

2006 Changing Melody Forum – Survey Results (n=66)

participant Participant attended Forum as...

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent
Valid	1 Person living with dementia	13	19.1	20.0
	2 Partner in care/caregiver	32	47.1	49.2
	3 Formal/Health care provider	19	27.9	29.2
	4 Other	1	1.5	1.5
	Total	65	95.6	100.0
Missing	System	3	4.4	
Total		68	100.0	

Descriptive Statistics

	N	MIN	MAX	Mean	Std. Dev.
learn10 I gained a lot hearing from others about their dementia experiences	60	3	5	4.62	.524
learn6 I learned importance of respecting everyone involved in dementia care	58	3	5	4.50	.570
learn8 I have learned how to support others with dementia	58	3	5	4.34	.608
learn1 I now know more about AD and other dementias	64	3	5	4.30	.582
learn5 Feel better knowing I am not alone realizing others have experienced what I have	42	3	5	4.29	.636
learn13 I learned new strategies/tips for day-to-day living with dementia	55	2	5	4.25	.673
learn17 I have gained a more positive perspective on dementia	56	1	5	4.25	.815
learn16 I learned new ways of coping with dementia	47	2	5	4.13	.711
learn15 I feel empowered/enabled to be the best that I can be	41	2	5	4.12	.81
learn2 I now know more about available treatments	60	1	5	4.10	.73
learn3 I now know more about meaningful activities that could benefit me	50	3	5	4.08	.63
learn14 I now feel more positive about the future	48	2	5	4.06	.84
learn4 I now know more about available dementia services/programmes/agencies	56	2	5	4.05	.64
learn20 I now feel better about my situation dealing with dementia	44	2	5	4.05	.78
learn11 I gained a lot interacting with diverse groups involved in dementia care	53	2	5	4.04	.78
learn7 I learned how to become a strong dementia advocate	58	1	5	4.02	.85
learn18 I feel more in control of my situation in dementia	46	2	5	3.98	.75
learn19 I have learned how to live a more meaningful life with dementia	40	2	5	3.95	.85
learn12 My sense of isolation felt in dementia has been reduced	38	3	5	3.92	.71
learn9 I helped others by sharing my experiences in dementia	40	2	5	3.85	.83
Valid N (listwise)	33				

Descriptive Statistics

	N	MIN	MAX	Mean	Std. Dev.
satis5 Satisfaction with the speakers	66	3	5	4.76	.53
satis6 Satisfaction with the Forum overall	65	2	5	4.72	.63
satis4 Satisfaction with the quality of the presentations	66	3	5	4.71	.55
satis3 Satisfaction with the layout of the program manual	65	3	5	4.65	.62
satis2 Satisfaction with the pace of the day	66	3	5	4.55	.71
satis1 Satisfaction with the length of the day	66	3	5	4.44	.70
Valid N (listwise)	64				

Descriptive Statistics

	N	MIN	MAX	Mean	Std. Dev.
Meaningful Activities Showcase was important part of experience	62	1	5	4.31	.82
Valid N (listwise)	62				

Comments included on *Changing Melody* Forum Evaluation 2006

Code	Part.*	Comment
1	FCP	Well done
2	FCP	Excellent – well done – thank you
3	PiC	A wealth of information. I can now go back to Trinidad and Tobago more knowledgeable.
5	FCP	Well organized & orderly. I found out about you through a weekly seminar put on by VON in Oakville. Your information and guests complimented their excellent seminars. However I'm surprised I was the only one from my group of participants who attended today. It proves to me that the knowledge and resources are available, but you have to be an active participant. Thank-you.
7	PiC	Excellent
8	PiC	I would like to hear speakers on care/programs/coping strategies. Everything we saw today was <i>helpful</i> .
9	PiC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoyed personal experiences of those with AD • Music is great interlude/break • Interested in new drugs/trial drugs and their results • Congratulations for another great forum. Thank you and all the hard workers who made this 2006 forum possible! Thank you!
10	PiC	I found it to be informative
11	PlwD	Excellent, all but one. The name “dementia”. I think it could be called “loving care” of the care giver. + I know they do.
12	PlwD	Sorry it had to be on Sunday
13	PiC	The Forum gets better every year. Excellent speakers and topics. Prefer not to have it on Sunday, but understand the connections with the extended conference which follows.
14	PlwD	Awesome experience.
15	FCP	As a professional care partner, it was important for me to hear from people living with dementia. What is important to people living with dementia gives me insight

		into what I can do in partnership with my clients to help life to be more meaningful.
18	FCP	This was a positive experience for me as a formal care professional.
19	FCP	Very professional in delivery.
21	FCP	Very well organized! Great blend of personal testimonies (that are inspiring) and medical/research update (for which people are always hungry). Well done!
22	FCP	Excellent and informative, a great job done by all.
23	PlwD	Very well organized. Excellent speakers, & facilitators. The juices, tea, fruit, lunch, etc. were much appreciated. Thanks. A. Everett. [N.B. My “disagree” or “neutral” ✓’s are no reflection on the speakers or conference organizers.]
26	–	Wonderful & good information
29	Other	This forum was very useful, I have learned a great deal which could help in organising programmes for PWD in my country.
30	FCP	It was amazing! Thank you.
31	PiC	Barbara Stanton’s presentation was a bit dry & long for end of day. David Knight’s talk lost its impact a bit because the subject matter of final talk was very dry.
32	PiC	I am really happy that I was able to attend this Forum. I shall pass on any info That I have to my chapter. Thank you again.
33	PiC	As a visitor, this has been my first forum. The whole programme was very enlightening. What fascinated me was the presenters were all persons diagnosed with early onset. Visitor from Trinidad & Tobago.
34	PiC	The difficulty in this is that my “dementia” person did not socialize or participate in activities other than work, education, reading technological studies. He paces, walks around as if in a quiet zone. Not really eager to participate in life but rather just be and wait for the inevitable outcome of this disease. For those who truly had a great life before and continue it after I do commend and respect that. GOOD FOR YOU.
35	PlwD	Much better than last year – flowed more gently.
36	PiC	Very high quality – of note was the effective use of humour throughout and the meaningful activities workshop. Well done!
37	PiC	I found the breaks to be too long. The day is very long – I would recommend shortening the afternoon.

38	PlwD	I am not the only person with dementia. Important to recognize others with dementia. There was a lot about Alzheimer presentations but I would like more focus about dementia and the different kinds of dementia.
41	PlwD	WORTHWHILE
43	FCP	It was an honour & privilege to attend today's Forum.
44	FCP	Was a great day. Very well organized. Good signage. Glad I came.
45	PiC	Really helpful in knowing how to deal with others when telling people my wife has AD.
48	FCP	Long breaks like this forum had should be part of all conferences/forums regardless of whether or not it is attended by people with cognitive impairment. MAREP is a wonderful organization! [You are so fortunate in Ontario – BC (my home province) is <i>certainly</i> lagging behind!]
50	PiC	Excellent, supportive symposium! Lends visibility to some socially isolated invisible persons withdrawing w-aging & their families in that role. A growing awareness much needed. Lynn Pipe
51	FCP	Excellent, inspiring, I will return to my job feeling energized and uplifted. Thank you – especially to those who spoke living with ADRD. Thank you!
52	PiC	Excellent!
53	PiC	Very worthwhile. Renews energy ad hope. Wonderful to hear people's stories.
54	PiC	Wonderful day. Learned a lot.
55	PiC	Very informative and inspiring. This forum gave my mother and I both a great sense of belonging and lots of useful information.
57	FCP	This forum was informative and welcoming. The use of personal journeys made it interesting and relatable.
58	PlwD	Excellent!
59	PiC	Very helpful, being new in dealing with Alzheimer's. Provided greater understanding and hope for the future. Only negative might be last presentation, too statistical and not as personal as others. Not good as final impression.
61	PiC	[<i>in reference to his less satisfied rating of the Forum overall</i>]: My wife felt she did not understand many of the presentations; too complicated or too fast in the

		presentation.
62	PiC	A great learning experience.
63	PlwD	Great!!
65	PiC	All professionals very kind and supportive. My husband (patient) said it was the most smoothly running conference he had ever attended (He attended many when in business). Alzheimer speakers were excellent.
67	FCP	Wonderful day! I would like to be able to send some of our early stage clients from Alberta next year.
68	PlwD	Having just been diagnosed in September 2006 with early stage Alzheimer's Disease, I really learned a lot from the speakers. I was a caregiver to my mother-in-law who dies of Alzheimer's after 8 years. She was in a home for 2 years. My husband is an only son. It explains my anxiety over having the disease.