# THE BULLETIN



April 1, 2020 – Club meeting 19:00 via video conference

#### **Word from the President**

Greetings fellow Kiwanians and welcome to our first ever bi-monthly club meeting by video-conference featuring a Guest Speaker- Marjie Rutherford of AVATIL, and who knows, maybe we'll see some surprise guests!

Believe me folks, this is no "April fool's joke", meeting by video-conference may be the norm for a while. Once we get this initial club meeting under our belts, let's think about inviting guests to our video-conference meetings who may not have been able to previously attend.

It is very intriguing to me how everyone globally is dealing with the tremendous challenges created by the Covid 19 pandemic. How fortunate we are as a club that we have the technology to manage our own challenges, even facilitating carrying on the daily operations of the club.

We are seeing so many brave folks, actual heroes on the front-lines, who are putting their lives on the line for the rest of us daily. Even retired medical professionals are signing up for another tour of duty regardless of the personal danger it poses; we are truly blessed to have their invaluable support and dedication! There are too many heroes to mention in this article and we are now seeing the true value of all those who provide the essential services which sometimes are taken for granted.

**BRAVO TO THEM ALL!** 

Our Golf Committee and Funding Committee and our Board have all met via videoconference recently (more than once in some cases) and we will update you during the meeting.

### Website update:

We are on the verge of launching our new site and I will let you know when it goes live.

## **Moving forward**

I am taking this opportunity to thank our leadership group for their dedicated efforts in taking the steps necessary to keep the club moving forward during these unprecedented challenges. I also extend a big thank you to all members of our club for bearing with us during this time.

# Day 9 of quarantine:

Had a one-hour conversation with my wife yesterday. She enjoys tennis, has a good sense of humour and interesting hobbies. She seemed nice.



Stay well everyone,

Yours in service, Andy Sarrasin

# MEMBER NEWS AND KIWANIS IN THE COMMUNITY....no news to report.

#### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Wedding anniversary: none to report

Birthdays:

Ruth Pelletier April 5<sup>th</sup> Margaret LaCouvee April 27<sup>th</sup>

Please ensure that our Secretary has your information.

# **Membership Anniversaries:**

Alain Diechtl April 3, 2019

STE-ANNE'S HOSPITAL – programs closed Special Olympics Bowling-programs closed

#### MEMBERS ONLY SPEAKERS PROGRAM:

Due to this meeting being a video-conference we want to keep it to within an hour and therefore we will defer to next meeting for the Members Only Speaker.

#### **OTHER NEWS & NOTES:**

April 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting:

Please join us to learn more about your club.

April 15<sup>th</sup> Luncheon meeting-to be announced

History nuggets found in Jag's Ancient Archives



A very quiet young man was introduced to our club, by current V.P Jag, on January 22, 1997; not many changes in 23 years other than hair colour (and he's maybe not quite so quiet now)



And this quiet young man has never looked back! (Part of, current V.P., Jag's legacy to the club)

# **Featured Beneficiary of Lakeshore Kiwanis:**

(Notes from the AVATIL website)
AVATIL is a community-based, non-profit organization that provides approximately 200 clients with a continuum of services. Since the mid-1970s, AVATIL offers a residential program that provides residents with a transition to independent living. The program consists of three transitional living apartments located at The Fay and John Bland residence, above the AVATIL offices in Lachine. A fourth apartment houses a tenant who provides minimal support if needed. Each resident also has an individual AVATIL counselor who provides assistance with practical skills such as budgeting, as well as support around personal issues.

#### Send your news and pictures to:

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