



Theresa Rissi and her crew pulled off a great event at www.csmc.ca starting with a tremendous job done by renowned pro footballer Michael "Pinball" Clemons giving the key note address to open the conference. Pinball is the CFL's all-time all purpose yardage leader. In addition to his outstanding athletic ability, he has developed a gift as a motivational speaker and lived up to his pinball name jumping from stage to chair for the better part of an hour conveying a message of giving and being the best person you can be on and off the field as part of the "TEAM".

Dr. James F. Evans

April 25, 1942 - May 18, 2009

He would start the sessions by asking us to get comfortable, relax, and know that for the next hour we would be delving into "a strength within", focusing on the here and now, and strengthen our interpersonal relationships. That championship squad had a few people who were already way to relaxed and they started snoring about 15 minutes into sessions (and you know who you are Scooter, Big Guy, etc.). Conducted by a super sport psychologist Dr. James F. Evans who we called Dr. Jim, helped players perform to the best of their ability and those same people grew to be much more off the court! The Alberta Northern Lights Wheelchair Basketball Society has lost a culture building member of their team, pictured to the right the way he would have loved it; blending insightfully into life.



Long time friend Derek Truscott (thanks for the words here Derek) will speak at Dr. Jim's memorial service May 23rd at 4:00 PM and will likely convey a message that Dr. Jim liked to relay, "a good life, like good psychotherapy and good supervision, is an interpersonal process, not an outcome" and he will likely indicate that Dr. Jim was an agnostic because he knew that the existence of God could never be conclusively proven, but believed in the power of interpersonal process. Family and friends felt that power and the love that everyone shared for Jim coming away from his last days with a desire to hold those they love a little closer everyday. Jim will be sadly missed by all those who knew him and I know I am richer for having had the pleasure of sharing the room with him!

Carl Hiebert Launches New Site

Alive with highlights of his work as a speaker, author, and photographer, Carl Hiebert's Gift of Wings Agency offers a new web site with interactive multi-media presentations, a browse through an art gallery of an exclusive line of art prints and stock photography, and online book store. He and wife Deb, also provide a sneak peek into 'Behind the Camera', a Bravo Television series that takes an interesting look into the lives and minds of photographers around the world.

You may recall from a previous issue that we provided equipment sponsorship (**Ki Mobility Catalyst 5 Titanium** and an **EVOLUTION™** cushion) for Carl and Deb's trip around the world in 56 days! I mentioned that I had the pleasure of listening to Carl's "Gift of Wings" presentation at the Interurban Spinal Cord Conference in Kingston a few years ago where he displayed his speaking talents and photography prowess; I look forward to the next one. Carl's story is on-line at: www.giftofwings.ca



Business Development

Thank you very much for an overwhelming response to the RGK Wheelchairs, Inc., business development position advertised last month. This position will be fleshed out over the next month with a decision made by July 01.

WC-19 Test

Ki Mobility's Catalyst has past the WC-19 crash test. More info will be provided in the next issue of the Bespoke Plus.

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Sponsorships

Thank you very much to the Organizing Committee in Vancouver, BC for a very well ran CWSA Rugby National Championship at the new Olympic/Paralympic Venue, the Richmond Oval. The tournament technical details and wrap up is on the www.CWSA.ca web site. Thank you Cathy Cadieux and Don Lane for the collaboration lead up and Kathy Newman and Gail Hamamoto for making this a very enjoyable event to be part of as one of the many sponsors!

Parliament Hill

Courtesy of David Hinton, Executive Director of CPA - On May 7th the Canadian Paraplegic Association (CPA) was invited to Parliament Hill. Working with eight Members of Parliament (MP's) and two Senators as part of the month long Spinal Cord Injury/CPA Awareness Month with events across Canada, the MP's and Senators spent the day using



a wheelchair conducting their normal business which included finding wheelchair accessible washrooms, trying to access the limited wheelchair transportation on Parliament Hill, waiting for a spot in one of the few elevators in Centre Block, and attending committee meetings.

The wheelchairs were provided by Conval-Aid, OCWSA, and RGK Wheelchairs Inc. of Ottawa with Reg McClellan and Chantal Benoit offering assistance and tips on pushing, balance, and maneuvering. The day concluded with wheelchair races amongst the participants. Justin Trudeau was the "Fastest Male MP on Wheels", Martha Hall Findlay was the "Fastest Female MP on Wheels", Steven Fletcher was the "Fastest Power Chair" user and Kurt Stoodley (of "A" Channel) was the "Fastest Media on Wheels". Next year, in recognition of their 65th anniversary, the CPA aims to have fifty-five Members of Parliament and ten Senators (sixty-five in total) spend a day in a wheelchair!

Bits and Bytes

- For more info on Pinball see: http://www.speakers.ca/clemons_michael.aspx ;
- Canadian Wheelchair Basketball Championships May 22-24, Montreal;
- Lucie Bruneau Activity Week and Exhibition June 1-4 in Montreal;
- AQSFR Évènement (Invitation Kiewit 2009) June 5-7, Montreal;
- People in Motion Show June 5-6 Exhibition Place, Toronto, Ontario;
- Alberta trip Re: Ki Mobility's Catalyst 5 on AADL APL June 15-21;
- Resna Annual Conference New Orleans, LA June 23-27.

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