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...
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

(Artwork by Eileen Schofield used by permission, DD Council)

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
William 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.
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

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

www.thearcnw.org

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The Arc of Northwest Wayne County
The Arc of Western Wayne County

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 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

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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.
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 7th). I’m hoping & wishing all our teams will be together at Calvin College for the State Tournament on March 20 & 21st.

Field & Track along with Swimming has started. Area Spring Games will be held at Franklin High School on Friday, May 8th. 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 1st 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 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 NW 2020 GOLF OUTING
Sunday, May 17 | 8:35AM Shotgun Start

More details soon at www.thearcnw.org. Email Wendy Ernzen at 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
The Arc Northwest Lekotek Office at 313-532-8524.

FREE for all Lekotek families

Share the news!
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**March 2020**

Northwest Wayne County

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

**March IS OUR MONTH**

**The Arc of Northwest Wayne County’s Web Site**

thearcnw.org
Each edition of this newsletter is prepared for mailing by volunteers.

Inside The Arc is also available online at thearcnw.org
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

O  New Member
O  Renewing Member

DONATIONS

O  $25
O  $50
O  $75

Additionally, $5 to join Just Fun Club
$15 to join Lekotek

O  $100 Individual Membership

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

O  $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.

O  $100 Organization

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

Achieve with us!