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FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

I hope you all had a relaxing, healthy summer! September is here and it's time to renew Arc NW memberships. Did you know that Arc NW memberships are NOT just for participation in athletics or Just Fun Club?

Other ways your Arc NW membership benefits you:

- The Arc NW newsletter mailed directly to you with important updates and information
- Membership and mailings from The Arc Michigan and The Arc US with important resources and information
- Free advocacy and education services
- Notice of ways to advocate for rights for people with disabilities
- Advanced ticket opportunities for Arc NW fundraisers
- An invitation to the annual member meeting
- Notice of ways to volunteer at The Arc NW
- Connection with a great community supporting people with disabilities

How your Arc NW membership helps The Arc NW:

- Keep great staff who provide support for people with disabilities and their families
- Allow us to provide programs like advocacy at NO COST
- Support us to ensure people with disabilities live fully included lives

Even though sports and Just Fun Club were on hold these last 18 months due to COVID-19, The Arc NW has been open and providing services. We are still strong because of your support! Please renew your membership now so we can keep on being here for you!

Gretchen Sanewsky

Executive Director





THE ARC NW 2021 GOLF OUTING



We hosted 152 golfers at The Arc NW 2021 Golf Outing on August 15th at Whispering Willows Golf Course. The weather was gorgeous and play started after breakfast at 8:35 AM. On the course golfers were treated to pizza, BBQ, and water. Adult beverages on the beer cart were courtesy of Tin Cup/Beth Burr. There were games, four holes-in-one prizes, and new cheats this year. When play was done everyone joined together for a steak and chicken dinner, program, and award ceremony. Thank you for to all the attendees and volunteers for supporting people with disabilities!



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Monday, October 4, 2021

Fleming's Steakhouse and Wine Bar in Livonia

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ARC NW WELCOMES NEW STAFF

The Arc NW Welcomes Irene Watts as Development Director

Since 2008, she served as a Co-Founder of All Things Michigan, promoting Michigan-made products and business while collaborating with Sparky Anderson's CATCH charity and other local charitable organizations. She's also volunteered with various non-profits in the Detroit area that support students and single women.

Irene is a recently-elected School Board Trustee for the Dearborn Public Schools and Henry Ford College. Before then, she was a preschool teacher for over 22 years, also serving the last 12 years as an Assistant Director and Administrator.

Irene shares, "I stand where I am now because of my Dad, who has special needs. He worked at McGraw Glass plant for 43 years until the day the factory closed. He and my mom raised four children and sent all four of us to college and two onto graduate school—paid for in large part by his factory salary."

Irene began her service with The Arc NW on August 9, 2021. We are excited to have her as part of the team!

Welcome





ARC NW WELCOMES NEW STAFF

The Arc NW Welcomes Stacy Lewis as Accounts Payable Clerk

Stacy has experience in accounts payable and receivable at an investment organization and has extensive background working as the office manager for various manufacturing organizations and in a property management company. She is very familiar with billing, QuickBooks, bookkeeping, and reporting, along with customer service. She also has a family member and a close family friend with disabilities, so she has a heart for The Arc NW's mission. We are excited to welcome Stacy as part of the team! Stacy will be in the office full time and began her service with The Arc NW on August 23, 2021.

BEST WISHES TO ARC NW STAFF MOVING ON

Saying goodbye is never easy! We are sad to share that Wendy Ernzen, Development Director, has moved on to a new position. Wendy created a great foundation for the position, ensuring our fundraising events were successful, developing relationships with donors, and helped The Arc NW secure grants. We will miss her and wish her the very best in the future!

We also said goodbye to Julia He, Accounts Payable Clerk, who transitioned to being home full time with her young children. She will be very busy homeschooling this year. We appreciate her accurate work and kindness to everyone. We will miss her and wish her the very best in the future!

THANK YOU



SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Bowling at Oak Lanes 1:30 pm
12	13	14 Board Meeting 6:00 pm	15 Letters of Intent 12 pm - 1 pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Letters of Intent 6 pm - 8 pm	24 Fall Tournament	25 Fall Tournament
26	27	28	29	30		

Upcoming 2021 – 22 Event Dates

Sip & Support ~ Monday, October 4, 2021

Dinner Dance ~ Saturday, February 26, 2022



Welcome to the season of Autumn! This is a great time of year for apples, cider, and donuts. In Autumn it's also nice to enjoy the beautiful change in the colors of the leaves on the trees. So many pretty red, orange and yellows. We also begin to have cooler temperatures in the evening.

Unfortunately, we are unable to have our JFC dances. School districts are not allowing large gatherings in their buildings. It's important that we continue to follow all of the guidelines to keep everyone safe. We miss all of you!

Jackie Norris

JFC chairperson



Just Fun Club News



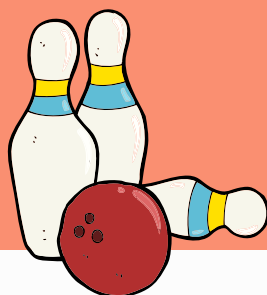
We will reconvene bowling at Oak Lanes on Sept. 11 at 1:30 pm start (carryover). We are asking all bowlers to be “there” by 1:00 pm so we can “settle in” for this first-time session.

We will bowl the usual (2) games and should be complete by 3:00 pm 😊 The cost is still \$6 each week for participation.

COVID RESTRICTIONS: Consistent with Special Olympics guidelines, we will be asking each bowler (and attending chaperon, family, or friends) to be vaccinated or demonstrate recent negative test results. Our bowlers will be sitting, as they normally do, close to each other, so they will also be asked to bring/wear masks. The attending folks will have separate seating behind the bowlers, following safe distance guidelines. 😊

Saturday afternoon bowling will start our season, and bowl EVERY SATURDAY. The schedule will be provided at the first session, along with some surprises!!

WELCOME BACK, BOWLERS!!! 😊😊😊😊



Bowling at Oak Lanes

FINALLY, as of today, 8-18-21, the Baseball & Soccer teams have been approved by Special Olympics to start practice. Special Olympics has canceled the SE Regional Tournament in Brighton, but as of today, the Fall Tournament of Sept 24th & 25th is still on. If there is a change, you will be notified by your coach. Special Olympics is asking for all athletes/volunteers of Baseball & Soccer to obtain a copy of your vaccination card & give it to your coach. If you are not vaccinated, you must get a Covid-19 test 72 hours before the tournament & submit the proof of negative test to the coach.

Bowling - Will be starting on Saturday, September 11th at Oak Lane at 1 pm. It's every other Saturday. There is a cost. Bowling is not a Special Olympics Sport. It is a sport organized by Vicky Soto & The Arc of NW Wayne County.

Basketball is the next sport the Special Olympics is talking about. They are hoping the Covid-19 Delta Variance does not cause a shutdown of the program. Basketball is tentatively scheduled to start January 2022.

Coaches/parents/volunteers - Call Lana or me and ask when the health form expires. Do the Covid-19 Code of Conduct which is on the SOMI website & Arc of NW website. Coaches/Volunteers check coaches' corner to make sure all your paperwork is up to date. I never want to go through this again, waiting for the last minute to complete the paperwork. It was a nail-biter.

Stay Well, everyone. - Janice



Sports News

The After I'm Gone (AIG) program is back with lots of important future-planning information. Mark your calendars and don't forget to register for these upcoming virtual workshops:

Letters of Intent: 9/15/21, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Letters of Intent: 9/23/21, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Estate Planning for Your Future: 10/6/21, 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Estate Planning for Your Future: 10/7/21, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Call 313-532-7915, ext. 200 to register



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Member Name(s) _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 Daytime Phone _____
 Email Address _____

 _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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

<p>Membership Dues</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Member</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Renewing Member</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> \$25 Individual Membership Additional Membership Fees: \$5 to join Just Fun Club \$15 to join Lekotek</p>
<p>DONATIONS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$150</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> \$75 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ Other</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> \$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.</p>
		<p><input type="checkbox"/> \$100 Organization Businesses, non-profits, community groups, or government entities that support people with disabilities.</p>

Achieve with us!