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May 2018

The Arc NW Wayne County
Annual Meeting
&
Annual Awards

Thursday, May 24, 2018

6:00pm - 8:30pm

@ **One Under**

35780 Five Mile Road

Livonia 48154

\$15 per person

Must register before May 16th

Send check with attendees' names to The Arc NW

2018 The Arc NW Annual Meeting

THURSDAY - MAY 24, 2018
6pm-8:30pm

Register before May 16th



List NAMES of Attendees

Mail Registration & Payment
with
Names of Attendees to:

The Arc NW Wayne County
26049 Five Mile Rd.
Redford, MI 48239

TOTAL - Full Dinner \$15 per Person



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Redford, MI 48239

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www.thearcnw.org

Board Meeting—May 8th

Annual Meeting—May 24th

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United Way
for Southeastern Michigan

From the Director

Over 200 names grace each of the many wall plaques hanging in the main hall of The Arc NW Wayne County. These are the names of The Arc NW's many important volunteers who are members of our communities' schools, businesses, and friends; parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, siblings, and others who have it in their heart to work to include people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in every aspect of family and community life.

You are The Arc NW. The accomplishments this organization, and those yet to come, are achievable because of our collective determination to create positive change for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The Arc NW's Annual Meeting, on May 24th, is our opportunity to come together and recognize great achievements, dedicated volunteers and celebrate another year's accomplishments. I hope to see you all there.

Chris



JUST FUN CLUB

Ice Cream Social

Friday May 11

6:30 - 9:30pm

Canton High School

MUST pre-pay \$5.00 to The Arc by Wednesday May 9



GUYS & DOLLS

SATURDAY AFTERNOON BOWLING



OUR 2017/2018 Bowling Season is coming to an end.
Our last bowling date is 5/12/2018.

BOWLING BANQUET - Livonia Elks Club, May 19

Our 2018/2019 NEXT Season will start on Saturday Sept 8 at OAK LANES. 30 weeks of Saturday afternoon bowling.

If you are interested in joining the League for the NEW SEASON please contact:

Jim Gallas 248-318-8856 (cell) or jagallas@comcast.net

FORE!

Dear Friends and Supporters of The Arc NW Wayne County,



We invite you to join us for the **2018 Golf Outing on Sunday, May 20th**, for The Arc of Northwest Wayne County's largest annual fundraiser. Funds raised at this event support The Arc of Northwest Wayne County's important work to help make life better for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.



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Rethinking Guardianship- Facilitating Life-Long Self Determination

with Dohn Hoyle, The Arc Michigan

Michigan Alliance for Families is an IDEA Grant Funded Initiative of the Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education, and Michigan's federal Parent-Training and Information Center (PTIC) funded by U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

The information expressed during this presentation is the opinion of the individual presenter(s) and may not reflect the opinions of Michigan Alliance for Families, Michigan Alliance- PTI, Michigan Department of Education, or U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs.

Wednesday, May 16th, 2018
10:30 am – 1:30 pm

Sign-in opens at 10 am. Lunch provided



The Arc Livingston
2980 Dorr Road
Brighton, MI 48116



This workshop is for families whose child has a developmental disability, as well as service providers working with students and their families.

This workshop covers: guardianship from a historical perspective, strangers as guardians and alternatives

- How can I advocate for my adult child?
- What are alternatives to guardianship?
- What is power of attorney?
- How can medical and financial decisions be handled?
- How can we best support students as they transition to adulthood?

Register by 5-9-18 with Kanika Littleton
(248) 557-5070 ext 115 or kanika@michiganallianceforfamilies.org
Or online at www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org/rsvp

Please note: To be good stewards of our funding resources, we need a minimum number of participants registered by the registration deadline for the presentation to be held. If it is after the deadline and you haven't registered, please call or email to check the status of the event. **If you require accommodations or materials in an alternative format, please let us know one week before the workshop.**

JUST FUN CLUB NEWS



The Chicken Dinner Dance was held on Friday, April 13th at Canton High School. We had a fantastic turn out of 200 members that came to this popular event! Everyone enjoyed Lee's Famous Recipe chicken tenders, mashed potatoes and gravy, cole slaw, and biscuits and honey, ice cream cups (vanilla, chocolate, strawberry), cookies with Peeps, water, and pop. Our DJs Randy and Mark played a lot of our favorite songs. Lots of fun dancing for everyone!

Congratulations to our raffle winners: Marcus Healey, Brian Bland, Kelly Rosen, Jeff Parkinson, Shawna Hall, Corey Porter, Deanna Brown, Renee Laminski and Stephen Wira.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our last event this spring: Ice cream Social Dance, Friday, May 11, 6:30-9:30, Canton High School * Pre-pay \$5.00 at the Arc by May 6.

I would like to give a very SPECIAL thank you to all of our committee members (Mary Babcock, Karen Beck, Angie Brey, Kim Del Proposto, Sandy Harshman, Steve Kanyo, Carole Krol, Jackie and Kurt Norris, Barb Ostrander, Anita Pastucha, Richard Rudin, Elena Samborski, Margaret Sherman) and many other volunteers who have helped us out all year long at our monthly events. Without these SPECIAL folks....our club would not exist!

As many of you who have had a son/daughter in the JFC, this club began in the 1970s with just a few motivated parents who were looking for some fun activities for their kids. Many of these volunteers have continued helping monthly since its beginning. We are ALWAYS looking for additional family members and friends, who could volunteer/chaperone for 3-4 hrs. a month to help us at our monthly events. We are trying to enlist some younger (siblings, friends) volunteers so that the JFC can continue to provide these fun events that all of our members enjoy! If you would like more information on how to help outplease call Jackie Norris at 734-718-7150.

All of the registration forms to renew your yearly membership for the Arc and JFC will be mailed out in late July or early August. Included in this mailing will be our JFC monthly sign up flyers for the Hot Dog Roast (Sept.) and Christmas Dinner Dance (Dec.). Pre-pay forms MUST be mailed back to the Arc by the DEADLINES. All of our other \$3.00 events (Oct.,Nov.,Feb.,Mar.) MUST be paid at the door. Please WATCH for this important mailing!

We hope that everyone has a fun and safe summer. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Hot-Dog Roast in September.

Jackie Norris Chairperson, JFC

The Arc Sports News

Hope to see many of you at the Bowling Fundraiser on May 4th at Oak Lanes.

GOOD LUCK to all the Athletes and Coaches at the Spring Area Games on May 11th at Franklin High School. I hope you have beautiful weather!

Baseball & Soccer coaches: let me know when your practice will be starting so I can put the date, time and location in the June newsletter.

Good luck again and see you at Oak Lanes.

Janice

Trump Signs Bill Adding Protections For Social Security, SSI Recipients

by Shaun Heasley | April 17,



Individuals tasked with handling Social Security payments for people with disabilities will be subject to greater scrutiny under a new law signed by President Donald Trump.

The president signed the measure known as the Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act of 2018, or H.R. 4547, late last week after it was unanimously approved by Congress.

The legislation will impose greater oversight on representative payees who manage Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits for those who need assistance.

Specifically, the law bars people with certain types of criminal convictions from acting as representative payees and prevents individuals who have representative payees themselves from serving in that capacity for others. And, it will give beneficiaries more say in who handles money on their behalf by allowing Social Security recipients to make a list of their preferred payees in order of preference.

Meanwhile, the legislation will require that protection and advocacy groups in each state — federally-mandated organizations that provide legal assistance and advocate for people with disabilities — conduct more reviews of representative payee performance on behalf of the Social Security Administration.

In addition to enhancing oversight, the measure will also eliminate a requirement that parents or spouses living with a person with a disability complete an annual accounting form for representative payees.

“This new law is great news for the millions of Social Security beneficiaries who rely on a representative payee to help them manage their benefits,” said U.S. Rep. Sam Johnson, R-Texas, who sponsored the legislation. “Not only will it provide much-needed accountability for the representative payee program, but it also puts measures into place that ensure newly selected representative payees are qualified and trustworthy.”

According to the Social Security Administration’s Office of the Inspector General, some 6.2 million individuals or organizations act as representative payees on behalf of about 8 million beneficiaries. Such representatives are assigned if the agency determines that a person’s mental or physical condition prevents them from being able to manage their benefits.

Proponents of the legislation cited concerns from the Government Accountability Office, the Social Security Administration’s Office of the Inspector General, the National Academy of Sciences and the Social Security Advisory Board about how Social Security officials have administered the representative payee program.

“For too long dishonest representative payees have exploited and abused people with disabilities without fear of being discovered,” said Curt Decker, executive director of the National Disability Rights Network, an umbrella group for the nation’s protection and advocacy organizations. “That stops today. We are thrilled to see that Congress has acted to protect the more than 8 million Americans who currently have representative payees.”

Won't you join & support The Arc NW as a member?

The Arc NW provides advocacy, support and information on disability-related issues across the lifespan.

We seek - and work - to build a more inclusive community.

See the Membership form on the back page of this newsletter or join us online at www.thearcnw.org



Northwest Wayne County

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Donations

Brenda Jensen

Thank You!

Memorials

In Memory of Bert Lerchen

Dan Kish and Pam McCarthy

Membership Renewals

Membership renewal information was not available at the time of printing.

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

Little Eagles Camp - Autism Collaborative Center

All staff are trained in fundamentals of autism, positive behavior support, and therapeutic play.

Program Administration: The ACC employs a team of Board Certified Behavior Analysts with a combined 20+ years of experience working in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and providing services to chil-

dren with autism. Lead Teacher: This year Little Eagles is proud to welcome Melissa Buck to the team. She has received her MA in Speech-Language Pathology and has several years of experience working in autism. Melissa will use a variety of evidenced-based treatment strategies to facilitate daily lessons that focus on personal and academic growth.

Support Staff: Children enrolled in Little Eagles will benefit from working with highly trained support staff. These individuals are in pursuit of, or have completed, a degree in an allied health field.

Clinical Staff: The ACC Occupational Therapist (OT) and Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) will be 'push in' each week to provide group instruction that focuses on the development of social communication, play, and engagement while providing skills necessary to be successful in academic environments

Registration

Little Eagles Summer Enrichment Program registration materials are available at the Autism Collaborative Center's main office at 1055 Cornell Rd. Ypsilanti, MI 48197 and on our website at acc.emich.edu.





The Arc
Northwest Wayne County

May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		 Track & Field 7:00pm Franklin Field House			 Bowling Fundraiser Oak Lanes	 Bowling 9:30am Oak Lanes Guys & Dolls Bowling 1:15pm Check-In Oak Lanes
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
 Swimming Schoolcraft Beginners - 4pm Advanced - 5pm		 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Board Meeting 6:00pm </div> Track & Field 7:00pm Franklin Field House			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> Area 23 Spring Games- Franklin High School </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> JFC Ice Cream Social Canton HS </div>	 Guys & Dolls Bowling 1:15pm Check-In Oak Lanes Last of Season
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Mother's Day 		 Track & Field 7:00pm Franklin Field House				 Bowling 9:30am Oak Lanes Bowling Banquet Livonia Elks Club
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
 Arc NW Golf Outing Fox Creek - Livonia Swimming Schoolcraft Beginners - 4pm Advanced - 5pm		 Track & Field 7:00pm Franklin Field House				
27	28	29	30	31		
		 Track & Field 7:00pm Franklin Field House				

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Membership Application

Name _____

Email Address _____ **Daytime Phone** _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Name _____ **Birth Date** _____

(Name line above for member(s) with intellectual and developmental disability)

Address (if different) _____

Telephone (if different) _____

Welcome!

Membership Dues

- New Member
- Renewing Member
- Associate Member
- \$35 Annual Family or Group Home Membership
- \$25 Individual Membership
- \$25 Associate Membership

DONATIONS \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 _____ Other