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Diane Kolin - ADDS Member of the Year

My name is Diane Kolin. I am 36. I am a new member, and I am happy to be here. I come from Marseille, in the south of France. Marseille is a place where you can decide whether you would like to do a four-hour trip to Barcelona in Spain or go hiking in the summer and skiing in the winter in the Alps (I did that quite a lot) or just stay in the Provence region and go for a sailing or kayak session in the Mediterranean. I loved having multiple options because I am a very active person and I love sport. I was a disabled swimmer at the national level and a few weeks ago I was following my friends in the pool during the Rio Paralympic Games. I also love challenges; I like to push myself, just to see if I am capable of doing it. That's the reason I am here – to become an independent skier again.

I am a project manager and I was sent by a French company called Cityway to work in Toronto with Metrolinx (GO Transit, UP Express, Presto) to build the first official trip planner for the GTHA (GTA + Hamilton), called Triplinx. I have been working on this project for two years now and I love it. At Metrolinx, I met Joyce Lam, also a project manager, who is now a volunteer with ADDS. We quickly became close friends and we started to do a lot of things together and with her boyfriend Ed Hore, also a new ADDS volunteer. We live in downtown Toronto on the waterfront, so it is easy to take a bike (I have a handbike) and the ferry to the Toronto Islands or to take a kayak at the Harbourfront Canoe and Kayak Centre and just paddle to the Islands. In 15 to 20 minutes, I am out of the city and all my troubles are totally forgotten.

Joyce and Ed learned about ADDS at the Toronto Snow Show and sent me Marie Hren's phone number. I called Marie a few days later and after a long chat with her, I was placed on a list of new sit skiers and was lucky enough



ADDS Updates

We are pleased to announce ADDS has recently purchased a brand-new Tessier sitski. We look forward to putting it to good use in the upcoming ski season.

Congratulations to Julien and Stephanie Laveau on their new baby boy Mathias Laveau. The newest member of the ADDS family was born on October 11th at 2:58pm weighing 7lbs 4oz.

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to be able to participate every weekend. I was happy to share the experience with Joyce and Ed and with all the ADDS members. We met a lot of great people there and I am looking forward to seeing the whole team again soon.

And ADDS makes connections! Everybody knows Julien Laveau, sit skiing instructor, among other things. I remember being on the ski lift and talking to Julien about the fact that I was not only trying to go back to skiing but also trying to keep swimming with a coach or with a team. What I didn't know is that Julien is also a swimming instructor, so now he is both my sit skiing instructor and my swimming coach.

I spent a great first season with ADDS last year. I had wanted to go back to skiing for a long time and, thanks to wonderful friends, I am back on the slopes.

A Message from the President

As another summer has come and gone and with autumn is full swing, it's time once again to look forward to another winter on the slopes. First and foremost, I would like to thank our devoted volunteers, donors and hosts at Mansfield Ski Club. I also want to take the opportunity to welcome aboard Ovi Comanicu, our new Vice Chairman of the Board and Ed Hore, new director at large. Collectively Ed and Ovi bring with them many years of experience in facets of technology, intellectual property law and litigation.

As many of you know, we are the first and only in adaptive ski club in Canada that caters uniquely to participants nineteen years of age and older; a demographic that all too often falls through the cracks as it pertains to adaptive sport and the well-being attained through organized recreation. On that same note, I would like to thank Fred Gaby, our Chairman of Fundraising for spreading awareness about our cause and making our membership fees financially attainable for all of our participants. My sincere thanks to all for the great work you do!

This year, our annual "Think Snow" get-together will take place on Friday November 18th at Seoul House Restaurant located at 3220 Dufferin Street. If you're able to attend, I invite you to join us for dinner and the opportunity to socialize in the spirit of skiing. The cost is \$20 per person.

As we are an organization solely comprised of volunteer staff, if you or someone you know is interested in helping out in any capacity, please contact me directly at ski.adds@disabledskiingontario.com

See you on the slopes!

Gabor Takacs

President, Adult Disabled Downhill Skiing (ADDS)