



Inside The Arc

April 2022

From the Executive Director

The Michigan legislature is still considering Senate Bills 597 and 598 that will move public behavioral health and IDD care to the private insurance system. Robert Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer of the Community Mental Health Association of Michigan, states that if passed, this legislation “would drastically impact Michigan’s Community Mental Health (CMH) system, the public Medicaid health plans (in federal terms, Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP)), and the system’s network of providers – a system that Michiganders have relied upon for years for high quality mental health care.” (statement to The Arc MI, 2/17/2022)

YOU CAN HELP!

Roxanne Riggio, Arc NW board member, and her mother Patty Riggio, participated in an advocacy video explaining the potential impact of Senate Bills 597 and 598. We are SO PROUD of their excellent efforts on behalf of everyone with disabilities in Michigan!



Patty Riggio



Roxanne Riggio

Please copy this link into your browser to watch the video on YouTube. Then go to the CMHAM link below to sign the petition to keep behavioral health benefits under public control.

WATCH VIDEO: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UGGa0FpP5kk&ab_channel=94EProductions

SIGN HERE: <https://cmham.org/advocacy>

Let's make a difference **TOGETHER!**

Gretchen Sanewsky, Executive Director



Best Wishes to some very special Arc NW Staff



Best Wishes, Chesley!

Chesley Giertz, Advocacy Director at The Arc NW, will be leaving her position as of April 1, 2022. For nearly a decade Chesley provided strong support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. She is a champion for full inclusion and has been instrumental in the lives of countless people, assisting them to receive appropriate education and live full lives in the community. Chesley's calm, reassuring presence and keen awareness of special education policies helped students succeed in school. She is a leader, a supportive team player, and has been a great asset to The Arc NW. We will miss her!



Best Wishes, Sandy!

Sandy Dobson, Payroll Specialist for The Arc NW Financial Management Services will be retiring as of April 30, 2022. Sandy has faithfully served in her current role, and other roles, for over 7 years. She has assisted countless families to hire staff so their loved ones with disabilities can live self-determined lives. She has become an expert in the direct hire process and always shares her huge heart with families who are struggling. We will greatly miss her! We wish her the very best in this new chapter of life!

Just Fun Club Greetings

Welcome to the season of Spring! We are starting to have warmer temperatures and more daylight hours in the evening. Time to get outdoors walking in the neighborhood or visiting a park. I saw on Facebook many friends celebrating St. Patrick's Day! Lots of wearing of the green and yummy desserts. Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter! Stay safe and healthy.

-Jackie Norris, JFC Chair



“BOWLING FUNDRAISER IS BACK”

The Arc NW Annual Sport Program Bowling Fundraiser

FRIDAY June 10th – Check in 6:00 – Bowling Starts at 6:30pm

Westland Bowl – 5940 Wayne Rd., Westland

\$25 per Bowler 2 games, shoes, pizza, mystery game & door prizes.

PRE-PAYMENT IS REQUIRED BY MAY 27TH

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO : The Arc NW Athletic Program

Mail your payment to: Janice Bearden 8890 Lamont Livonia, MI 48150

For tickets or info contact: Janice Bearden (734) 542-1114

Complete below and return with your payment by May 27, 2022 to
Janice Bearden 8890 Lamont Livonia, MI 48150

Contact Person & Ph. # for Team: _____

Yes, I Have a Team: Bowlers first & last name: (6 bowlers per lane)

(1) _____ (2) _____

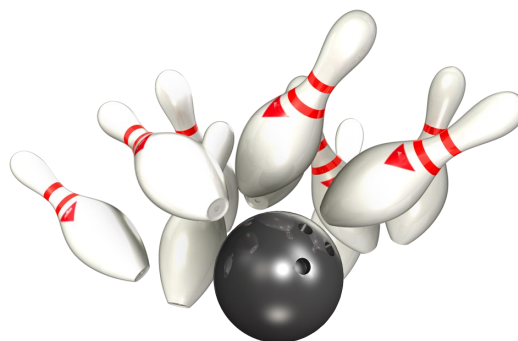
(3) _____ (4) _____

(5) _____ (6) _____

If more than 6 bowlers in your group, list names on back of sheet.

No, I do not have a team. Place me on a lane.

Name & Phone #:



ARC ATHLETICS



Saturday AFTERNOON Bowling Update



This season's bowling was shortened to 21 weeks due to COVID restrictions and conflicts with other tournaments at Oak Lanes. Saturday, March 19 was the LAST bowling date for the 2021/2022 season. We'll be back starting September 10, 2022 at 1:30 PM. More bowlers needed! Please call Jim at 248-318-8856 to sign up.
Best Regards, Jim Gallas

Special Olympics of Michigan Forms go Online

Special Olympics of Michigan (SOMI) is moving into the 21st century with technology. It's going electronic! It will take time for all of us to work the bugs out of the system. This will require a new way of thinking, explaining, and completing forms. Athletes who don't have internet or don't use email will need to print a copy and bring it to The Arc NW when completed. Please contact me with questions and for links to forms.

Swimming has started for this season with forms already returned to SOMI. We will start using electronic forms for Baseball and Soccer. Any NEW and RETURNING athletes will need to update their forms electronically.

SOMI has redesigned their website. You can find it at www.somi.org. New athletes should complete the Athlete Interest Form located on the website's homepage at the bottom under "Become an Athlete." The health form is available on The Arc NW website and can be printed off. Find it on the website at www.thearcnw.org.

Thanks for all you do everyone, Janice Bearden



April Workshop via Zoom

- Topic: Banking Basics
- Date: **Tuesday, April 26, 2022**
- Time: 6:00 pm
- Place: Online

Registration required

Contact: Bettie Cunningham (313) 532-7915 **(313) 532-7915** ext. 204 or

bcunningham@thearcnw.org



After I'm Gone Future Planning Sessions April 2022 *Sessions held online*

April 14, 6 PM - 8 PM
Person Centered Planning and Self Determination

April 28, 6 PM - 8 PM
Supported Decision Making

Register at www.thearcww.org/aig



Thank you for joining us for The Arc of Northwest Wayne County Ball for All Dinner Dance Celebration! More than 200+ people joined us on Saturday, February 26, 2022 and over 49 donors.

Because of your generosity, we raised \$71,820.93, WOW, to help people with disabilities. Thank you.

The Dinner Dance date has been set for Saturday, February 25, 2023. We hope you will join us!



 **BALL FOR ALL 2022**
 The Arc of Northwest Wayne County's Dinner Dance

GOLD SPONSORS



SILVER SPONSORS



Board member
Steve Raymond



Tim Dimitroff
& Gayle Vorpapel

BRONZE SPONSORS



Mutual Electric



Thank you for supporting The Arc of NW Wayne County and people with disabilities!

Ball fo All Dinner Dance Committee

- Marianne Licari, Committee Chair
- Cynthia Bryant
- Luke Contos
- Tommy DiPonio
- Vince Licari
- Bill Winkler

Special People and Businesses

- Grace Bidigare
- Mary Beth Connolly
- Gail DJenna DiPonio
- Laura Fallat
- Mary Beth Henry
- Jenna DiPonio
- Mary Collins
- Maisy Seale
- Jozie Grignon
- Carol Tappan
- Al Shay
- Izzy Watts
- Dimes Into Dreams Events
- Taylor Wilborn
- Nothing Bundt Cake
- Flite Sweets

Arc NW Staff

- Gretchen Sanewsky, Executive Director
- Bettie Cunningham
- Sandy Dobson
- Irene Watts
- Chesley Giertz
- Stacy Lewis
- Deanna Reed
- Lana Richardson
- Latrice Wilborn
- Amy Pomicter
- Katie Perkins

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- Roxanne Riggio
- Dionka Saddler
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- Kathleen Pfuler, Past President

Ball for All Dinner Dance Donors

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Schou
Carol Tappan
John & Judith Uetz
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Bonefish Restaurant
Marc & Carolyn Collins
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Paul & Anne Doulette
Larry Gilbert
Paul Glanz
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of Columbus
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Ron & Sharon Miller
MotorCity Casino Hotel
Robert Nickoloff
Cheryl Nolan-Helzberg
Diamonds
Donald & Francis O'Connell
Mitchell & Janice Radon
Chris Sakolowski
Scotty Simpson's Fish &
Chips
Seasons 52
Sedona Taphouse
Shake Shack
Streetside Seafood
Emiljana & Thomas Vella
Vertical Restaurant
Janet Webley
Wine Palace - Fine Wine &
Spirits
Yard House



THE ARC NW'S
ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING
Thursday, May 5, 2022 6:00-7:00 PM
A virtual meeting on Zoom
Login at 5:45 PM for informal conversation!

Here's the link to the Zoom meeting (copy and paste this into your web browser)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7461347529>

If Zoom asks for an ID type in these numbers: **746 134 7529**

To join by phone select from these numbers:

One tap mobile

+13017158592,,7461347529# US (Washington DC)

Dial by your location

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)



Join us for 2021 highlights, Awards, and EXCITING ARC NW NEWS!

AWARD NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH 4/15/22

Gretchen 313-532-7915 ext 203 email gsanewsky@thearcnw.org.

Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year award is given to someone who has voluntarily (without pay or remuneration) assisted The Arc NW and its members. The volunteer may or may not be an Arc NW member.

Member of the Year

The member of the Year award is given to a member of The Arc NW 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 NW 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.



The Arc

Northwest Wayne County

2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 April Fool's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Arc NW board conference room 6:30 PM	13	14 AIG 6-8 PM	15 Annual Award nominations due to Gretchen	16
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24	25	26  6:00 PM	27 Lekotek at Redford Library 1:00 PM	28 AIG 6-8 PM	29	30

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



May 5, 2022
Arc NW Annual Meeting
6:00 PM online



Northwest Wayne County

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Redford, MI 48239**

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**26049 Five Mile Road
Redford, MI 48239
313-532-7915**

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

- New Member
- Renewing Member

DONATIONS \$100

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

\$25 Individual Membership

\$50 Family Membership

\$100 Organization

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!