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Dear Fellow Members of APEL St-Joseph

A new summer will be upon us very soon. We are hoping for pleasant weather and, most importantly, for a **healthy lac St-Joseph**. As a member of APEL St-Joseph you know that the primary mission of the Association is to preserve water quality and ensure proper and responsible usage of the lake. We feel that the larger our membership numbers are, the more powerful our voice will be in this mission. With this in mind we are enclosing the forms for your annual membership renewal.

Following the elections last November and the changes at city hall we are concerned about the importance the municipality places on environmental issues and in particular on the protection of lac St-Joseph.

During the election campaign the mayor promised that water tests formerly undertaken by your Association would be handled by the municipality. We have tried to find out the types of tests, their frequency, and the sample locations but have not yet received a satisfactory reply. Your board finds this disconcerting.

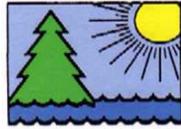
We have also enquired about the subsidies that the various lake associations receive each year but once again we have not received a response. Last year we received more than 1 200 \$, a significant amount for the association. It seems that the municipality has not yet reached a decision on subsidies.

Under the circumstances and in order to have as many people as possible as members of our association, the annual fee of 35 \$ remains unchanged for 2010. However we would also like to emphasize the importance of the generous donations made by so many members last year. Those who wish to make a donation this year can do so while renewing their membership.

Your association will be following a number of important issues and monitoring how they develop: lake water-quality testing; the construction of new sewers at the western end of the lake; placing of the buoys in the lake (location, quantity, dates, etc.); effectiveness of the private water patrol service and the Sûreté du Québec patrols; limits on the number of motor craft on the lake; and other matters. Your support is essential.

This year our annual meeting will be held Sunday May 23rd at 10 am in Room 8 of the Recreation Centre. If you will not be able to attend **we would very much appreciate** your taking a few minutes to mail us your annual dues. Last year the majority of you returned your registration form even though many of you could not be present at the annual meeting and we thank you for this. We would much prefer to focus our energies on activities which relate to the environment and the protection of our lake rather than the collection of annual membership dues.

For those who are interested, there will be a number of vacant positions on the executive committee for 2010/2011. If you **share the views of the Association**, if you would like to be more involved in the protection of our lake, if you have a few extra hours available each year, we



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invite you to attend the annual meeting and present your candidacy. Like all non-profit organizations, we are short of people who are prepared to give a little of their time and effort and become involved in the Association and its goals.

Finally, we ask you again, please assist us in increasing our membership by inviting your neighbours, friends, or those who use and enjoy the lake to become members of APEL St-Joseph. We estimate that there are over 1000 people who enjoy recreational activities on lac St-Joseph (motorized activities, fishing, kayaking, swimming, sailing etc.) and all should be strong supporters of an Association that is devoted to the protection of our lake. We are counting on your effort to help us increase our membership. You can also invite prospective new members to visit our web site at <http://www.apel-stjoseph.com/>.

I look forward to seeing you all in great numbers at our annual meeting on Sunday May 23rd at 10 am.

Yours truly,

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