



Northwest Wayne County

# Inside The Arc

March 2020

## Arc NW Annual Member Meeting 2020

**\*\*NEW LOCATION\*\***

### NEW VENUE

**Joy Manor**

28999 Joy Road  
Westland, MI 48185-5523

*Annual Awards  
&  
Member Meeting*

**Thursday, May 7, 2020**  
**6:00pm - 8:30pm**

**\$17 per person**

**Must register by April 24, 2020**

**Send check with attendees' names to**  
The Arc NW  
26049 5 Mile Road, Redford, MI 48239

### NEW MENU

#### Dinner includes:

Broasted Chicken  
Roasted potato wedges  
California mixed vegetables  
Tossed salad  
Bread and butter  
Cake  
Coffee, tea, water, sodas

#### **Meeting Agenda**

Dinner  
Annual Business Meeting  
Awards  
Music and dancing

*Dance floor pictured below...*





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[www.thearcnw.org](http://www.thearcnw.org)

Next Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 10

## 2019 - 2020 Board of Directors

### OFFICERS

PRESIDENT **Kathy Pfuhrer**

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SECRETARY **Rana Ramouni**

TREASURER **Susan Gardynik**

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### STAFF

Executive Director:	Gretchen Sanewsky
Advocacy Director:	Chesley Giertz
Director of Development:	Wendy Erzen
Programs & Services Assistant:	Sandra Dobson
Advocate:	Bettie Cunningham
Lekotek Play Leader:	Lana Richardson
Lekotek Librarian:	Katie Perkins
Claims Processor:	Amy Pomicter
Accounts Payable Clerk	Diamond Watkins
Office Manager:	Latrice Wilborn

**Achieve with us.**



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## From The Executive Director

Dear Friends,

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. To celebrate and raise awareness, The Arc NW is providing the "Everyone Belongs" program. On March 6, 2020 volunteers will be trained at The Arc then go out to 20 schools in the area to read books about children with disabilities to second graders. As volunteers engage with children they will promote inclusion of all people. This is a great way to strengthen Arc NW partnerships with area schools and to continue opening doors for a world where everyone truly belongs. The current generation of children hold the promise of growing up connected with, and living with, people of all abilities. We hope that this will allow individuals with disabilities a more powerful voice in local communities, government, and the workforce. Please do your part to raise awareness by telling someone new about the mission of The Arc NW.

With hope,

Gretchen Sanewsky, Executive Director

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## Thank You to Our Generous Donors!

Marcus and Carolyn Collins  
Luke Contos and Jean Walsh  
Cheryl Curran  
Alfredo and Rita Deflaviis  
Thomas and Kathleen Dooley  
Willam and Adele Farmer  
Susan Gardynik  
Lawrence Gilbert  
Terry Godfroid-Marecki and Mark Marecki  
David and Kim Gurtowsky  
Drew Hansen  
Thomas and Mary Hollman  
Tom and Chris Lerchen  
Thomas and Marianne Mancini



## Arc NW Annual Meeting Award Nominations

Please submit nominations to Gretchen by phone call, email, or letter. It's ideal to have something in writing to fully honor the recipients.

**Nominations accepted through April 17, 2020**

### Award Categories (4)

#### **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 may be 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. This is someone who has made significant achievements in their efforts to gain independence and control of their life. Arc membership is desired but not required for the award.

#### **Teacher/Education Team of the Year**

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



## A SPECIAL THANKS TO JEAN WALSH

### Past President of The Arc NW Board

For over a decade Jean has served faithfully on the board of The Arc NW providing leadership as President and as part of the Executive Director Search Committee. She keeps the board informed of government affairs, arranges meetings with legislators, and has attended the National Disability Seminar in Washington DC many times. She is an excellent ambassador for The Arc's mission both as a board member and through her profession as a Speech and Language Pathologist at Building Bridges (one of our Arc partners). Jean can be seen at countless Arc NW events and provides an enthusiastic example of inclusion in all she does. Effective in June, Jean will leave the board, but will continue to be an involved member of The Arc NW. We thank her from the bottom of our hearts for her dedication and wish her well in some new nonprofit board endeavors.

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## After I'm Gone Program



**March 5, 2020**

Western Wayne Skill Center/Garfield Community School  
**Supporting People in Decision Making**

**March 17, 2020 via Zoom Webinar 2pm - 4pm**

**Beyond Group Homes**

You must rsvp by email at [info@thearcww.org](mailto:info@thearcww.org) for login to participate

**March 18, 2020**

Roosevelt - McGrath Elementary School  
**Social Security & The Dept. of Health and Human Services**

**March 26, 2020**

Western Wayne Skill Center/Garfield Community School  
**Social Security & The Dept. of Health and Human Services**

Information sessions are held monthly during the school year at

**Western Wayne Skill Center/Garfield Community School**  
**10218 Arthur St., Livonia, MI 48150**  
*and at*  
**Roosevelt-McGrath Elementary School**  
**36075 Currier in Wayne**

**6:30pm - 8:30pm**

Please RSVP: 734-729-9100 or 313-532-7915 ext 200

**[info@thearcww.org](mailto:info@thearcww.org)**

**Info on all Arc NW programs can be found on our website in the pull-down menu under Services**

**[www.thearcnw.org](http://www.thearcnw.org)**

## New Arc NW Staff Member

We welcome to The Arc staff team Ms. Bettie Cunningham, who will begin in March as our new Advocate. Bettie will work directly with Chesley Giertz, Advocacy Director, providing support to individuals and families in the school systems and in the mental health benefits system.

Bettie is a licensed Social Worker with a bachelor's degree from Marygrove College. She brings over 20 years experience working with individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) and/or mental health challenges. She has served as a direct care professional, a supports coordinator, and has worked in schools, hospitals, work programs, and community-based programs. She has a family member with I/DD and passionately practices inclusion. In former jobs Bettie was known as the "go-to person" for resources in Wayne County. She deeply shares The Arc's philosophy of self-determination and is a strong leader.

Bettie holds a certificate of Financial Capability and has interest in working with groups to provide financial coaching. We look forward to her getting started as a valued team member at The Arc NW! Please stop by to introduce yourself and welcome Bettie to The Arc family.



Our Valentines dance was held on Friday, February 14, at Thurston high school. Our DJs Randy and Mark played lots of great songs for us. There were lots of Valentine goodies (heart necklaces, stuffed animals, headbands, mugs, Valentine candies) for all our members to have for free. We served beautifully decorated chocolate and vanilla Valentine cakes with an assortment of pop for everyone.

Our upcoming Just Fun Club calendar of events:

**March 13, 6:30 to 9:00 PM St. Patty's dance, Thurston high school cafeteria, \$3.00 at the door**

**April 17, 6:30 to 9:00 PM Chicken Dinner dance, Canton high school, MUST pre-pay \$5.00 at the Arc by Thursday, April 9, 2020**

**May 8, 6:30 to 9:00 PM Ice Cream Social dance, Canton high school, MUST pre-pay \$5.00 at the Arc by Friday, May 1, 2020**

Happy Spring,

Jackie



## JUST FUN CLUB NEWS

### The Arc Sports News



Basketball season will be coming to an end soon.

Good luck to the Lightnings, Pistons, Wildcats, &

Wolverines at the District Tournament (Northville High School, Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>). I'm hoping & wishing all our teams will be together at Calvin College for the State Tournament on March 20 & 21<sup>st</sup>.

Field & Track along with Swimming has started. Area Spring Games will be held at Franklin High School on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. State Summer Games at Central Michigan University will be held May 28-31. Coaches, check now for any expiring health forms. Please check the Coaches Corner at the somi.org website to make sure all your volunteers and your certifications are current through May 31, 2020 to participate in the Summer Games.

Start telling your family & friends to **save the date of Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>** which is the annual Bowling fundraiser at Westland Bowl. Look for the flyer in April's newsletter.

Looking for a fun night out? USA Hockey Arena (old Whalers) is hosting Area 23 Special Olympic Night on March 29. The hockey game starts at 4pm. Tell your family & friends and their friends. All are welcome! Everyone, including groups, must purchase their own tickets. See instructions: **It is easy to order tickets. The website is: [usahockeyntdp.com/specialolympics](http://usahockeyntdp.com/specialolympics) Once you are in, you will see all the links for each Area 23 group that is participating. Click on your group to purchase tickets.**

**If more than 40 tickets are purchased under The NW Arc we get back \$4.00 from each ticket. TICKET PRICE IS \$10. If you have any questions contact: Dylan Abel @ 734-453-6400 ext 302 at USA Hockey Arena.**

Think Spring Everyone - Janice



# SAVE THE DATE



**The Arc**  
Northwest Wayne County

## THE ARC NW 2020 GOLF OUTING

Sunday, May 17 | 8:35AM Shotgun Start

More details soon at [www.thearcnw.org](http://www.thearcnw.org). Email Wendy Ernzen at [wernzen@thearcnw.org](mailto:wernzen@thearcnw.org) with questions.

The Arc of Northwest Wayne County

Presents

### Lekotek Play Day At Tiny Town

When: Saturday March 14, 2020

Time: 12:00PM – 2:00PM

Where: Tiny Town

15444 N. Haggerty Rd

Plymouth, Michigan 48170



Come Join us at Tiny Town for a few hours of fun and excitement

Watching your children play and interact with other children and play

With all of the activities that are provided.

Parents can relax and watch your children play in a wide open room

Where your child is always in your view.

Please RSVP By March 4, 2020 to Lana Richardson at [lrichardson@thearcnw.org](mailto:lrichardson@thearcnw.org)

The Arc Northwest Lekotek Office at 313-532-8524.




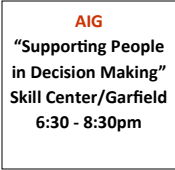







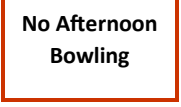







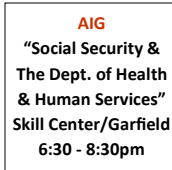



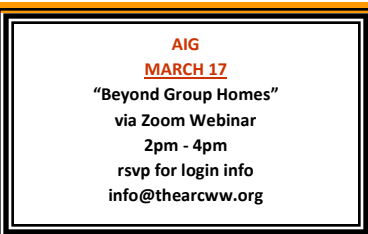



**FREE**  
for all  
Lekotek  
families

**Share the  
news!**

The Arc NW Board Meeting  
6:30pm, Tues. the 10th ~ Arc Office



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Swimming Schoolcraft 4:00 pm Beginners 5:00pm Advanced	2  Basketball Wildcats 5:45pm - 6:45pm Riley Pistons 7:00 - 8:00pm Riley North Wolverines 7:00pm - 8:00pm Cooper	3  Basketball Hotshots 6:00pm-7:00pm Lightning 7:00-8:00pm Cooper Track and Field Franklin Field House 7 - 8pm	4  Track and Field Franklin Field House 7 - 8pm	5  AIG "Supporting People in Decision Making" Skill Center/Garfield 6:30 - 8:30pm	6  Everyone Belongs	7  Early Birds Morning Bowling League 9:00am Oak Lanes Guys & Dolls Afternoon Bowling 1:30pm Start Time Oak Lanes
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**CHECK IT OUT!**  
The Arc of Northwest Wayne County's  
Web Site  
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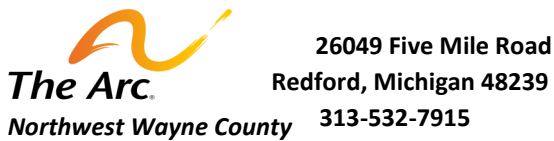




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Call 313-532-7915 to end your printed mailed newsletter.

**Membership Application**

Member Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**PHOTO DISCLAIMER: By joining The Arc NW I am agreeing to have my image used for printed and online marketing efforts.**  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Dues**

New Member

Renewing Member

**DONATIONS**  \$100

\$25  \$150

\$50  \$ \_\_\_\_ Other  **\$100 Organization**

\$75

*Achieve with us!*

**\$25 Individual Membership**

Additional Membership Fees: \$5 to join Just Fun Club  
\$15 to join Lekotek

**\$50 Family Membership**

An individual and his/her family or a group home with multiple residents. Includes additional membership fees for Just Fun Club and Lekotek.

**\$100 Organization**

Businesses, non-profits, community groups, or government entities that support people with disabilities.