

Inside The Arc

April 2017

The Arc NW

Annual Meeting

Annual Awards

May 23, 2017

6:00pm - 8:30pm

@ New Location
One Under



35780 Five Mile Road Livonia 48154

\$12 per person

Must register before May17th
Send check with attendees names
to The Arc NW

Annual Award Categories

Nominations accepted through April 28th

Teacher of the Year

All children deserve the benefits from the opportunity to learn among their peers. The Teacher of the Year is awarded to a teacher or an educational team that has supported inclusive educational goals and/or experiences for students.

Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year award is given to someone who has voluntarily (without pay or remuneration) assisted The Arc of Northwest Wayne County and its members. The volunteer may or may not be an Arc member.

Member of the Year

The Member of the Year award is given to a member of The Arc of Northwest Wayne County who exemplifies their membership through activities that support the organization. This award maybe combined with the Volunteer of the Year award.

Achiever of the Year

The Achiever of the Year award goes to an individual with developmental disabilities who strives to be the best they can be. Someone who has made significant accomplishments in their efforts to gain independence and control of their life. Arc membership is desired but not required for the award.

The Arc NW 2017

Golf Outing May 21, 2017



Golf Course 36000 Seven Mile Road Livonia 48152



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Upcoming Board Meetings
April 11, 2017
Thursday, May 9th
Annual Meeting May 23, 2017

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Lekotek Librarian: Holly Balaka

Achieve with us.



From the Director

Each spring a group of disability organizations, including The Arc, gather in Washington, D.C. at the Disability Policy Seminar to promote legislative policies that will improve the lives of people with disabilities. The disability community's interest in the current political challenges were evident in the record number of attendees totaling over 1,000, the largest in its history. Thirty were

from Michigan. The Arc NW was well represented by Jean Walsh, board president, and myself.

The seminar involves two days of trainings about many complex and detailed legislative topics affecting people with disabilities. But this year we were laser focused on proposed legislative cuts to the daily supports and services our members rely on.



While Congress debated the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) I took part in a Medicaid press rally with Senator Stabenow to ensure that people with developmental disabilities receive the health care that they need. We also worked to ensure that Congress will not cut or restructure Medicaid with federal caps or block grants.

I, along with members of our government affairs committee, will continue to meet with our state legislators and federal members of Congress to assure that our members' needs are known and supported.



Bucking Trend, 9 In 10 With Autism Land Jobs After Training

by Michelle Diament | March 14, 2017

disabilityscoop



Cody Rautanen, a Project SEARCH intern in Cherry Hill, N.J., inputs warranty and repair information into a computer as part of his duties. A new study suggests that when tailored to address the unique needs of people with autism, Project SEARCH can dramatically increase the odds that individuals on the spectrum will find and maintain employment. (Ed Hille/Philadephia Inquirer/TNS)

When given the right supports and training, a new study suggests that nearly all young people with autism who qualify for supported employment can learn to excel on the job.

Nine out of 10 transition-age youth with autism who participated in an intensive job training program were working part-time earning at least minimum wage three months after graduating high school. What's more, 87 percent were still working after 12 months.

By comparison, just 6 percent of their peers with autism who did not participate in the intervention were employed three months after graduation and only 12 percent were working after a year, according to findings <u>published</u> in the April issue of the journal Autism.

"This study shows the clear-cut potential vocationally of youth with autism and also the receptivity of employers to hiring and retaining young people with autism," said Paul Wehman of Virginia Commonwealth University who led the research.

For the study, researchers looked at 31 students on the spectrum ages 18 to 21 who participated in a program called Project SEARCH plus Autism Spectrum Disorder Supports. The experiences of these young people were then compared to 18 of their peers with autism who completed high school without this type of intensive workplace training.

All of those studied were on track for a "special diploma" because they could not meet the academic requirements for a traditional diploma.

During the nine-month intervention, individuals spend their last year of high school rotating through internships at large community businesses like hospitals, government offices or banking centers where they receive support on the job and participate in classroom time. The program incorporates the use of applied behavior analysis techniques to best address the social and communication challenges of those on the spectrum.

See Page 4 for Details for Local Presentation on Project SEARCH



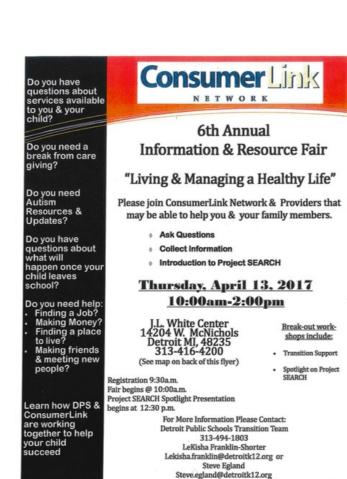
SATURDAY AFTERNOON BOWLING GUYS & DOLLS LEAGUE

Saturday Afternoon Bowling continues at Oak Lanes (1:30pm bowling start time) . We are in week 23 of the 30 week season. We currently have over 50 bowlers enjoying the activity and the camaraderie!

We will finish bowling on Saturday May 13th, followed by our season finale AWARDS BANQUET on Saturday May 27th at Elk's Lodge, 31117 Plymouth Rd, Livonia. Contact Jim Gallas for more information: 248-318-8856, or <u>jagal</u>-

las@comcast.net)

The 2016/2017 season is almost over - BUT - we will be BACK for the 2017/2018 Season. First bowling Saturday will be September 9th. (Oak Lanes starting at 1:30pm.) We will again have a 30 week season of individual bowling with fun partners. If you are interested in joining Guys & Dolls, please contact Jim Gallas. We have room for bowlers who want to have FUN!





Resource Open House

Thursday, April 20th 9:30am—12:30pm 5:30—8:30pm

CLS will recognize April as Autism Awareness Month by hosting its 2nd annual Resource Open House on Thursday, April 20th.

There will be a morning and evening sessions focused on autism.

This event is free and open to the public.

CLS invites all parents/caregivers to attend and learn more about resources that are available to them, especially parents that have students transitioning out of school soon. It's also a great opportunity to meet a State lawmaker and ask questions.

There will be a Parent/Sibling Panel Discussion moderated by State Rep. Frank Liberti at 6:00pm.

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After I'm Gone Program



Information sessions are held monthly during the school year at

Western Wayne Skill Center

8075 Ritz Road, Westland, MI 48185 Thursday Evenings 6:30pm - 8:30pm Please RSVP: 734-729-9100 or 313-532-7915

April 13th

Estate Planning for Your Future

April 27th

Home & Community Based Services

April 13, 2017

Estate Planning for Your Future

Attorney Roxanne Chang will discuss the importance of establishing an estate plan to handle the future needs of your child with a disability. Topics include Special Needs Trusts, ABLE Accounts, Power of Attorney and Patient Advocate designations, Wills and Letter of Intent.

April 27, 2017

Home and Community Based Services

Speaker Angela Martin, Wayne State University Developmental Disabilities Institute and sibling, will discuss the Home and Community based Waiver's final rule that aims to improve the experiences of people receiving Mental Health services by helping them access a more integrated community. Speaker Christy Jane Courtney will discuss how to use Medicaid services to be more productive, to be more independent, and to lead a meaningful life in the community.

JUST FUN CLUB NEWS

Our St. Patrick's Day dance was held on Friday, March 17, at Thurston High School. There was so much "wearin' of the green" everywhere! Green and gold beads and green party hats were passed out to all. The tables were decorated with lots of colorful candies as well.

The dance floor was crowded with happy smiles as J.J. and Company rocked the night away.

We would like to thank everyone who made donations of cookies and the beautifully decorated shamrock cupcakes for everyone to enjoy! They were greatly appreciated by all!

Congratulations to our raffle winners: Mary Beth Murray, Jimmie Brooks, Nicole Brey, Megan Pomaranski, Michael Hibner, and Marcus Ealy.

Mark your calendar for our last two events this season:

Chicken Dinner Dance, Friday, April 28, 6:30-9:30, Thurston High School, * Pre-pay at the Arc by April 19. Ice Cream Social Dance, Friday, May 12, 6:30-9:30, Canton High School, * Pre-pay at the Arc by May 3.

Please remember to bring your 2016/2017 badges to the May 12th dance. They will be collected and used for our 2017-2018 year.

Mark your calendar for our upcoming events:

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Happy Spring! Jackie Norris

The Arc Sports News

Sport Program Annual Bowling Fundraiser is almost here!! See bowling flyer insert to complete. Send your information with money to me ASAP because spots fill up quickly. Let's make this the best one ever!! This is the only fundraiser I am asking all the teams & families to participate in. Each sport team is asked to donate a basket or gift for the raffle. If an individual or business would like to donate a gift please contact Janice Bearden 734-781-5468, or call The Arc and I will come by to get it. BOWLING NIGHT: Friday May 5th @ Oak Lanes. \$25/pp includes 2 games, shoes, pizza, chance for door prize, 2 mystery games, plus lots of fun. Form along with money due back to Janice by April 24th.

PS: if you'd like to volunteer that day or night please give me a call. Lots of folks are needed to help.

Basketball season has come to an end.

Hot Shots 2017 Division 3 Gold State Champions! Lightening's 2017 Division 4 Bronze Metal Winners! Congratulations!

Mark your calendar for these sport event dates:

April 23 @ Schoolcraft College –The Arc NW Athletic Program is hosting a Swim Meet with other local athletes. **May 5** @ Franklin HS – Area 23 Tournament for Field & Track, Aquatics.

June 1-3 @ Central University, Mt. Pleasant – State Summer Games.

August 26th – Baseball invitational @ Drake Park (baseball coaches will notify players when and where baseball practice will start.)

September 23 & 24 – State Fall Games, Canton (Baseball & Soccer) (unknown at this time what sport will be played on which date.)

With the relocation of Western Wayne Skill Center it is unknown if we will be allowed to continue to have Soccer, Floor Hockey, & Basketball for the upcoming season, at the school. If you know of a facility, maybe your church, that has a gym or field that we can rent please contact The Arc or me with the information.

Coaches, assistant coaches, volunteers: you can check your Certification Status on the SOMI website before the sport season begins. It will advise you of your status. Coaches, please check this before you submit your list of assistants/volunteers for your sport. Go to:

- Somi.org
- click on Sport tab
- click on Coaches Corner

Scroll to about center of page, see: CERTIFICATION STATUS Look for A23 and your name – this will advise when your form will expire.

Happy Spring & Easter Everyone! See you all at Oak Lanes on May 5th.

Janice Bearden, Athletic Program Chairperson

Donations

Robin Tilwick & Christov Tilwick
Aneita Campbell
Michaela Gherase
Susan Taylor
Rikki Gans

Memorials

In Memory of Edward Turlo
A Donation to The Arc Athletic Program

Nella Gries

In Memory of Andrea Mengel

Carol Zago

In Memory of Matthew Kingsley

Michelle Driscoll

Membership Renewals

April 2017

Allison Allen
Zachary Anderle
William Drost
Barbara Frager
Maxwell Golyas
Doug & Sharon Govan
Jerald & Nicolette Graham
Karen & Charles Ingersoll
Willie & Lucy Lathon
Ronald & Laurie Muffler
Danielle E. Ranta
Brad & Nicole Sandalowich
Nicholas Snead
Jean Stegen
Stephanie Uphoff

If you hear of the passing of an Arc member please let us know. Help us honor the memories of our members and support one another through difficult times.

Call The Arc NW office at 313-532-7915



April 2017

Sun Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Mon 1 Poker Parties March 30 - April 2 Thurs/Fri from 11am-6pm, Sat/Sun from 6:30pm-2am **Krazy Copz Vision Lanes** Guys & Dolls 38250 Ford Road, Westland, MI 48185 Bowling 1:30pm 2 3 5 6 7 4 8 Bowling 9:30am Oak Lanes **Swim** Guys & Dolls Bowling 4 - 6pm 1:30pm 10 11 **Board** 12 13 **15** 9 14 Meeting Arc Office AIG Estate Planning For Your Future Guys & Dolls **Swim** 6:30 WW Skill Ctr **NO Bowling** 4 - 6pm Easter Holiday 18 21 16 19 20 22 9:30am Oak Lanes **Easter** Guys & Dolls Bowling 1:30pm Swim 4 - 6pm 23/30 24 25 26 27 28 29 JFC Chicken Dinner AIG Dance Home & 6:30 - 9:30pm Community Thurston HS Based Services **Swim Meet** 6:30 WW Skill Ctr Guys & Dolls (23rd) Bowling 1:30pm

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	□\$25	Individual Membership		