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# Do You *Yearn to Learn?*

**D**on't tell the kids, but it seems that later in life, enthusiasm for education and learning *accelerates*.

Valued *Scrivener* advertiser and longtime friend Ozzie Kaban recently earned a Master's degree in Clinical Hypnotherapy and is now certified by the American Medical and Dental Hypnotherapy Association as a clinical hypnotherapist.

Ozzie says, "Hypnosis has been used in Europe for years to treat post-traumatic stress, smoking, and control issues. And it can enhance self-esteem, sports prowess, and self-confidence."

I was excited to hear of his latest accomplishments. In the detective business 33 years, Ozzie has always been very interested in psychology and human behavioural patterns. By following his passion, he has added a major component to his already successful career.

Today's hallowed halls of learning are mobile. Your classroom can be anywhere you open your laptop! Surrey Notary Janice McMath is taking an online course on synchronous and asynchronous communication. "Will let you know more later, when I know more," she promises.

Some students have a special spark that helps ignite learning. Josje Andmore (page 18) says Diana Glover arrived at Camosun College with "quite a wealth. She came with a lovely attitude."

Knowing *your preferred learning style* is essential to enjoyable instruction. Learning preferences include listening, reading, watching, and doing. Teachers who use a combination of styles can appeal to the learning preferences of all their students.

The following is an excerpt from the *Learning Style Indicator*, one of 16 assessments published by CRG International, Inc. (To determine your learning style preferences and strategies to maximize your learning experience, visit [www.crgleader.com](http://www.crgleader.com).)

## The blended-learning approach also helps increase retention.

As lifelong learners, we must be aware of our preferred and best learning styles, so we can be intentional with our current and future learning experiences. That is why blended learning—offering many different ways to learn the same information—is quickly becoming the new norm.

I was impressed by the blended-learning process offered by Lexus Canada to showcase new 2006 models. At a mini-seminar, the company introduced the new GS Series to journalists from all over Canada through a series of skilled presenters, film clips, slides, Q&A, and hard copy support for all information and

technical details. Our learning experience included inspecting a new Lexus. (Test-drive opportunities came the following day. See The Car Column on page 55.)

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The Notary Foundation of British Columbia is a strong supporter of students and education. In accepting her award (page 48), Langara College student Gwenyth Yip said,

It is an honour to be recognized by the people with whom I one day hope to work. I have been fortunate to be able to attend and to have support in developing a career path that I look forward to following. Thank you for your encouragement of students.

The mandate of the Notary Foundation includes public legal education. Foundation Chair Leta Best says,

One of the best ways to educate people is through a print publication. *The Scrivener* magazine is not just for BC Notaries. It's an education tool for our Allied Professionals and our clients and we're very proud of it. ▲

### New Staff Member

We welcome Betsy Shimokura to the Secretariat. Betsy is Assistant to Wayne Braid, Secretary/Executive Director of The Society of Notaries Public.

