



BESPOKE PLUS

"If your work speaks for itself, don't interrupt"

Sitting Pretty MB



We Take this opportunity to thank everyone at Rolling Spokes in Brandon, MB for a very successful

Sitting Pretty session May 21st with Sheila Buck. The session was streamed live for anyone to join the 40 plus folks in the Rolling Spokes Showroom via their internet connection.

Each one of these Sitting Pretty Education Sessions has a little different focus tailored to the audience. The next one will be in Fredericton, NB June 9th, Moncton, NB June 10th, Charlottetown, PEI June 11th, Halifax, NS June 12th, Oshawa, ON June 17th, St. Catharines (Grimsby), on June 18th, and Richmond Hill, ON June 24th.

Generally speaking the objectives are:

To understand how clinical presentation can be used as a method of determining the critical pathway to gaining postural control and pressure management.

To review the assessment data required to create a simulation of posture prior to gaining the correct sizing for seat cushions and back supports.

To understand the dynamics of pelvic positioning related not only to the seat support but the back support as well.

To understand the variety of interventions available to accommodate fixed postures and/or to enhance flexibility and correction based on the person's ability to tolerate correction or adjust posture throughout the day.

To review set up particulars related to optimal functioning of seat and back supports to enhance functionality and mobility.

Focus CR on ADP



The Ki Mobility Focus CR has been approved on the Assisted Devices Program in Ontario. The Focus CR is Ki Mobility's latest offering in the tilt category. It is available as **Adult and Paediatric Manual Dynamic Tilt Wheelchair - Type 5**

starting now (effective May 27th) with the following device codes:

WM0001160 for Adult

WM0001161 for Paediatric, effective May 27, 2014.

The order forms are on our web site and will be further updated to include a \$96.00 discount if ordered without the "Make it Right Program".

Alberta Visit

As reported last issue, we have a number of new **VARILITE®** and **Ki Mobility** products for the Alberta market thanks to the new Alberta Aids to Daily Living Approved Products Listing (AADL APL). We will be at the Glenrose Hospital on June 3rd to review those products and confirm dates for an Alberta tour to promote these products throughout the province in the coming weeks.

Where Is Your Dealer

To all new chair users and rehabilitation centers; when you determine where you are going to be when you get on with life, it would be great to have your dealer in your area.

We hear time and again from folks who end up with a

product in a location where their unit is not serviceable by a dealer in the area and the original dealer does not travel to their area.

Sometimes this happens when the facility has only one dealer that sets up shop in their facility. The product you purchase and the dealer you purchase from is your choice regardless of where the funding comes from!

CFPDP - CHKC



Every year, in conjunction with the Canadian Foundation for Physically Disabled Persons, Canadian Helen Keller Center (CHKC) holds their

Annual CHKC Award Luncheon to honour individuals, corporations, and institutions that have made outstanding achievements and contributions to the disability of deaf-blindness, and to raise much needed funds to operate their centre.

This year, the 10th anniversary of the event, **George Brown College** was honoured at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. The guest speaker was the **Honourable Ted McMeekin Minister** of Community and Social Services. Pictured above from left are the Honourable Vim Kochhar, Bill Bridges, Paralympian, Karen O'Neill, and CEO of the Canadian Paralympic Committee. More www.cfpdp.com.

Abilities Ottawa

I had the good fortune of hooking up with a former teammate and friend Todd Nicholson, International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Athlete Representative recently and got caught up on sport news. Among other things, we talked about Abilities Ottawa which is a project cloned after Jim Flaherty's Whitby Abilities Center and that conversation led to discussion about elected members taking an interest in issues related to people with a disability.

Naturally, Mr. Flaherty our late federal finance minister had a commitment and passion for working with people with a disability. While watching the bottom line, he spearheaded a number of issues that displayed a social

conscience and an awareness of meeting the needs of everyone in society. He will be remembered for a number of things that impacted 3.8 million Canadians who are living with a disability. He may not be recognized for his support of the Abilities Center in Ottawa, but he was front row and center with the Whitby Abilities Center and provided all the support and guidance he could to Todd and his group in the nation's capital.



The Honourable Vim Kochhar and Karen O'Neill pictured to the left were very pleased I am sure with Mr. Flaherty and his support of the Paralympic Movement and NSO's by the funding commitments to Sport in Canada (a \$23M boost to sport in his last budget) and the creation of the

Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP).

AlterGo and ALACD

The Active Living Alliance for Canadians with a Disability (Jane Arkell) teamed up with AlterGo (Monique Lefebvre, Defi Sportif) to present at the recent Global Youth Conference in Toronto. Chantal Benoit and Jason Dunkerly, Paralympians were involved in that initiative and Chantal brought back a Disability Quiz Game that is promoted as "Be Your Best" and "Choisir De Gagner". For more info see www.ala.ca and www.altergo.net.

Bits and Bytes

- 49 Alberta trip May 30-June 4;
- 49 Glenrose In Service June 3 Edmonton, AB;
- 49 25th People in Motion Show June 6-7 Toronto, ON;
- 49 Sitting Pretty June 9-12 Atlantic Region;
- 49 Sitting Pretty June 17th Oshawa, ON;
- 49 Sitting Pretty June 18th Grimsby, ON;
- 49 Women's W/C BBall Champs June 20-28 Toronto, ON;
- 49 Sitting Pretty June 24th Richmond Hill, ON.

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