Congratulations to The Arc NW Award Winners 2020

Achiever of the Year
Katie Perkins,
Lekotek Librarian at The Arc NW

Members of the Year
Mark and Madeline McLain,
Arc NW Athletic Coaches
Karen Beck and Margaret Pincheck,
Just Fun Club

Volunteers of the Year
Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority
Cande Elchroth
Helen Galindo
Maryalyce Smith
Pat Smith
Judy Steward
Dorothy Warren
Barb Williamson

Thank you
Marianne Licari
for over 20 years
of service on the board
of The Arc NW!

Thank you
Jean Walsh
for over a decade
of service on the board
of The Arc NW!

Welcome New Board Members
Samantha Van Sumeren and Jim Simons
Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who attended The Arc NW Annual Meeting via Zoom on August 27, 2020. We had a great attendance and enjoyed celebrating these wonderful award winners. If you'd like to see highlights from the 2019-2020 year, please visit our website to read the annual report.

A special thank you to all the MANY volunteers who make the mission of The Arc NW such a great success year after year! We can’t do it without you!

Gretchen Sanewsky, Executive Director

Stay well,

Gretchen Sanewsky
Executive Director

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**Upcoming Dates**

- 8/27/20 Annual Member Meeting via ZOOM
- 8/30/20 Golf Outing
- 9/18/20 Supporter Appreciation virtually
- 10/1/20 Census Day
- 2/27/21 Ball for All, 2021 Dinner Dance, Celebrating 60 Years (details TBD)
**Best Wishes to Diamond Watkins**

Diamond has been the Accounts Payable Clerk for our Fiscal Intermediary at The Arc NW since July of 2019. She always has a smile and has assisted all those we serve with a positive attitude. She’s a great team player and an asset to the staff team. Diamond completed her time with The Arc NW on August 2, 2020 and will spend the next year traveling and helping her daughters with home schooling. We will miss her and wish her the very best in this next chapter. Thanks for everything, Diamond!

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**Welcome Yuqiong (Julia) He**

Julia He has accepted the position of Accounts Payable Clerk at The Arc NW and we’re thrilled to have her as part of the team. She will begin work on Monday, August 31, 2020. Julia holds a MS in Accountancy from Western Michigan University and a BS in Economics from Nanjing Science and Technology University in Jiansgsu, China. She has excellent experience with QuickBooks, bookkeeping, teaching, and serving others. Julia has also been a stay-at-home mom and is seeking a part-time position that fits with her family’s needs and her children’s education. We welcome her to the Arc NW family!

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Welcome to our beautiful season of Autumn. Apples, cider and many colorful leaves are beginning to turn beautiful colors of red, yellow and orange on many of our Michigan trees.

Here’s hoping that this newsletter finds everyone healthy and safe as we continue through so many changes in our daily lives. One thing for sure is that we have all learned how much we appreciate and love all of our family, staff and friends who have supported all of us during these difficult times we continue to go through.

Our Just Fun Club, among many other activities continue to be cancelled for any large group gathers. Not only did we have to cancel the September Hot dog roast but we were also notified that our dances at Thurston have been cancelled until further notice. The Redford School District buildings are closed for any social rental gatherings at this time.

Currently, the Hellenic Center, where we have held our Christmas dinner/dance is also closed for any type of group gatherings.

Please know that we have missed ALL of you so much and want you to know that we think of you daily!

Be kind, caring and thoughtful,
Jackie Norris
ARC NW 2020 GOLF OUTING
THANK YOU 2020 SPONSORS FOR MAKING THE ARC NW’S WORK POSSIBLE!

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19TH HOLE SPONSORS

Barton Malow  Tuppy II  National Electric Company  Dan and Gail DiPonio  The Kakar Foundation

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GAME HOLE SPONSORS

HOLE SPONSORS
**Arc NW 2020 Golf Outing - Donations and Sponsorships**

We hosted 137 golfers at The Arc NW 2020 Golf Outing on August 30th at Fox Creek Golf Course. It was a picturesque day with all activities outside to keep everyone safe during this challenging year.

A SPECIAL THANKS to STMicroelectronics for joining us as our Eagle Sponsor. This amazing organization has been our presenting sponsor of the outing since 2006, over fifteen years!

We would also like to thank our Par Sponsors, the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network and KPMG, for your generosity.

We are also grateful for our 19th Hole Sponsors: the Adamo Group, Tuppy II, JMD Contracting, Dan and Gail DiPonio, Wade Trim, Bidigare Contractors, Mutual Electric Company, JPS Mfg. Inc., the Kakar Foundation, the Dooley Family, the Angelo and Margaret DiPonio Foundation, Sole’ Construction, the Dude Abides, Calo and Sons Construction, and Barton Malow.

And thanks to our many generous Game Hole Sponsors and Hole Sponsors this year.

Last, we would like to say THANK YOU to our amazing volunteers who helped out that day especially the DiPonio family for giving their time and talent.

Nicolas Derosiers  
Samantha and Ryan Van Sumeren  
John and Kathleen Price  
Fred Ward and Marlene DiPonio  
Ron and Patty Riggio  
Paul G. Sharrow, C.P.A., P.C.  
Susan Gardynik  
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JPS Mfg., Inc.

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Lasting Impressions  
Angelo & Margaret DiPonio Foundation  
The Kakar Foundation  
Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network  
Tom and Katie Dooley  
Sole’ Construction, Inc.  
VTC Insurance Group  
KPMG  
Calo & Sons Construction, Inc.
All Arc NW Membership fees are due in September

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.
Special Olympics requests all coaches take safety training for Covid-19. I have given Sue Campbell all NW Arc coaches’ names & emails for this training. Once SOMI gets the program up and running I will notify the coaches. It is unknown when team sports will start. The first 3 sports to be opened up will be: Golf, Bicycling, and Kayaking. The next 3 will be Swimming, Field & Track, and Bocce Ball. Start dates are unknown. I will keep everyone posted by way of email or The Arc NW Facebook.

Are moving to Florida in September.

The entire Horner family including their daughters, Jodie and Stacy, have been such wonderful volunteers for the sport program from coaching, chaperoning, and volunteering at bowling fundraisers, being the house where all the Wolverines uniforms & some equipment was kept. The list could go on and on. There will definitely be a big void in the sport program without the Horners. You will be missed so much by all the players, coaches, families, friends of The Arc of NW Wayne County and especially ME. Thank you for all you have done for the Wolverines and the sport program. I won’t say good bye only see you soon and happy travels........ Janice

ALL Lekotek Families

Play Sessions are going to be starting in September the week of the 21st

We are allowing two people (one parent and child) into the play session.

Masks must be worn. If you are not ready for a play session, we are still offering the Toy Exchange.

Please call Lana at The Arc Lekotek office 313-532-8534 to schedule an appointment for either a Play Session or Toy Exchange.

Thank You.

Miss Lana

Lekotek Play Leader
Memorials

Fran Piotrowski - In Memory of Sarah Elizabeth Sevilla
Janice and Mitchell Radon - In Memory of Sean Radon
Andrea Rogoff - In Memory of Sean Radon
Robert M. Guard - In Memory of Rikki Gans

Celebration of Life for Rikki Gans

A Celebration of Life Open House will be held Saturday October 3rd, from 1-4 pm at the Marv Gans Community Park, Northville (use the Johnson Creek entrance off 5 Mile). We are asking folks to please wear face coverings.

In lieu of flowers, we're asking those who wanted to remember Rikki to consider one or more of the following:

• Plant a tree in Rikki’s honor

• Make a memorial donation to either:

  • The Marv & Rikki Gans Athletic Opportunity Fund (https://cfsem.org/gans), or

  • The Arc of Northwest Wayne County (https://thearcnw.org/you-can-change-lives)
AM & PM Saturday Bowling UPDATE

Although bowling alleys are now allowed to open, the Saturday Afternoon Bowling League will delay start of bowling for now. We will reassess in January 2021. Guys and Dolls League does not feel that precautions in place at OAK LANES will be sufficient to protect our bowlers. Oak Lanes will not provide alternating vacant lanes between bowlers and they are also uncertain about mask/sanitizer/social distancing guidelines. Our bowlers are typically in close contact with each other and staff/guests, so we would just as soon defer exposure to this environment at this time. We also feel that this approach is consistent with the Michigan Special Olympics position on the general Athletics Program. We will reassess in January to see if we can pursue a shortened season.

Once we have received more definite information, we will announce the details through The Arc NW newsletter and Facebook Page.

The Census deadline is September 30, 2020

Make your voice count!

Learn how at www.thearcnw.org

This information is brought to you by The Arc Dearborn, The Arc Detroit, The Arc NW, and The Arc WW through generous funding from the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan.
The Marchewka Family
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Laura E. Dunn
Janelle Hansen
The Pomaranski Family
Earl and Debra LaFontaine
Anne Marie Munn
Susan Pennington
Marc Averill
Tony Samborski
Maureen Rice

The Arc NW is pleased to announce we’ve received a grant from
Metro West Chapter of Credit Unions
to further Financial Literacy Work

THANK YOU

The Marchewka Family
Steve Emeigh
Mariam Glantz
Susan Taylor
Candice Taylor
Richard and Loren Parker
The Erickson Family
The Solak Family
William and Kristine Copeland
The Harvey Family
Richard and Cynthia Dziurgot
Adrian Giaccaglia
Monaghan Knights of Columbus Council 2690

General Donations
### September 2020

**Northwest Wayne County**

**CHECK IT OUT!**
The Arc of Northwest Wayne County’s Web Site thearcnw.org

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**THE ARC NW PRESENTS**

**MEMBER TAKEOVER**

Would you like to share your story on our Instagram? Email Wendy Emzen at wemzen@thearcnw.org
Each edition of this newsletter is prepared for mailing by volunteers.

Membership Application

Member Name(s) __________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________________________________
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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

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

Achieve with us!