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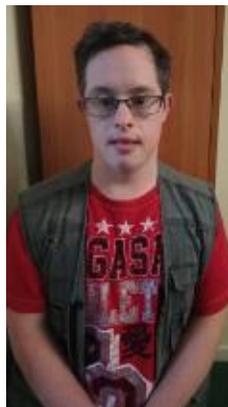
Message of appreciation from Jo Heath

After my first few months as General Manager of Lakers, I'd like to express my gratitude for the inspiration and support from our awesome members, families, volunteers and staff. I look forward to the opportunity to spend time with those of you I haven't met yet, and welcome your feedback which is essential for continual improvement and development of our club.

Following on from the initial outreach at the Year-end Barbecue, online surveys and interviews are also planned soon. I am delighted with both the compliments and constructive feedback we have received so far, and look forward to playing a key role in planning and implementing the next steps of our journey towards providing our members with a world class facility. Various potential new premises are being investigated, and I look forward to working with you to secure funding for this exciting new venture which will greatly improve the environment in which we are continually striving towards offering our members an increasingly diverse range of stimulating activities.



Please let us know what you would like included in this quarterly newsletter aimed at communicating successes as well as letting you know what help we need to continually improve our club.



A dramatic rise to fame for Lakers member Dan Ryan

Daniel Ryan's love of acting and the arts stemmed from taking part in Drama and Music at Lakers each week. By taking part in the annual Lakers show at The Mermaid theatre in Bray, Daniel gained confidence and started to develop his acting skills

He has been cast in a new and exciting 6 part dramatic TV series "Blood" that will air on TV3 where he will be starring alongside BAFTA award nominee Adrian Dunbar.

Congratulations to Daniel and his incredibly supportive mum Carmel who has encouraged Daniel in all his endeavours - we look forward to watching Dan on TV soon!

The Face of the 2018 Ireland Special Olympic Games – by Rebecha Mcauley

Being the face of the games in Dublin in June was a great time for me. I represented Lakers in Badminton, and came home with fourth place in doubles with my partner Robert, and a Silver medal in my single match which made me and my family so proud.

I made many special friends and had lots of fun along the way. It took a lot of hard work and lots of practice sessions that got me through. I was very busy being the ambassador for the Special Olympics, meeting some well-known people such as Dean Rock, Katie Taylor and of course Jake Carter. I would like to say a special Thank you to my coaches Phil, Stephen and Jean who helped me along the way, and Lisa and Graham who brought me to many events in the run up to the Games – I couldn't have done it without them. Lakers has a special place in my heart and I cannot wait to spend many more years at the Club.



How can you help to improve the facilities offered by our club, which currently uses all of our regular income as well as some of the fund raising proceeds simply to cover the cost of day to day operating expenses?

- ✓ Our club relies heavily on the time offered by our loyal volunteers, and we are constantly seeking new volunteers for supporting our staff at events and activities or even assisting with club operations such as driving, reception, office admin., gardening and facilities maintenance.
- ✓ We would greatly appreciate any suggestions or contacts your family and friends may have, for potential corporate sponsorship, celebrities, sports teams and / or politicians who may be willing to become Lakers Ambassadors, and suppliers willing to subsidise printing, branding, competition prizes, venues, publicity and uniforms etc. If your employer has a CSR programme please let us know as you could help us to become eligible for support.
- ✓ For those unable to offer time as a volunteer, donations towards Lakers can easily be done either online by clicking on the “donate” button on our website or Facebook page, or by organising a sponsored activity on a platform such as I-donate or Just Giving
- ✓ Encourage your contacts to follow our Social Media sites listed below, which are an increasingly important part of our publicity campaign to increase awareness of and potential sponsorship for Lakers:

<https://www.facebook.com/LakersMeetingSpecialNeeds/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/lakersmeetingspecialneeds/>

<https://www.instagram.com/lakersmeetingspecialneeds1989/>

<https://plus.google.com/u/0/110825929765694919157>

<https://twitter.com/LakersMSNeeds>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2rDEzwyvogyHG3Ao07JRGw>

Dates to remember



- ✓ Volunteer and parents evenings - 30th August & 4th October
- ✓ Bag packing Dunnes Cornelscourt 2nd September
- ✓ Classes resuming Saturday 1st September
- ✓ Members Forum 15th September
- ✓ Annual General meeting 24th September
- ✓ Glendalough Walk 13th October

2019 Family holidays

It's time to start planning the 2019 family holidays!

Please send any suggestions regarding proposed destinations in Ireland or overseas or suppliers who might be willing to offer our families a discounted rate to jo.heath@lakers.ie by 30th September 2018.

If you are in a position to help us to continually improve our Club, please contact us on our landline 01 2022694, or email Anne King, Fund-raising Manager anne.king@lakers.ie or Helen Furlong, Volunteer Manager helen.furlong@lakers.ie