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June 2021

Arc NW Annual Awards 2021

Volunteer of the Year **Karl Kostrzewa** for advocacy and care for his brother, Laurence

Member of the Year **Kathleen Pfuhler** for her service as Board President, assistance with fundraisers, and care for her sister, Lori

Achiever of the Year

Ryan Klotz

- Arc NW Board Member
- City of Westland Office Intern
- Public Policy Committee & Disability Caucus
- Home & Community Based Services Trainer
- Advocate for People with Disabilities



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

**Arc NW Staff
GREAT WORK during
COVID-19**

- Bettie Cunningham
- Sandra Dobson
- Wendy Ernzen
- Chesley Giertz
- Julie He
- Katie Perkins
- Amy Pomicter
- Deanna Reed
- Lana Richardson
- Latrice Wilborn



Kris Copeland has been the Communications Coordinator for The Arc NW for the past several years. She is retiring from her position. We are sad to see her go!

Kris does a phenomenal job keeping us informed through this wonderful newsletter, our website and Facebook.

Thank you for everything, Kris!
We will miss you!



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2020 - 2021 Board of Directors

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Achieve with us.

Dear Friends,

It's great news that Michigan has more than 55% of our population vaccinated against COVID-19! We're glad to let you know that The Arc NW office building is fully open, but we are still being careful. We continue to follow CDC and MDHHS guidelines. Staff and visitors who are fully vaccinated will not need to wear face coverings in the building. Anyone who is *not* fully vaccinated will need to wear a face covering to be in the building. Unvaccinated staff will wear face coverings in the common spaces of the building. We still need to stay 6ft apart from one another and use good hand washing practices.

Lekotek is open for play sessions and toy lending using these same restrictions. We ask that no more than 2 visitors be in an office with one staff person at a time unless everyone is from the same family living together. We can have small gatherings of up to 8 people socially distanced in the conference room. We are thankful that everyone is staying healthy and safe. We're especially glad to be getting back to more "normal" life together.

You can read more COVID-19 updated guidelines at:

[Updated Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations in Response to COVID-19 Vaccination](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html)
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

Stay well,
Gretchen Sanewsky
Executive Director



Congratulations to newly elected Arc NW Board Officers and Directors

Arc NW Board Officers 2021 - 2022

Rana Ramouni	President School Psychologist
Heidi Warren	Vice President Attorney
Samantha Van Sumeren	Secretary Attorney
James Simon	Treasurer CPA
Kathleen Pfuhler	Past President Sister of a person with IDD

Arc NW Board of Directors 2021 - 2022

Susan Gardynik	CPA
Ryan Klotz	Self-Advocate
Stephen Raymond	Corporate Strategist
Roxanne Riggio	Self-Advocate
Dionka Saddler	Bank manager, Parent of a person with IDD
William Winkler	Grandparent of a person with IDD
Gregory Wittrock	Grandparent of a person with IDD

After I'm Gone Workshops

For families looking for help with future planning, there is just one more After I'm Gone workshop left for the 2020-2021 series. Come learn from experts and advocates who understand how to navigate the systems of services and supports. All sessions will be held on Zoom from 6:00pm to 8:00pm with a virtual happy hour before each session to chat and get help with technology. Email **Chesley Giertz**, our Advocacy Director, at cgiertz@thearcnw.org to register.

Topic and date is below:

- **Financial Planning: 6/3/21**

Thank you to our volunteers from this past year.

Albert, Kyle
Austin, Charles
Babcock, Mary
Bank, Vanessa
Barringer, Ali
Beck, Bill
Beck, Karen
Becks, David
Beers, Mary
Berlingieri, Geordi
Bidigare, Grace
Bittles, Sherry
Boulton, Larry
Brasie, Rosemary
Brey, Angie
Brooks, Bob & Irene
Bryant, Cynthia
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Cantrell, Ken
Carrillo, June
Cicchelli, Natalie
Clark, Cameron
Collop, Jack
Collop, Kathy
Connelly, Mary Beth
Contos, Luke
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Copeland, Kristine
Corbin, Amy
Cousino, Jennifer
Daoud, Marissa
Davis, Archie
Davis, Barb
DelProposto, Allison
DelProposto, Kim
Derkowski, Michael
Diaz, Katelin
Diegel, Ed
Diegel, Kathleen
Dobson, John & Sandy
Dombrowski, Erin

Dombrowski, Phil
Dziurgot, Shirley
Eatinger, Alice
Edwards, Darren
Elliot, John
Erickson, Steve
Esler, Barbara
Fallat, Laura
Ferrill, Chris
Fitzpatrick, Pamela
Francis, Jennifer
Friess, Maiga
Gallas, Jim & Dixie
Gardynik, Susan
Gaston, Doris
Green, Kristyn
Greening, Courtney
Griffith, Vickie
Grossmann, Meghan
Hahn, Kim
Hale, Althea
Harley, Edytheann
Harris, Bryan
Harvey, Beth
Harvey, Collin

Hayosh, Joe
Heaton, Bill
Hebron, Scott
Hedges, Debbie
Henry, Mary Beth
Hetu, Maureen
Hokett, Andrew
Hokett, John & Maggie
Hokett, Peter
Holly, Vicki
Horn, Peggy
Horner, Jim & Nancy
Horton, Roy
Hose', Patsy
Howard, Rosetta
Jarlock, Bonnie
Jenkins, Zoe

Jensen, Jeff
Jenson, Brenda
Kanyo, Steve
Ketelhut, Patti
Ketelhut, Richard
Klosowski, Bob
Klotz, Ryan
Korpela, Jessica
Krcatovich, John
Kretschmer, Patrick
Kwiatkowski, Diane
Lally, Ken
Leaym, Cath
Lerchen, Chris
Lerchen, Tom
Licari, Marianne
Licari, Vince
Luttman, Jerry, Eleanor &
Eliza
Magina, Karin
Mancini, Don
Mancini, Kathy
Mancini, Lauren
Massey, Victoria
Maxwell, Diane
McClain, Mark & Madeline
McHenry, Kelly
McLean, Dorothy
McRae, Kathy
Meeker, Michael
Miller, Sara
Morris, Ashley
Moyses, Kendra
Nagy, Carol
Nasr, Aida
Newberry (Turlo) , Addie
Norris, Jackie & Kurt
Nostrant, Brendan
O'Leary, Loretta
Ondercin, Mike
Pace, Traci

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Parker, Rick
Parker, Scott
Pasko, Diane
Pastucha, Anita
Pfuhler, Kathy
Pincheck Margaret
Pinto, Sarah
Pomicter, Amy
Pytlak, Pat
Radwan Jr., Mike
Radwan Sr., Mike
Radwan, Matt
Ramouni, Rana
Randall, Jo
Raymond, Brenda
Reich, Nolan
Reiner, Josephine
Retting, Eric
Richardson, Richard
Riggio, Roxanne
Rockwell, Diane
Rosbury, Brynn
Rowland, Guerin
Rowland, Kylen
Rydzewski, Peggy
Samborski, Elena
Scala, Mary
Schleicher, Terry
Schrot, Chris
Schuhuolz, Ray
Selewski, Doug
Selvia, Audrea
Shohatee, Sadfah
Sisk, Janet
Smith, Linda
Solterman, Turner
Soto, Vicki
Speck, Matt
Sterling, Annie
Stockfiz, Kayla

Swartzendruber, Michelle
Sykes, Nick
Tappan, Carol
Tozer, Kevin
Tramel, Alex
Truitt, Molly
Tyson, Hildegard
Van Buren, Samantha
Vella, Tom
Vial, Kathy
Walsh, Jean
Warren, Dorothy
Warren, Heidi
Watkins, Diamond
Weaver, Amy
Weneger, Melissa
Wenglinski, Rebecca
Wilborn, Latrice
Wilborn, Taylor
Winkler, Bill
Winkler, Katy
Wittrock, Greg
York, Tina
Zagar, Jim & Pat
Zelenak, Ryan

The Bearden Family
The Bookmeier Family
The Diakow Family
The DiPonio Family
The Harshman Family
The Hedges Family
The Horton Family
The Ostrander Family

With Much Gratitude & Appreciation
THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who
have contributed to the success of the
mission of The Arc NW



The Arc Sports News

Hello Sport Fans!!!

Well so far, still no Special Olympics Sports. I hope by the next sport article in September we are playing baseball or soccer or have heard team sports will soon be starting.

Currently I am awaiting more information from an organization in Georgia about an "Alternative Baseball League" for athletes with disabilities ages 15 years and older in the Flat Rock & Grand Rapids area. They are hoping to have it started sometime in the fall. Once I get more info I will pass it on to the baseball coaches to forward on to the players, families, and staff. I will also notify the Arc for the FB page. This program is NOT related to The Arc NW Sports program.

At this time I'd like to say "See You Later" but never Good-bye to another wonderful family who gave so much to the Sport Program and The Arc plus not to mention the Wolverines and Swim group is losing a great athlete. The Klosowski family will be moving to the Grand Rapids Area! Bob Klosowski, has been a Wolverine coach for more years than I've been writing these articles. Andy, Kathy & Bob's son, has been an athlete since the Jr. Program. Area 11 has no idea what an asset will be arriving to their area soon.

Andy wrote this for the article. "The Klosowski family is moving to Grand Rapids on the first week of June. The next time you see Andy at Special Olympics State Tournaments he'll be wearing the Area 11 uniform."

You will be missed dearly by The Arc of NW Sport Families.

See you in September, I hope. ~ Janice ~

Welcome to the month of June! Now that the warmer weather is coming, many of us can get outdoors to take walks, car rides or just sit outdoors and enjoy the sunshine. Maybe some folks can start to enjoy some outdoor picnics in their yard.

At this time we have no news on our JFC program for the 2021-22 year. So much will depend on whether the school districts are allowing outside agencies to rent the cafeteria's for large groups. We will have more information in July or August.

Wishing everyone a fun Memorial Day with friends and family.

Jackie Norris

JFC

Just Fun Club

The Arc NW 2021 Golf Outing

Do you like to golf and help people with disabilities? Then come to The Arc NW Golf Outing on **Sunday, August 15, 2021**. The outing will be held at **Whispering Willows Golf Course** in Livonia with breakfast at 7:00AM, and the shotgun start is at 8:35AM.

STMicroelectronics will join us again as this year's **Eagle Sponsor**. They have served as the title sponsor for the last 16 years. Funds raised support lifelong programming for people with disabilities and their families.

Join us as a sponsor, golfer, or both. More outing details can be found on the event page on The Arc NW website. See you on the green!



The Arc NW 2021 Golf Outing



Sunday, August 15, 2021
8:35AM Shotgun Start
Whispering Willows
Golf Course
in Livonia, MI



Annual Meeting Donations

Fred Ward and Marlene DiPonio

Athletic Program

Andrew and Victoria Tong

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Vince and Marianne Licari
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Golf Outing

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STEP and Brent Mikulski
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Jean Barber
Knights of Columbus - Edward Cardinal
Mooney Council #3577
Knights of Columbus - St. Edith Council
#13645
Donna and Randy Smith
STEP and Brent Mikulski

In Memory of John Zago

Ann and Edward Skowronski
Bill and Wendy Erzen
Brian and Joan Wake
Cathy and Jeff Russel
Gabriela Martin
John & Margo Dempsey
Lana Richardson
Mary Clare Steiner
Tom and Chris Lerchen

In Memory of Michael Dooley

Dan and Gail DiPonio
Maureen Dooley and Paul Miller
Vince and Marianne Licari

In Honor of Carly Diakow

Allison Churchfield and AbbVie

In Memory of Nancy Holloway for the Athletic Program


Gregory Smith
Kathleen Ann Smith
Matthew & David Sinopoli Smith
The Marchewka Family

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

June 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>After I'm Gone (AIG) via Zoom 6 - 8pm Must RSVP. To get login, email: cgiertz@thearcnw.org</p>		1	2	<p>3 After I'm Gone "Financial Planning" Via Zoom 6-8pm MUST RSVP</p> 	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	<p>New board members orientation August 10, 2021 at The Arc NW Time TBD</p> <p>NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, September 14 6:00 PM</p>		

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Address _____

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Daytime Phone _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email Address _____

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Signature: _____

Membership Dues

- New Member
- Renewing Member

DONATIONS

- \$25
- \$50
- \$75
- \$100
- \$150
- \$ Other

- \$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.

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