



# ALS Windsor Newsletter

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## Support Meetings

Until the Covid 19 virus dissipates there will be no attempt to hold a support meeting.

## Bingo:

All Star Gaming Centre  
Classic Bingo IV  
(Ottawa & Walker Rds.)

Check the All Star web site for any updates regarding bingo games.

## Giving at Work

Your workplace may have automatic giving programs through payroll deduction. If you would like to donate this way - our legal name is Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Society of Essex County and our registration number is BN 86431 1568 RR0001

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## Covid Vaccine

It is my understanding that persons with ALS under the care of the LHIN are being offered Covid Vaccine appointments at the St Clair College site.

## Fundraising in these times

Our last official fundraiser was the A.L.S. Bash hosted by John Gray in February 2020. Despite the Covid Virus it is thanks to some wonderful supporters that our equipment program was not interrupted. Your amazing efforts helped provide more than \$33,000.00 for equipment to those in our area last year. Thankyou.

To recap the past year:

## Dave Allin Basketball Classic

The 2020 DAC was cancelled due to a schoolboard labour dispute and again this year due to Covid. We hope that it will return at some point and are most grateful for the donations we did receive in support of the Dave Allin Classic these past two years.

## Taco Night

Jodi Reaume's planned taco night with silent auction was cancelled last March. Most participants donated their ticket money and Jodi had a creative draw and Facebook auction to raise \$5000. Then her workplace (Enwin) and fellow co-workers brought the total to \$6710.00. Amazing. We are most grateful and look forward to a future taco night.

## AVP Memorial Golf Tournament

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Adelard Van Praet golf tournament had to be cancelled, however a generous sponsor donated \$2400. A family that had attended a previous AVP event and were personally touched by ALS held a family golf outing and raised \$2800.

## 16<sup>th</sup> Annual A.L.S. Walk

This event also had to be cancelled, but thanks to generous supporters still raised \$7265.00. We are not sure if large gatherings will be allowed by September, but will keep you posted.

## Brews and Cues

Jim and Dave were able to raise \$900 in the few Mondays that the cars were able to gather last year. If our area gets to the orange status and patios open, there may be some small, safe gatherings for car enthusiasts again in the summer.

## Bingo

As you may recall, Classic Bingo IV has been renovated and renamed the All Star Gaming Centre. It is now part of the Charitable Gaming Association. Due to covid restrictions only the Vegas style games room is currently open. It is hoped that parking lot bingo will be back soon. You can check out the All Star Gaming Centre facebook page if interested.



Despite the various restrictions that Covid has placed on the bingo industry we we did receive \$9200 in 2020 from Charitable Gaming which helped offset equipment costs. These funds were also used to repair one of the two Cough Assist machines we donated to London a few years ago. They are loaned to patients waiting for their own machine to come from the Ventilation Pool in Kingston.

## Equipment

Please keep in mind that we have a fairly extensive loan cupboard of equipment. If an item has been prescribed by an Occupational Therapist the LHIN will usually rent the item for one month and that gives us the time to replace it with one of our own pieces. If you have been prescribed an item, or are looking for an item, please contact Sharon to see if that item is available.

## In Memoriam:

We send our deepest sympathy to the families of:  
Sharron Suhan  
Joe Winik  
Mike Orshinsky  
Judy Heaton