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# HAWAIIAN OYSTER ODYSSEY™

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BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA &  
BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

October 29, 2009

7:00 pm—10:00 pm

Edmonton's



10765 Jasper Avenue



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**BRAIN INJURY**  
ASSOCIATION OF ALBERTA

## Schedule of Events

7 PM Welcome and Introduction of Special Guests

-Meloni Lyon, President BIAA

Introduction of Amanda Ferguson,  
our HOO MC for the evening

-Meloni Lyon, President BIAA

*Silent Auction Opens*



7:30 PM Mr. Doug Elniski- MLA for Edmonton –Calder

Greetings from the Premier's Office

Jim Riviat - Insurance Bureau of Canada

Harry Zarins - Brain Injury Association of Canada

Ian Young - Survivor & Advocate for the brain injury

8:15 PM Gary Myers—Slack Key Guitarist

9:30 PM iDance Edmonton Integrated Dance Group

9:45 PM Draw for Names to go into the  
*National Trip for Two to Hawaii Draw*

10 PM Thanks and Close -

Arlana Tanner, Executive Director BIAA

7:45 PM *Silent Auction Closes by Category*  
Coconut

8:30 PM Mango

9:15 PM Palm Tree

## Brain Injury Association of Canada (BIAC)

Our mission is to raise awareness of the challenges faced by brain injury survivors and their families and to promote injury prevention.

## Brain Injury Association of Alberta (BIAA)

We are a provincial non profit organization focusing on advocacy, education and prevention.

Our Vision is to improve the quality of life for those affected by acquired brain injury.

## Brain Injury Association of Canada

### Board of Directors:

Shirley Johnson, Larry Carlson, Barb Butler, Val Bergeron, David Sullivan, Debra Birch, Howard Brown, Barbara Johnson, Richard Kinar, Jo-Ann McInnes, Madeleine Welton, Jane Warren, Marina White, Shelly Wieser, Yvan Teasdale

### Executive Director:

Harry Zarins

## Brain Injury Association of Alberta

### Board of Directors:

Meloni Lyon, Don Black, Ann Pudwell, Shelley Wieser, Barbe Holick, Peter McElhaney, Laurie Jones, Lacey Hoyland

### Executive Director:

Arlana Tanner

## HOO Host Committee

Co-Chairs: Meloni Lyon & Ian Young

Committee Members: Lacey Hoyland, Mary Kay Day, Jeff Haley, Denni Wentzell



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## ENTERTAINMENT

### Gary Myers—Gary Myers - slack key guitarist

Gary longs for the time (millions of years ago) when Edmonton was under water and he could have surfed to band rehearsal. He has been playing Hawaiian music since 1999 on solo slack key guitar and, as bassist/vocalist, in the Hawaiian Dreamers. In 2003 Gary travelled to the Big Island of Hawaii (the birthplace of slack key) to study and play with the masters of this genre. From 1985-1994 he studied and played music in New York City, most notably, with Warner Brothers recording artist Walter Egan. Gary is also a composer and plays in a bossa nova guitar duo (pm bossa). When not performing he is teaching at his studio.

### iDance Edmonton Integrated Dance Group

Creating a Community of Diversity: Integrated Dance for Individuals with and without Disabilities

Ian Young and Shirley Johnson



Attendees at the 2009 HOO in Montreal



**ALBERTA**

**SENIORS AND COMMUNITY SUPPORTS**

*Office of the Minister*

Message from the Minister

As the Minister of Seniors and Community Supports, I am pleased to extend my best wishes to the Brain Injury Association of Alberta on their third annual Hawaiian Oyster Odyssey. It is testament to the wide-spread support and impact of this organization that they can convince an entire room full of supporters to don Hawaiian clothing and eat raw oysters!

The Brain Injury Association has a long history supporting and advocating for Albertans with an acquired brain injury. This national fundraising event shows how great community achievements are realized when individuals and organizations come together to share their knowledge, experience and support.

Every year in Alberta, over 10,000 people suffer brain injuries. The majority of these people are between the ages of 18 and 35. The Brain Injury Association of Alberta strives to improve the quality of life for Albertans affected by brain injuries. By diminishing barriers, building partnerships and teaching prevention, the Brain Injury Association is making a difference to Albertans.

By you participating in this event—to share your experiences, your passion and your generosity—we can build awareness, understanding and prevention of acquired brain injuries.

Thank you for your efforts and enjoy the festivities of this evening.

Mary Anne Jablonski  
Minister, Seniors and Community Supports





# HAWAIIAN OYSTER ODYSSEY Speaker Bios



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## LAURA WEBB

Laura's motor vehicle accident happened on September 11, 1990 as she was on her way to work; and, it left her 19 years old and seriously brain injured. She had just graduated from Grant MacEwan College as an administrative secretary.

After being in a coma for 2 1/2 weeks, and more time on the horizon, her sister asked her if she wanted to arm wrestle—her arm went up in preparation for a bout and she came out the winner.

After remaining in hospital for more than 23 months and working through rehab for 5 months, the word from the medical field was "I had come as far as I could; the rest was up to the nerves in my brain to reconnect.

Now a wife of 11 years and a mother of 3 lively and healthy boys that include twins (also armwrestlers), Laura has gone on to become a five-time World Champion. Laura is now 38 years old and has lived with a brain injury for 19 years. When you are brain injured, one has to look at the things you can do and accomplish in a positive way and refuse to dwell on the negative.

## JIM RIVAIT

Jim Rivait is Vice-President responsible for the Alberta & the North for the Insurance Bureau of Canada – a trade association representing car, home and business insurers. Since joining IBC in 2001, Jim has been involved in the extensive reforms of the automobile insurance system in Alberta, and has been responsible for communicating industry issues and positions to government, media and the public. In his role with the IBC, Jim is a member of numerous boards and committees related to property and casualty insurance, as well as road safety, responsible hospitality, marijuana grow operations, fire safety and building codes, voluntary sector, medically-at-risk drivers, specialty vehicle appraisal, auto-theft and more.

Jim is active in the community, and has held board positions with many organizations, including the Institute of Public Administration of Canada, Edmonton Festival Ballet, Edmonton School of Ballet Society, Little League Baseball, Capital City Gymnastics and Kinsmen Sports Park Management Committee.

Jim, his wife Jan and their blended family of five children ranging in age from 15 to 24 live in Edmonton.

## IAN YOUNG

In May of 2004, Ian Young acquired a brain injury from a rare disorder that left him unable to walk or talk with an unknown outcome. Much time passed till he finally received the proper rehabilitation services from the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital and after proper brain injury rehabilitation, Ian has gone on to be the 3rd recipient of the Glenrose Award of Courage. He has returned to Academic studies part time, become a national speaker on Brain Injury prevention and outcomes; and, most recently, travelled across Canada by train to speak at the House of Commons in Ottawa. With his passion for proper services for everyone, Ian has contributed to many causes at a civic, provincial and national level and is frequently a requested speaker in the media as well as at education centers! Ian lives his recovery with the attitude of responsibility to others who have suffered. He has most recently launched [www.ianyoung.ca](http://www.ianyoung.ca) to support others and share valuable links!

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