June 2021

Inside The Arc

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!
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.


Stay well,
Gretchen Sanewsky
Executive Director
Congratulations to newly elected Arc NW Board Officers and Directors

### Arc NW Board Officers 2021 - 2022

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<td>President</td>
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<td>Heidi Warren</td>
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<td>Samantha Van Sumeren</td>
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<td>James Simon</td>
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### 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
Cabrera, Joanne
Cantrell, Ken
Carrillo, June
Cicchelli, Natalie
Clark, Cameron
Collop, Jack
Collop, Kathy
Connelly, Mary Beth
Contos, Luke
Cook, Robin
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
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Green, Kristyn
Greening, Courtney
Griffith, Vickie
Grossmann, Meghan
Hahn, Kim
Hale, Althea
Harley, Edytheann
Harris, Bryan
Harvey, Beth
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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
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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
Nostrand, Brendan
O’Leary, Loretta
Ondercin, Mike
Pace, Traci

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With Much Gratitude & Appreciation

THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who have contributed to the success of the mission of The Arc NW
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

Just Fun Club

JFC
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!
Annual Meeting Donations
Fred Ward and Marlene DiPonio

Athletic Program
Andrew and Victoria Tong

Dream Builders
John and Arin MacFarland

60th Celebration
Vince and Marianne Licari
with Johnson and Johnson

Golf Outing
Sponsorships & Donations
Eugene and Barb Grewe
Fred Ward and Marlene DiPonio
Jerome Neyer
STEP and Brent Mikulski
Jay Dee Contractors
Mutual Electric Company
Wade Trim
Watertap, Inc.

Where it’s Needed Most
Doug, Gail, and Dan Selewski
Gerald and Patricia Stebbins
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 Ernzen
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
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The Arc of Northwest Wayne County’s
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thearcnw.org

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**MEMBER TAKEOVER**
Would you like to share your story on our Instagram? Email Wendy Erzen at wernzen@thearcnw.org

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**THE ARC NW PRESENTS**

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Membership Application

Member Name(s)

Address

City

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

- $25 Individual Membership
- $50 Family Membership
- $100 Organization

DONATIONS

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

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

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

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

Achieve with us!