

PHD ABUZZ

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PHD ABIS: From Past to Present

Today, if you are in need of a social service agency to assist you in overcoming the barriers you face living with an Acquired Brain Injury your first instinct might be to contact Peel Halton Dufferin Acquired Brain Injury Services (PHD ABIS). However, that was not always an option; if you were looking for those services in 1990 or earlier, you would have found there was not much

available. In the late 1980's, members of a local support group called "The Head Injury Association of Peel and Halton (HIAPH)," spoke out about the lack of services available for their family members and they lobbied for those services. In 1989, a proposal that requested funding for a residential program and a community outreach program was approved, and so the foundation



for what was first PHCAS (Peel Halton Community Access Services) was set.

With start-up funding in place, the need for a residence still remained. This need was met when Peel Living built the first residence, named "The Transitional Residence for Specialized Living (TRSL)." TRSL had a fairly humble beginning, but it was a start. When TRSL first came into existence, there was only enough funding for 2 beds and 2.5 Outreach case managers for Community programming. The biggest challenge PHCAS faced at the time was having enough funding and beds; the need for services and beds far exceeded

what the Agency could provide. From the beginning, PHCAS was a pioneer in assisting clients who experienced behavioural difficulties stemming from brain injuries, something that was not accommodated by similar Agencies. As the number of clients began to grow, PHCAS did its best to provide the necessary supports, including psychological and cognitive support.

Approximately five years after TRSL was founded, PHCAS initiated a day program, Modular Services. The small Agency grew over the next twenty years from its humble beginnings and today it is one of the largest community ABI

providers in the country! Over the years the names have changed from PHCAS to PHABIS (Peel Halton Acquired Brain Injury Services), to its current one, Peel Halton Dufferin Acquired Brain Injury Services (PHD ABIS), once service was extended to the Dufferin region and offices in Orangeville. What remains unchanged is the Agency's dedication to improving the lives of people who have experienced a brain injury, and to their families and caregivers, within the communities it serves. Today PHD ABIS has five different long-term residential sites, which serve approximately 28 clients. In addition to residential programs they also provide personal

support, training for independent living programs, neuro-behavioural services, seniors services, Family support groups, education and consultation (and online education programs), expanded day programs and access to psychological and psychiatric support – in the Peel, Halton and Dufferin regions.



Upcoming Events:

April 7: Toronto Rock

April 20: PHD ABIS Casino Day @HO

April 28: PHD ABIS Night Out @ Jack Astor's

Café Menu:

April 2: Three Cheese pasta with Caesar Salad

April 9: Cajun Chicken melt with Carrots

April 16: Quick Chili Cheeseburger Skillet with Salad

April 23: Cheesy Volcano Meatballs with Apple Slices

April 30: Buffalo Chicken Wrap with Celery Sticks

Re-inventing “Unsinkable” Standards

It is possible that the Titanic will have ties to Atlantic Canada in the year 2016. If Australian multimillionaire mining tycoon, Clive Palmer, fulfills his aspiration Titanic II could find port in Halifax. On April 30, 2012, days past the 100 anniversary of the April 14, 1912 sinking of the original ship, Palmer announced he is planning to safely complete the original *RMS Titanic* voyage from Southampton, England across the waters to New York.

On Friday March 1, 2013, Palmer announced via Skype to a Halifax audience, a potential launch date of 2016 for the reproduction of Titanic II. The construction of *the iconic ship* is scheduled to begin this year in China, though no contracts have been signed. Safety will be top priority in the design of Titanic II.

Despite all of the safety precautions being put in place, Palmer has mapped out the quarters of the Titanic II to be as identical as possible to the original. The travellers will even be supplied

with a wardrobe from the time period of the original voyage. .

The original *Titanic*, hit an iceberg close to 600km south of Newfoundland and 121 of the vessel’s victims are buried at Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Halifax. Interestingly, One of the tombstones read "J. Dawson". Many Canadians have left flowers believing it was for "Jack Dawson", Leonardo Dicaprio's character in James Cameron's 1997 film depiction of the Titanic. Later, it was actually proven that the grave belonged to a "Joseph Dawson" who was actually an Irishman working in the ship's boiler room at time of the sinking.

Mr. Palmer enthusiastically pointed out to the Canadian crowd on the morning of March 1: "We will complete the journey. Titanic represents the spirit of man, the spirit of love, the hope that all men have for peace on earth in our time."

Do you think the resurrection will happen? talktous@phabis.com with subject line: Newsletter



“The liner will be equipped with advanced technologies including the latest life-saving and communications systems to meet the requirements of modern navigation.”

- Le Wenhao of Jinling Shipyard in China

Movie of the Month: Identity Theft



“This is crazy. You don’t chase criminals. You’re not Batman.”

Unlimited funds are allowing Diana to *live it up* on the outskirts of Miami. This retail queen is buying everything that strikes her fancy. There’s only one problem: She is financing her spending spree under the name and identification of “Sandy Bigalow Patterson”, which she had illegally commandeered from an accounting rep living on the other side of the United States. With only one week to hunt down the con artist, Sandy takes his talents to South Beach to confront the woman with an all-access pass to his life. As he attempts to bribe, coax, and wrangle her in a 2000 mile struggle, Sandy will discover just how difficult it is to get your name back.

Identity theft is an excellent example of chaotic humour. It puts a hilarious spin on what is actually a stressful situation in real life. If you’ve ever lost your wallet and thought about how you would confront the person who took it, you will be laughing uncontrollably in your theatre seat. Identity theft is brought to you by the same screenwriter as the *Hangover 2*, Craig Mazin.

Jokey of the Month: Did you hear about the man in Paris who almost got away with stealing several paintings from the Louvre?? After planning the crime, getting in and out through all the security, he was caught only a mile away when his van ran out of fuel...When asked how he could mastermind such a spectacular crime and then make such an obvious error, he replied: “Monsieur, I had no Monet to buy Degas to make the Van Gogh.”



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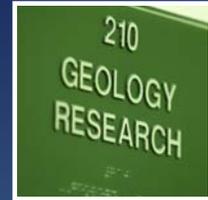
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