

The Arc NW Wayne County
Annual Meeting & Election of Board of Directors
Annual Awards



Award Winners Featured on Pg. 8



Another Successful Arc NW Golf Outing!

Over 130 golfers and nearly 30 volunteers joined us at The Arc NW 2019 Golf Outing on May 19th at Fox Creek Golf Course. We raised \$42,416 before expenses for our programs!

A SPECIAL THANKS to **STMicroelectronics** for joining us again this year as our event sponsor. We would also like to thank our golf sponsors that include: The Adamo Group, Bidigare Contractors, Inc., Calo and Sons Constructions, Community Living Services, the Dooley Family, J.M.D. Contracting, Inc., the Kakar Foundation, Mancini Enterprises, RAM Construction Services of Michigan, Inc., Tuppy II Group, Varsity Ford, Wade Trim, and Watertap, Inc. And thanks to our many generous Game Hole Sponsors, Hole Sponsors, and donors who gave this year.

Last, we would like to say THANK YOU to our amazing volunteers who helped make the day special including our event committee: Dennis DiPonio, Chris DiPonio, Jenna DiPonio, Dan DiPonio, Duane DiPonio, Marianne Licari, and Vince Licari.



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Next Board Meeting
June 11, 2019

2018 - 2019 Board of Directors

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Achieve with us.



United Way
for Southeastern Michigan

From The Executive Director

Dear Friends,

In this season of graduations, we celebrate our community members with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) who have achieved this milestone! We've come a long way since the inception of The Arc NW in 1961 when parents gathered to advocate for inclusive education. We still have a ways to go!

Arc NW staff, board members, and representatives from other Wayne County Arcs recently met with **MI House Representative Kristy Pagan (21st district, Dem.** pictured on right) The Arc NW hosted the group and we discussed education strategies impacting people with I/DD. Our conversation focused on student behavior as a learning tool rather than jumping to discipline or engaging law enforcement. Rep. Pagan heard the concerns and is fighting for the state budget to be increased for special education services.



At the federal level, congress is working to reauthorize the Higher Education Act (HEA). HEA includes inclusive postsecondary education for students with I/DD (TPSID) programs to help them attend college. TPSID programs have been expanded at 88 colleges and universities across 31 states. The majority of students graduating from these programs get jobs in competitive integrated employment. One year after exit 65% of these students had a paid job compared to 17% of I/DD adults in the general population with paid jobs in the community. (US Disability Policy Seminar 2019) Every student deserves education that meets their needs. We can all help advocate for expanded inclusion in our communities!



The Arc NW wishes all 2019 graduates best wishes for a bright future!

Gretchen Sanewsky
Executive Director



2019 Disability Policy Seminar

June 28 @ 9:00am - 3:30pm \$100

Venue

MSU University Club

3435 Forest Road Lansing, MI 48910 United States

Website:

<https://henrycenter.broad.msu.edu/>

Register online or find a printable registration form here:

<https://arcmi.org/event/dps/>

Candlewood Suites

A block of rooms has been reserved for the night of Thursday, June 27, 2019.

Candlewood Suites: studio/ \$75 | 1-bedroom/ \$134
Contact the hotel directly by calling 1 (517) 351-8181 reference The Arc Annual Meeting. This room block will released on May 28, 2019.



BEST WISHES TO BRANDEN POWELL



Branden has served as the Clerical Assistant at The Arc NW since last year. He has developed great relationships with members and makes sure their bills are paid on time. His optimism and enthusiasm made him a great team member. Branden is taking on a new position and we wish him the very best as he moves into an exciting future.

We will miss him!

Our Ice Cream Social was held on Friday, May 10 at Canton High School. We had a fantastic turnout of over 200 members for this YUMMY event!



We all loved making our ice cream sundae with vanilla, strawberry, and chocolate ice cream, chocolate or caramel syrup, strawberries, crushed pineapple, nuts, cherries and whipped cream. Our band, **Trademark** played so many songs that were great for dancing! Our raffle winners were: **Chris Pernny, Tony Samborski, Nichole Brey, Brian Brandt, Patty Barnes, John Boulton, Debbie Egan, Renee Niemenski, Kori Porter, and Sandra Zazor.**

I would like to say **“THANK YOU”** to all of our Committee members and Volunteers for all of their hard work and many hours they put into at our monthly events this year! They are: **Mary Babcock, Karen Beck, Bill Beck, Angie Brey, Kim Del Proposto, Sandy Harshman, Steve Kanyo, Patti and Richard Ketelhut, Jackie and Kurt Norris, Peggy Horn, Barb Ostrander, Elana Samborski, Anita Pastucha, and Margaret Sherman.** Without these wonderful folks giving of their time and energy...our JFC would not exist!

As many of you know, the Just Fun Club began over 49 years ago and many of our helpers have been with the program since the beginning. We are always hoping to find new family members/friends, who would be willing to volunteer just 3 hours a month to help out at our events. We would love some younger volunteers so that the JFC can continue to provide these fun activities that everyone enjoys. If you can help us out, or know someone who would like to help, please call Lana Richardson at The Arc NW at 313- 532-7915.

Next year’s registration forms and dates for our 2019-2020 year will be mailed out by late July. Remember everyone **MUST** have a membership to the ARC and JFC in order to attend our monthly events.

We hope that everyone has a safe and fun summer,

Jackie Norris
JFC Chairperson

JUST FUN CLUB NEWS

AMY POMICTER TAKES ON NEW ROLE AT THE ARC NW!



Amy Pomicter has been the Claims/Accounting Assistant with The Arc NW’s Fiscal Intermediary Services since January 2019. She has accepted the newly created position of Claims/Accounting Coordinator to begin June 1, 2019. In addition to her current duties, she will take on more accounting tasks, create policies and procedures for our fiscal services, and be responsible for processing the financial part of our contract with Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority. Amy holds a bachelor’s degree in finance from Wayne State and a master’s in professional accountancy from Walsh College. We are excited that she will be contributing more of her skills toward fiscal services that help make it possible for so many people to live self-determined lives. Congratulations Amy!

Sport News – By Janice Bearden

Thank you to everyone who helped with the bowling fundraiser held May 3 at Westland Bowl. The fundraiser keeps getting BIGGER & BETTER every year! It was the first time for many things: new location, bake sale, more raffle baskets and 260 bowlers!! The owner & staff at Westland Bowl had doubts when I told them how many bowlers I was expecting and the amount of raffle baskets we would have. I advised the owner that full wait staff for the bar and snack bar would be needed that night. He found out I was not kidding! I have already spoken to him about coming back next year May 1, 2020 but only if more wait staff are provided! He said ABSOLUTELY!! So mark your calendars **May 1, 2020 for next year's event.**

A Big Thank You to Karyn Bookmeier, and her baking partner Susan Dunn, for organizing and handling the bake sale on bowling night. It was a great success. I believe it will become an annual event on bowling night. Thank you to everyone that got donations, donated, helped put baskets together, loaded and unloaded all the baskets and prizes the day and night of event, and helped me set up the bowling alley in the afternoon. It could not have happened without everyone's help. Thank you Dearborn Heights Eagles and J& B Medical Supply for their generous donation to the sport program and all others that donated money.

Does anyone know Judy Graczyk? The day of bowling event she dropped off some donations, but did not include her phone number or address. I would like to thank her but I do not know how to get in touch with her. Please contact me with her information.

Good Luck to all the swimmers, track & field athletes, coaches, and volunteers as you head to CMU for the Summer Games. Enjoy the experience and I hope you have beautiful weather!

BASEBALL – Start dates:

Diamonds – Starts June 25 Practices are Tuesday evenings 6-7pm at Emerson School.

Wolverines – Starts July 15 Practices are Monday evenings 7-8pm @at the new Garfield Western Wayne Skill Center.

SOCCER – Start Dates:

Hot Shot and Wizards – Starts July 16 Practices are Tuesday evenings 7-8pm at Emerson School.

Wolverines – Starts July 17 Practices are Wednesday evenings 6-7pm at Emerson School.

Fall Classic for Baseball and Soccer will be the weekend of September 21-22. The Special Olympic Raffle drawing is September 20th at the dance. Please return to me your raffle ticket stubs and money by August 19th. Thank you for all your support in selling the tickets. This will help reduce our costs for the 2020 Summer Games. Happy Summer Everyone!!

The Arc Sports News

GUYS & DOLLS SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOWLING

OAK LANES

NEW Bowlers/For more info please contact:

Jim Gallas 248-318-8856 (cell) or

jagallas@comcast.net



NEXT SEASON will start Saturday

September 7, 2019

1:30pm Start Time

2 - Games Each Saturday at a cost of \$6 for the day

The Arc Early Birds Bowling League



Morning Bowling will resume

September 7, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

We bowl every other Saturday morning at 9:00 at

Oak Lanes on Middlebelt in Livonia. It's a fun

league made up of bowlers with a variety of skill levels. If you want to join, please call Vicki Soto at

734-422-3732.

JOB POSTING - Supporting EMU Students with Autism as Peer Mentors

The College Supports Program (CSP) on EMU's campus is looking for student employees and recent graduates, starting Fall 2019. Work study and non-work study applications are being accepted now!

The College Supports Program provides academic and social support services to EMU students that have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. We are looking for peer mentors to work one on one with our students. Tasks include attending classes together, taking detailed in-class notes, assisting with group project communications, filling out daily homework task lists and social interaction reports, and communicating with professors on behalf of the students.

Position Requirements:

- Must be a Junior, Senior or Graduate Student (unless you have previous Autism work experience)
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA
- Must have availability to work at least twice a week (3 hour blocks)



Benefits of Working for CSP:

- Work shifts based on your class schedule
- Shifts available 7 days a week
- Great hands-on experience

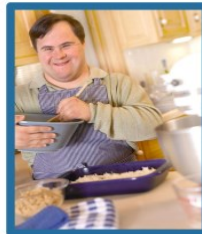
Here is the EMU website link to learn more about our program: <http://www.emich.edu/collegesupportsprogram/index.php>

Please email La'Tricia Hall (lhall24@emich.edu) or visit our office in 104 Porter with any questions or pick up an application at

EMU
104 Porter Building
Ypsilanti, MI 48197-7272

 The Arc Livingston presents:
A Self-Determined Life
A Series of Workshops for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities and the People that Support Them.

Grant funding provided by
The Community Foundation for Livingston County



- Do you, a friend or family member access support services through Livingston County Community Mental Health and have a developmental disability?
- Would you like to know more about managing supports and how to maximize your independence through your Self-Determination arrangement?
- Would you like to meet others in our community who are utilizing Self-Determination to share resources and network?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, then **this workshop series is for you!** Join us for any or all of the workshops listed below. Each workshop will have time built in for networking and resource sharing, so that we can all learn from and support each other. Refreshments will be provided.

June 25th, 10 a.m.-Noon.....Circles of Support, Patricia Carver-Community
June 27th, 6 p.m.-8 p.m....Supported Decision Making, Salli Christenson

July 9th, 10 a.m.-Noon.....CMH, Self-Determination and FIs, Mary Phillips
July 11th, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.....A Home of My Own, Anne Richardson

August 13th, 10 a.m.-Noon...MiABLE, R. Scott de Varona
August 15th, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Independence through Assistive Tech, Jen Mullins

Register Online at www.arclivingston.org/workshops

Questions? Contact The Arc at 517-546-1228
All workshops will be held at The Arc Livingston, 2980 Dorr Road, Brighton



More Pictures from The Arc NW
2019 Golf Outing on pg. 9

Governor Whitmer Makes Appointments to Statewide Independent Living Council



LANSING, Michigan (WLUC)

The Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) is an independent agency created in accordance with the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 that requires each state to establish a SILC to be eligible for federal funding under the Act. The Council promotes a philosophy of independent living which includes the full integration and inclusion of people with disabilities into the mainstream of American society.

Glen Ashlock, of Brooklyn, is an assistive technology and information technology manager for Region 2 Area Agency on Aging and a member of the Nonprofit Network Board of Directors. He has been inducted into the Athletes with Disabilities Hall of Fame for athletic excellence and being a positive role model to the community. Mr. Ashlock is appointed to succeed Michael Hamm whose term expired May 2, 2019, to represent individuals with disabilities for a term expiring December 31, 2022.

Yvonne Fleener, of Grand Ledge, is the Executive Director of Helping Hands Respite Care in East Lansing and a member of the Michigan Nonprofit Association. Ms. Fleener is appointed to succeed Robin L. Bennett

Charles William Harrison, Jr., of Redford, is a peer facilitator for Michigan Disability Rights Coalition, and a member of the advisory committee for Michigan Family Voices grassroots collaborative and the Many Faces of Moebius Syndrome Board. Mr. Harrison is appointed to succeed Sara E. Grivetti whose term expired January 2, 2019, to represent individuals with disabilities for a term expiring December 31, 2022.

Theresa Metzmaker, of Lansing, is the assistant executive director of Michigan Disability Rights Coalition and founder of Her Power! Her Pride! Her Voice!, a four-day event where teen girls across Michigan challenge media stereotypes and shatter myths about what it means to be a teen girl with a disability. Ms. Metzmaker is appointed to succeed Rebecca Parten whose term expired December 31, 2018, to represent advocates of/for individuals with disabilities for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

Patricia A. Sterling, of Sault Ste. Marie, is the Child Care Development Fund Program Coordinator for Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Anishnaabek Community and Family Services. Ms. Sterling is appointed to succeed Lisa A. Cook-Gordon whose term expired January 2, 2019, to represent tribal communities and parents or guardians of individuals with disabilities for a term expiring December 31, 2022. These appointments are not subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

**A Big THANK YOU to the following for the donations to
The Arc NW Sports Program at the bowling fundraiser!**

Chris & Dino Bicego
Dorothy & Chuck Savino
Edward Hibner & Barbara Krasiecko
Laura & David Becks
Challenge Your Mind Youth Bowling League
The Vial Family
Denise Popp
J & B Medical Supply Co. Inc
Kathy Paulbeck
Frank & Claudia Mallon
Dearborn Heights Fairlane Eagles
The Arc of NW Piston Basketball Team

Donations



AWARD WINNERS



**2018-2019
ACHIEVER OF THE
YEAR
*Robert Cruse***



**2018-2019
MEMBER OF THE
YEAR
*Lana Richardson***



**2018-2019
VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR
*Kurt and Jackie Norris***



**EDUCATION TEAM OF THE YEAR
*Discovery Middle School***



**Terry Sawchuck, Principal
Stacey Banks
Julie Fowler
Alexander Noroyan**

**Lori Andrews
Kristine Bisinger
Amy Ireland
Jennifer Vingness**

**Kaylin Austin
Joslyn Clark
Traci Kellman
Christine Wisniewski**

Terry Sawchuck
& Tracey Cavin

Remembering Those We Love

*Allison Allen
Allen Bando
Nancy Barnes
Gerald Batke
Mary Larkin*

*John F. Markey
Ray Murawski
Richard Rudin
Arlene Solak
Karen Veresh*



The 2019 Arc NW Golf Outing



The 2019 Arc NW Annual Meeting 2019



Some of the Arc NW Staff



Some of the Arc NW Board Members



Donations

Ben and Linda Anderson

Candice Taylor

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Eileen Murphy

Miriam Glantz

Michael Thomas

Matthew and Maria Warmuth

Colleen Spurgis

Richard McLain

Society of Notre Dame

de Bon Secours

Robin Henke

Janelle Hansen

Sylvia Kloc

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

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

Achieve with us.

The Arc NW Office Summer Hours

**Summer Hours Starting
4th of July until Labor Day:
Monday – Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and
Fridays 8:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**The office will be closed for
Independence Day (July 4th and 5th)
and on Labor Day September 2.**



June 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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State SO Games
@ Central Michigan U.
May 31 - June 2 →

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Board Meeting
6:30pm
Arc Office



Flag Day

16 17 18 19 20 21 22

Father's Day

23/30 24 25 26 27 28 29



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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**