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Members Communique

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Welcome...welcome Summer! I, for one, am very happy to see you arrive this year, with holidays and road trips and just good old down time. And again it's time to bring everyone up to speed on what's happening and what's around the corner.

I'm really excited about this year's Celebrate Recovery Month – Sept. 2014 activities. The key presenter this year will be Joe Roberts, The Skidrow CEO. There are speaking presentations planned in Regina on Sept 10, in Prince Albert on Sept 24 and in Saskatoon on Sept 26. These are confirmed engagements and I have attached the posters for Regina and Saskatoon to this email as well as a media letter that has been sent out to Global tv and some of the major newspapers in the province. Requests have been sent to the mayor and council of the 3 confirmed cities for a proclamation of the month of Sept. as Celebrate Recovery Month, as well as to Premier Brad Wall. We continue with planning other events and hope you can think of something, however small, to do in your own home community to assist in reducing the stigma related to addiction.

As you all know our spring conference this year was moved to the fall; the actual dates are Oct 22 & 23, 2014. You should have all received posters/brochure for this workshop by now but in case, I am attaching it here as well. We are really looking forward to hearing from Ted Judson on men's issues in recovery and are eager to have this workshop information spread to interested professionals around the province. We encourage our membership to forward the information to as many interested people as possible including those working outside addiction specific areas such as the military, corrections, social services, etc. I met Ted personally a few years back at a conference in Minneapolis and found him to be very insightful, knowledgeable, and very approachable and an all-around nice person

I will let the posters speak for themselves and not take up more time and space describing these exciting events.

If you know of any workshops or training events happening around the province, please let me know and we will try to get the word out to our membership. An example of this would be the Jack Hirose annual addictions and trauma conference that will be held this year in Calgary (in late November). You can find more information on Jack's website by googling Jack Hirose.

Continue to enjoy your summer, your holidays and safe travels to those of you who are vacationing away.

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