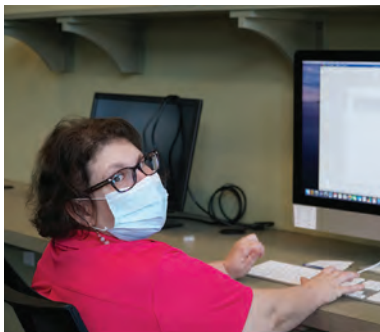


COVID-19 UPDATE: Academy members have the option of attending the Academy or continuing with online services. For more information about our Phase I Safety Guidelines on the Academy's website: AcademySRQ.org. These guidelines have been established based on consensus by Academy members, staff and Board of Directors. They are subject to change at the discretion of the Academy community. These guidelines will be reevaluated on an ongoing basis and are subject to future modification. *We Are Stronger Together.*

STILL WAITING...PATIENTLY

The waiting is just like they say; it's the hardest part. Well, at least it is when it comes to my Transitional Employment (TE) starting. When I found out, just before the pandemic, that I had been chosen for the TE position as a Document Scanner at Sunset Cadillac, I was so excited, and I couldn't wait to start. I had a fantastic interview with Steve Montanaro. But then COVID-19 happened...then the waiting started...and continued, and continued, and well, you know, I'm still waiting. Here's the thing: there have been a lot of meetings between the Academy and Mr. Montanaro about starting the position. The bottom line is that with the whole COVID-19 thing going on, it just isn't safe for me to start now. The workspace is tiny and there would be no way to train me while maintaining 6' of distance. The Academy and Mr. Montanaro are looking out for me. They want me to be safe and I think that's the best choice for everyone. So, yes, that means more waiting. But really, being safe and protecting ourselves and others is more important; it just is. Knowing that people have my back at the Academy is even more exciting than starting the TE position.



Rebecca Wolfson

WELCOME Terrell Henry

It felt as if I was warped from a tornado, and then I landed. I looked up at the building I was standing in front of marked Academy at Glengary. Since becoming a member only a few weeks ago, I've already gained so much knowledge from this welcoming place of serene and interesting people. I'm very deep into the abyss of writing and other complex and creative things. The Academy teaches me in a way that allows space for my creative expression. I'm really into all that it has to offer. In fact, when I landed feet first coming out of the calamity I was in, I walked in and was greeted with great hospitality, so I chose to dive into it all, the cooking, the multimedia, and even business tech. Even with Covid 19 going on, I have retained a sense of normalcy and so has the Academy. Clearly, the Academy will survive whatever it is thrown, and so will I. Thanks to all who've made this place a haven for me, my mind, and my home. I'm forever grateful.



Terrell Henry

FUN AND GAMES

by Eric Flanagan

I have come up with the questions for two of our game nights now, and it's definitely been a fun and different experience. It's not hard to find trivia and questions about almost any subject under the sun, but paring them down to subjects and questions that go from easy to head-scratchers is a task I have found to be fun in its own very unique way. Thankfully, there are very dedicated watchers of Family Feud who are committed to logging the questions from the long-running show, though I was surprised to find how many questions wouldn't work for a family friendly game.

If a global pandemic had to occur, I'm glad it happened in a time when we can connect, interact, and even play games with each other in different ways over the internet. I hope the games provide much needed levity for those playing and help foster the sense of community in the Academy family. I also hope the questions are engaging for everyone, and that folks are stumped, and learn something they find interesting, by at least one question during the trivia games. Good luck, have fun!



Eric Flanagan

