

# Connections

News from the BC Association of Community Response Networks  
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Edition

June 15, 2007

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## CRNs Commemorate the World Day!

More than 20 Community Response Networks (CRNs) in BC are marking the second annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Here are some highlights of local events from May 5 – June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Kaslo** – June 5 and **Nelson** June 15 - “Finding a Future for Ellen” a DVD produced by BC Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors, with a discussion facilitated by Heather Von Ilberg, Kootenays Regional CRN Mentor, at the Seniors Association regular meeting and display outside grocery store on June 15 (Kaslo) and mall display (Nelson)

**Salmo** – June 15 - lunch for the community with a special focus on involving seniors and “Finding a Future for Ellen” DVD and RCMP, Victim Services and other CRN members as resources

**Castlegar** – June 13 - Safety for Seniors and Income Entitlement workshop

**Summerland** – June 11 - presentation for residents, staff and families in two assisted living residences, a pamphlet blitz and a possibly a radio spot

**Penticton** – June 11 – mall display and networking for the whole day

**Kelowna** – June 15 - Kevin Rothwell, Better Business Bureau on “The Ten Top Scams”, Alex Johnson, Community Crime Prevention will show ways of “Keeping Safe” and lawyer Stanley Rule will reveal the Good, Bad and Ugly of Estate Planning.

**Kamloops** – full page public awareness education page in the Kamloops Daily News and Kamloops This Week themed, “Reach out. Speak up. Speak Out”

**Revelstoke** – June 14 - skits for Seniors Association and an honouring of seniors day later in June

**Armstrong/Enderby and**

**Vernon/Lumby** – Aging Well in BC Conference with speakers Dr. Patricia Baird, Chair of the Premier’s Council on Seniors and Aging, and Alison Leaney, Executive Director, BC Association of CRNs. Among many other things, the Council recommended that CRNs and the BC Coalition to Eliminate Abuse of Seniors be supported by the provincial government

CRNs and World Day continued.....

## BCACRN Executive Director Promotes Network Building with the Senate Committee on Aging!!!

Wearing her national hat as chair of the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (CNPEA), Alison Leaney with fellow director Charmaine Spencer of Simon Fraser University’s Gerontology Research Centre met with the Senate Committee on Aging which held a session of Vulnerable Adults. The Senate will be making recommendations to the federal government late fall/early spring. Of the 9 recommendations made by Leaney on behalf of CNPEA, one was about the need for the federal government to support network building to address and prevent senior abuse at the local, regional and national levels.

**Chilliwack** - June 15 - workshop on Abuse of Elders, Designated Agencies and the CRN, Representation Agreements and Powers of Attorney

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**Abbotsford** – June 18 - WEAD lunch at Lunch with the Bunch inviting more seniors from the community with a video and presentation by local DA staff person

**White Rock** – June 15 - Friday Morning Movies with transportation arranged. “Finding a Future for Ellen”, and “Money Matters for Seniors” with a chance to meet lead actress Joyce Schmalz, a pioneer in BC’s senior abuse prevention movement followed by a Strawberry Tea at South Fraser Women’s Services Society and Atira House, entertainment by the Pacific Showtime Men’s Chorus

**North Shore** – display throughout the World Day week at Lions Gate Hospital and civic proclamation

**Richmond** – display at Richmond General Hospital organized by DA Key Contact for Vancouver Coastal Health – Amanda Brown an DA Key Contact for Vancouver Coastal Health and local hospital staff and volunteers

**Vancouver** – June 12, 13 - display at St. Paul’s and Vancouver Hospitals organized by DA Key Contact for Vancouver Coastal Health and local hospital staff and volunteers

**Victoria** – June 13 - celebration of the various services in Victoria that respond to seniors who need assistance

**Prince Rupert** – May 5 - Seniors Tea involving the Youth Council, the Red Hat Society, intergenerational card and board games to bridge inter-generationally

**Qusnel** – June 5 - Financial Abuse Workshop for key plays who network with seniors

**Surrey, Kamloops, North Shore,** – civic proclamations

Other events may be held in **Prince George, Powell River, Sechelt, and Fort St. John.**

### *Your Chance to Bid and Make A Difference*

In addition to the invaluable networking and awareness raising opportunities these events provide, CRNs are promoting their own local silent auctions at local events as well as the first ever, **Provincial Online Auction!!**

To check it out visit our website between now and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 [www.bccrns.ca](http://www.bccrns.ca)

**There are golf clubs, tools, Via Rail passes, various gift cards, kayacking, ski passes and more!!!!**

### *World Day 2007 Brag Session and BCACRN Annual General Meeting*

**Date:** Tuesday June 26, 2007

**Time:** 1:00 – 3:00 p.m

**Location:** via toll free teleconference

Please RSVP to [crns@telus.net](mailto:crns@telus.net) or 604 – 660 - 4482