



What's happening at The Arc NW this year?

One of the biggest plans for The Arc NW in 2023 is renovations of our new building! Some of the spaces are too large for offices and some are far too small. We will be using even more office space for staff when complete. We will also give the building interior a much needed “facelift” of carpeting and paint. We hope to have a timeline for construction early in 2023. The floor plan for renovations is displayed in the building lobby.

The next time you visit, check it out!

On the outside of the building, we will be getting signage. We plan to have a monument sign near Haggerty Road and one on the side of the building facing 275. We are in the process of getting bids from sign companies.

The Arc NW will work on raising funds to cover the cost of signs, interior renovations, and furnishings throughout 2023.

Most important, we will be using the new building to expand our programs and services. The board updated The Arc NW's strategic plan which includes discovering the needs of Arc NW members and community members to decide on new programs to offer. We're working hard to get the word out about our current programs and services so we can reach more people who need us. Please help us spread the word to your neighbors and friends.

We look forward to an exceptional year at The Arc NW in 2023!

Gretchen Sanewsky

Executive Director

Arc Monthly Newsletter

February 2023



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MARK MCCLAIN - Special Olympic 2022 Spirt Award Winne

Nominated by Jim Gallas

On December 2nd at Hall of Fame & Awards Banquet Mark McClain was awarded "The Spirit Award" for his years of dedication to Special Olympics as a Coach and mostly his determination & dedication to all the Athletes and their families. Mark & his wife Madeline, were instrumental in starting the sports program at The Arc of Northwest Wayne County over 38 years ago. Their son Eric wanted to play sports. Eric was young boy of 10 years old. There were NO sports teams in Livonia or surrounding areas that would allow Eric to play. The McClain's, along with a group of other parents from The Arc of NW Wayne County, started the sports program. Since then with Mark & Madeline leading the way the program has grown into what it is today which includes: Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Field & Track, Floor Hockey, Soccer, & Swimming along with 15 coaches, 25 volunteers and over 100 athletes.

Mark & Madeline were unable to attend the award ceremony that night because Mark was not feeling well. Mark was not aware that he had won the award, but Madeline, Jim Gallas, Sue Campbell, Area 23 Director for Special Olympics and I knew he won. We kept it a secret. On December 15th at the floor hockey pizza celebration we were all present along with many of Mark's athletes & parents to present the award to Mark.

There are no words to express how thankful we all are to Mark & Madeline for all their dedication to this GREAT sports program they started so many years ago.

-Janice Bearden



JFC News

Our Just Fun Club Christmas dinner dance was held on Sunday, December 11 at the Hellenic Center in Westland Michigan. We had 210 members, family and friends attend the event.. We had a wonderful dinner and so much fun at the photo booth! The Trademark band played lots of fun Christmas songs for us to dance to.

Santa Claus arrived and joined us on the dance floor dancing with everyone! He also went table to table greeting folks and shaking their hands and wishing them a happy holiday.

Since December, Michigan has been experiencing a higher than average surge in Covid cases. Because of these new increases, we have canceled our January 13th, Country Western dance and February 3rd, Valentines dance. Information will be on the Arc Northwest Wayne County Facebook and website page. Please refer to these resources to stay informed.

Jackie Norris
Just Fun Club Chair



Sport News – Sports are back in full swing for 2023.

BASKETBALL - upcoming tournaments dates – Times TBD
February 11th Saturday – Area 23 Tournament at Franklin High School,
In Livonia.

March 5th Sunday – District Tournament at Legacy Center Sports
Complex – Brighton.

(Must win your division to advance to State Tournament)

March 17-18 – State Tournament at Calvin University, Grand Rapids.

(Women's Team qualifies for State)

FIELD & TRACK – February 6th Monday 6:30 – 8pm practice starts at
Churchill Field House. Head Coaches Kim Hahn and Kristy Green.

SWIMMING – February 19th Sunday 4-6pm practice starts at
Schoolcraft College. 4-5pm Beginners, 5-6pm Advanced.
Head Coaches – Addie Newberry.

Tournament Dates – Area Spring Games May 5th at Franklin High School.
State Tournament – May 31 – June 2 at Central Michigan University.

Remember coaches and volunteers all your paperwork **MUST BE** current and
in Special Olympics Volunteer Management System – VMS any questions
please contact me. Also, start working on your rosters as soon as possible and
submit TO: se.forms@somi.org remember to cc Sue Campbell and myself.
Once SOMI approves your roster practice can start. SE forms reviews VMS &
athletes paperwork making sure all is current & up to date until June 3, 2023.

Polar Plunge will be held February 18th at Belleville Yacht Club. If you've never
seen this go & check it out. There will also be 50/50, Silent Auctions, and food
to purchase.

Janice Bearden

***SAVE THE DATE – Friday June 9th
BOWLING FUNDRAISER at Westland
Bowl***





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Questions?

Irene Watts

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Our mission is to build inclusive communities through advocacy, support, and information for individuals with disabilities.

2023 Ball for All
Dinner Dance



FEBRUARY 25, 2023

Dinner | Open Bar | Live Music | Raffle | Silent Auction

You are cordially invited to join us:

Laurel Manor
39000 Schoolcraft Road
Livonia, MI 48150
February 25, 2023
6:30 pm - 11:30 pm

Tickets \$135 per person | \$100 per person with a disability

Tickets available at www.thearcnw.org

Please RSVP by Saturday, February 11



Register to participate in our silent auction at www.thearcnw.org beginning Thursday, February 16.



Purchase raffle tickets now and save!

PRE-EVENT PRICE: 10 TICKETS FOR \$20.00

EVENT PRICE: 6 TICKETS FOR \$20.00

Raffle tickets good for chance to win exceptional prizes!

Raffle drawn during the February 25 event.

Proceeds will benefit the new Arc NW building

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ATTENTION ALL DIRECT HIRE STAFF CAREWHEN APP USERS!!

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Staff providing community living supports to individuals served by The Arc NW can access training and help to use the CareWhen phone app to log hours and tasks. Here's how:

Go to The Arc NW website to find a copy of the CareWhen training powerpoint specially designed for The Arc NW at www.thearcnw.org. This includes step-by-step information on using the app on a smartphone and on using a landline phone to call in hours and tasks.

Contact Kay or Deanna at The Arc NW by phone or email to answer questions or trouble shoot. They can send you video links to instructions on how to login and logout on the app. Here's how:

Email:

Kay: kwilliams@thearcnw.org

Deanna: dreed@thearcnw.org

Call: 313-532-7915 ext 210

Stop by the office for in-person assistance. The Arc NW is located at 7170 N. Haggerty Rd., Canton, 48187. The best times to stop by are Monday-Friday 9 AM-noon.



After I'm Gone Future Planning Sessions

After I'm gone Sessions for February 2023 - For more information or Register in advance at [www.thearcnw.org / aig/](http://www.thearcnw.org/aig/) or call

313-532-7915 x 204 or you can go to
bcunningham@thearcnw.org

February 2, 2023

Housing Options

February 18, 2023

Letter of Intent

*Sessions held online 6:00pm- 8:00pm
Via Microsoft Teams Webinar.*

Register in advance by visiting www.thearcnw.org/aig/

Financial Literacy Workshops:

- This year financial literacy workshops will be held at **6:00 pm once per quarter and in person.**
- The first and last workshop, planned for **March and December, will be held at The Arc NW in Canton.**
- We are planning for the **June and September workshops to be held at a local**
- **library** in one of the following cities: Redford, Livonia, or Northville. More details will be available once locations are secured.
- **Bank of American staff will continue to facilitate** the workshops as they did last year.
- One or two gift **\$25 cards will be raffled** at each workshop. Must be present to win!

Each workshop will include a post survey.

The first workshop, **Spending and Saving, will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at 6 pm at The Arc NW.** Flyers for the March workshop will be available mid-February. If you would like to register or have questions, please call or email:

Bettie Cunningham at (313) 532-7915, ext. 204 or bcunningham@theacrnw.org.

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 AIG 6- 8 pm	3 JFC Dance Cancelled	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Valentines Day	15	16 AIG 6 - 8 pm	17	18
19	20	21 Board Meeting 5:30 pm	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				



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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**

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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