

# THE BULLETIN



## Kiwanis Lakeshore

### DECEMBER 2, 2020 – CLUB MEETING 7 PM BY ZOOM

#### Word from the President

Welcome and best wishes to all.

These past few weeks in particular have been exciting and financially good weeks for our club thanks to the hard work of so many members. I extend a heartfelt thank you especially to Kiwanian Ron Della Porta and his team for a tremendous “labour of love” (for the children) on the Holiday Sales Campaign. The logistics of ordering, handling, selling, delivering, invoicing and collecting have been huge. I also extend my sincere appreciation to our great sales force of members and friends who all helped in so many ways to make this a success.

#### Guest Speaker:

This week we have the pleasure of welcoming Daniela Scoppa who is the Community Learning Coordinator at Lakeside Academy and Maple Grove Elementary.

We have been supporting the Culinary Program at Lakeside Academy for a number of years now and more recently have given bursaries for deserving graduating students. I reached out to Daniela to enlighten us on some of the challenges facing students at these schools on a regular basis and what special challenges they face during this unique time.

Again it was a pleasure to see the recording of the wonderful Convocation Ceremonies held at Lakeside Academy and to witness the excellence of all the recipients.

#### Online Charity Auction:

Kiwanian Jo Ann has been extremely hard at work spearheading what will be our First Annual Online Charity Auction. It is definitely a tremendous responsibility to handle all the logistics of an event like this, especially for the first time; JoAnn and her team are doing a fantastic job! I spoke with her a number of times over the last week and this is turning out to be a very exciting initiative. **She is finishing things up over the weekend and can use lots of help so please offer what help you can.**

#### Guests:

I am pleased to welcome the following guests to join us at this meeting.....

**M. Joseph Huza**, President & Executive Director  
La Chambre de commerce de l'Ouest-de-l'Île de Montréal.

**Matt Mardini**, well-known Montreal based professional crooner-singer who is providing a Virtual Concert for our auction will perform a couple of numbers at this meeting.  
<https://www.mattmardini.com/virtual-shows>

**Yannick Provencher** of Eclipse Solutions AV who are hosting our Online Charity Auction will give us a preview of the auction.

At the time of writing this article we had not been able to confirm all potential guests so we may have a few surprises in store.

I hope you and your guests can join us to see how all this is going to play out!

In service,  
Andy Sarrasin

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays: George Ferris December 25<sup>th</sup>

## MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES:

Wim: Dec. 14, 1983

Christian: Dec. 15, 2014

## MEMBER NEWS AND KIWANIS IN THE COMMUNITY.

Kiwanian Akilah Newton and twin brother Omari have just published their second book Big Dreamers: The Canadian Black History Activity Book for Kids Volume 2 and were featured on National entertainment news show, Etalk Canada!



Akilah is Founder and Director of Overture with the Arts, and has been very busy organizing this fundraiser with her team. Bravo Akilah!

**Congratulations to Kiwanians Paulette and Jag** for their involvement with RICOCHET through AJOI which is opening a temporary winter shelter for homeless youth in the West Island. The West Island's first-ever homeless shelter is set to open this winter, a much-needed resource for what many community leaders refer to as the invisible population.

Our Club is continuing to raise much needed funds through this GoFundMe page.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/kiwanis-helps-the-homeless>

### On a sad note:

It is with great sadness that we learned that Fr. Walsh, our friend, honorary member, spirited spiritual leader and longstanding supporter of the Kiwanis causes and mission, recently passed away. He was known as a uniting figure among religious communities in Montreal. Fr. Walsh received the Order of Canada two years ago. He was honoured for his work as a tireless supporter of various causes — especially homelessness.

We were also saddened to learn of the passing of Antoinette Scarano. Antoinette had been a member of our club for a relatively short time; she was very active in the community and advocated for numerous worthy causes.

### Do you have news that you would like to share?

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