and the NLBIA. A cheque from the proceeds which was raised through Safety Week was presented by Jeannette Holman Price to Marina White, Co-ordinator for NLBIA Adult Group, ABLE (Adults with Brain Injury Living Everyday).

ABLE had a fantastic year of events, especially with a Barbecue at Salmonier Line and a Picnic at the Ferryland Lighthouse.

September the NLBIA held its annual Stephen Lush Golf Tournament at the Wilds, Salmonier Line. We held another successful event as usual and a great time was had by all who attended, ending the day with a dinner and awards.

News from Nova Scotia



*from left to right:
Mike Mauger, son
of BIANs Vice-
President Connie
Wheatley;
Bobby Mac from
Q104; Greg Van de
Moortele, survivor
and Treasurer of
Lunenburg County
BIANs Chapter;
and Bf Burke from
Q104.*

BIANs Golf Tournament

Over 100 golfers converged at Brightwood Golf and Country Club on a beautiful late spring/early summer day; before hitting the links at 12:30. Throughout the course, there were contests and information on brain injury posted. For the first time this year, on Hole #7, golfers had the opportunity to let Ladies Amateur Champ Kathy Powers hit their tee-shot. Reports from Hole #7 indicated that many happily took advantage of Kathy's skill citing that Hole #7 was their best hole – golfing-wise! Hmmm, could Kathy have had anything to do with this?

A big thank you to our returning major hospitality sponsors, Bayshore Home Health Care and Johnson Insurance.

The HOO:

Halifax Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey was a great success with over 65 people in attendance and over \$7,000 raised to support brain injury survivors and their families in Nova Scotia. Although the Hon. Karen Casey, Nova Scotia's Minister of Health was unable to attend, Deputy Minister Cheryl Doiron brought greetings from the minister. Ms.



Who's who at the HOO!

Doiron then spoke of the lack of programs and supports for brain injury survivors and family members in the province of Nova Scotia. The event's MC John Hancock, CBC Radio kept the evening flowing between speeches from Bill Adams, IBC who is a national presenting sponsor; Margo Dauphinee, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of Nova Scotia who introduced brain injury survivor, the event's official photographer and entrepreneur Edwin Townsend and Harry Zarins, Executive Director, Brain Injury Association of Canada.

Tracy:

BIANs was once again fortunate to have access to a second year law student through the Boyne Clarke Summer Student Program. Tracy Smith was with BIANs from the end of April to the end of July. As Chapter/Affiliate Development Officer, she researched like chapter/group infrastructures in Nova Scotia and other provincial brain injury associations; interviewed, consulted and met with the four existing chapter presidents; and completed drafts on supporting documentation which will ensure operations at the local community level meets with legal and insurance guidelines and coverage and as a way of developing best practices. This project begins the process of laying the foundation for BIANs future expansion of its local community support structure. BIANs wishes Tracy all the best in her semester studying in Singapore and in her final year at law school. Thank you Tracy and Boyne Clarke.

Annapolis Valley Chapter:

The Annapolis Valley chapter, along with the local police departments and the RCMP, implemented Operation Headway over the summer. Tickets were issued to those on wheels not wearing a helmet (bicyclers, skateboarders and scooter riders). A ballot for a bicycle draw was given to those who were wearing helmets - as a reward.

Operation Headway finished with Noggin Knowledge, held on September 26th, where one ticket could be waived with attendance at Acadia University of three hours of explanations, examples and testimony by a neuro-surgeon, survivors, a sports medicine doctor, and a neuro-surgery nurse in charge of accident prevention.

Halifax Chapter:

The annual BBQ was held on Aug. 16 at Christ Church Hall in Dartmouth. Hosted by the Halifax Chapter, it was an afternoon of fun and entertainment. The ever popular Ron Edmunds performed and then Peter Delefos amazed everyone with his magic acts. The food was great and many thanks to President Sean Layden and the chapter board for a great afternoon.

Lunenburg County Chapter:

Plan to attend the VARIETY SHOW on Saturday, October 10, 7 pm at St. John's Church Hall, New Germany. There will be 4 groups and 2 soloists entertaining. This will be a fundraiser for the Chapter and awareness for BIANs.

The fall is gearing up to be equally as busy. October 24, the 16th annual "fun"-raising bowlathon will be held at the Woodside Bowlarama in Dartmouth and on the following Saturday, the Annapolis Valley chapter will hold the second annual Valley bowlathon in New Minas.

BIANs is also beginning a strategic planning exercise which will lay the ground work for future direction and growth of the organization.

PEI Happenings

We had a busy summer here on P.E.I. starting with June as Brain Injury Awareness month TDBank sponsored a BBQ for Brain Injury Coalition, which went along with the national initiative of the Great Canadian BBQ.

We had a public forum on Wipeout with a well represented panel a Clinical Neuropsychologist, representative s from Veterans Affairs, the Eastern School Board as well as the Chief Health Officer. A great discussion was held with an agreement to meet further.

Representatives of the Brain Injury Coalition JoAnn McInnis, Mark MacIntosh and Kenneth Murnaghan were on hand as the Premier Ghiz signed a proclomation declaring June as Brain Injury Awareness Month on P.E.I.

With helmets being mandatory on PEI there are a large number of children and adults who are not wearing a helmet.. BICPEI has teamed up with Island Network for Injury Prevention (INIP) and local community police and introduced Operation Headway. With this program being a rewards programs many other local businesses partnered with us. The police reward those with helmets ice cream or coupons from MacDonalds or coffee cards from Tim Hortons and those without helmets were given a ticket. Thanks to the generous support from businesses in the community we were able to draw for a bicycle and helmet in both Charlottetown and Summerside.



Premier Robert Ghiz, Kenneth Murnaghan, JoAnn McInnis & Mark McIntosh

As well BICPEI carried out presentations in day cares and summer day camps and as a result of seeing a high number of kids without helmets. We seen the need to create the Helmet Fund. Where by donations from the community will be used to purchase helmets for those who are unable to afford one for one reason or another.

We met with Mayor Clifford Lee and he gave us the support of the city.

We are currently working with the Eastern School Board to create some programs in regards to brain injury awareness and helmet safety. Helmet safety does not only look at bicycle helmets but also skateboarding, skiing, snowboarding.

Brain Injury and Helmet Awareness received a lot of publicity over the summer. The following are a few links to stories done
<http://www.theguardian.pe.ca/index.cfm?sid=286736&sc=267>
<http://www.theguardian.pe.ca/index.cfm?sid=283008&sc=98>
<http://www.theguardian.pe.ca/index.cfm?sid=281227&sc=104>

Winnipeg HOO

Friday, September 25 was the date! The Canadian Forces Base (CFB Winnipeg 17th Wing) Mess Hall was the place!! It was the 2nd annual Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey event to be held in Winnipeg... a 'fun'....FUNDRAISER for the Brain Injury Association! A warm Fall evening, some speeches, greetings and encouragement from our Winnipeg North member of parliament, Judy Wasylycia-Leis. The evening was perfect!!

We gathered at the Mess Hall where we were treated to the most 'mouth-watering', out-of-this-world food! (Those Chefs outdid themselves!! We are still dreaming about the shrimp!!).

We were also able to try and win some great prizes for those who bought silent auction tickets.

Our thanks to those who attended the evening and to the organizers, Tiffany Hopkins and her 'Hawaiian Crew' from WE CARE HOME HEALTH SERVICES who left no detail unattended... right down to their Hawaiian outfits! It was a great evening! MANY THANKS to all who organized and attended this event!



*Judy Wasylycia-Leis MP, Federal NDP Health Critic,
Angela Czarniecki, Director of the MBIA.
Melissa, Client Service Coordinator with We Care,
David Imrie, a member of the Winnipeg HOO committee,
Larry Carlson VP BIAC, Howard Brown, Jaimie and Denise.*