



WEAR BLUE!! But not for your favorite sports team. Blue is the color worn to support autism awareness in April. The puzzle piece ribbon is such a wonderful symbol! In 1999 the Autism Society of America designed this ribbon to raise awareness. The puzzle piece signifies the complexity of the autism spectrum. The ribbon symbolizes the diversity of people with autism. The bright colors show hope.

www.sarahdooleycenter.org Posted 10/27/21 by Drew Melson

During autism awareness month in April we can wear the puzzle piece ribbon or the color blue to remember how much individuals with autism contribute to our lives.

WHAT IS AUTISM?

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability caused by differences in the brain. Some people with ASD have a known difference, such as a genetic condition. Other causes are not yet known...People with ASD may behave, communicate, interact, and learn in ways that are different from most other people...People with ASD often have problems with social communication and interaction, and restricted or repetitive behaviors or interests. People with ASD may also have different ways of learning, moving, or paying attention. (www.cdc.gov)

Like all people, individuals with ASD have wonderful talents and some challenges. No matter because people with autism contribute to our world in important ways. Did you know that some very famous people have autism? A few people you may know who have an ASD diagnosis are: David Byrne, Dan Aykroyd, Daryl Hannah, Courtney Love, and even Steve Jobs and Sir Isaac Newton are thought to be on the autism spectrum. (blog.ongig.com) When we practice inclusion, our world is full of light and color from our uniqueness's. We are each a puzzle piece contributing to part of the bigger picture. We would NEVER want to have a piece to the puzzle of life missing! When we grow and learn together we can unlock each other's potential to be amazing. Let's wear blue in April and be part of the puzzle that makes our world an exciting adventure!

Gretchen Sanewsky
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The Arc Athletic Ladies Hotshots Basketball team Capture 2nd place at The Michigan State Women's Basketball Finals in Grand Rapids MI on March 17, 2023 Division One . Congratulations Ladies!



Sport News

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Basketball Updates – State Tournament was held Friday March 17th at Calvin University. Lady Hot Shots took home the Silver Medal and - Lightning's brought home the Bronze. What an exciting season it was for all of the teams: Pistons, Lady Hot Shots, & Lightning's and for all coaches, volunteers, and parents. Thank you to Redford Union Beech Elementary for the generous \$1.00 fee they charged us for using that great big gym!! Michael Marsh, player on the Lightning team works at Beech Elementary so Coach Jim Holloway, gave Michael a framed Thank You photo of the teams which he presented to his boss and co-workers on behalf of Lady Hot Shots & Lightning's. See photo which was presented to Beech Elementary.

Swimming, Track & Field practices are going strong with Spring Games being held at Franklin High School, Friday May 12th. Field & Track will be attending Summer games at Central University in June but Swimming will not be attending.

Next time you are at The Arc building please check out the new sports plaque. It's The Arc of NW Sports Hall of Fame. Currently two names are listed: Jeff Campbell and Linda Pfeiffer. Jeff was an athlete for many years, he passed away in December 2020. Linda was a coach for many years she had to give up coaching, due to health reasons. See photo of when Coach Holloway went to visit Linda to show her the plaque. Linda was very moved with this honor.

Going forward with future names for the plaque – All coaches, athletes, volunteers are welcome to nominate a person who should be recognized.

Please email me the name of the person you would like to nominate and why. It does not have to be a lengthy explanation. A Volunteer plaque is on display at The Arc.

All of our wonderful coaches, assistant coaches, and volunteers who help with running the sport program are listed. The Arc of NW is looking for nominations in 4 categories for the upcoming Annual Meeting to be honored.(see Page 6). This is your chance to submit your nomination to Gretchen by phone or by email with your nominee.

Deadline is April 15h.

June 9th – Westland Bowl – Bowling Fundraiser. Get your family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors together for a fun night. of bowling. I'd like a basket donated from all the sports groups we have in the sports program. If an individual would like to donate that's welcome too!! Karyn Bookmeier and Kathy Smith will organize the Bake Sale Consider donating to the sale.

Happy Spring

Janice





The Arc NW Annual Awards Nominations- 4 Categories

Please submit nominations to Gretchen by phone 313-532-7915 ext 203 or email gsanewsky@thearcnw.org. It's ideal to have something in writing to fully honor the recipients.

NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH APRIL 15, 2022

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 NW Annual Member Meeting

held at the new building
7170 N. Haggerty Rd., Canton, MI 48187

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

- **DINNER cost \$15/person**
 - Catered by Joy Manor
 - Grilled chicken * Roasted potatoes * California vegetables
dessert * beverages
- **ANNUAL REPORT AND UPDATES**
- **AWARDS PRESENTATION**
- **ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**
- **SOCIAL TIME**

REGISTER BY APRIL 14, 2023

Return form to The Arc NW with payment or register online www.thearcnw.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Number attending: _____

X \$15= _____

JFC News

Hello all, our Just Fun Club will be having our last two dances of the season:

Chicken dinner dance
Friday, April 14
Canton High school
6:30 pm to 9 o'clock pm
\$5 in advance paid to The Arc.



Ice cream social
Friday, May 12
Canton High school
6:30 pm to 9 o'clock pm
\$5 in advance paid to The Arc



We look forward to seeing everyone!

Jackie Norris



Letter from the Editor

Reminder: When writing an article for the newsletter please keep it to a minimum . We are now being asked to use Arial and size 14 Font, for individuals to read our newsletter with ease. Many articles are too long and need to be edited to fit on the page.

Thank you for your understanding.

If you have any questions you can call Lana at 313-532-8524 or email lrichardson@thearcnw.org.

Thank You,

Lana

The Arc of NW Wayne County

Annual Sport Program Bowling Fundraiser

FRIDAY June 9th – Check in 6:00 – Bowling Starts at 6:30pm

Westland Bowl – 5940 Wayne Rd., Westland

\$30 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, 2023 to
Janice Bearden 8890 Lamont Livonia, MI 48150**



Contact Person & Ph. # for Team:

Yes, I Have a Team: List your bowlers first & last name

(1) _____ -- (2)-----

(3) _____ (4)

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

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

Name & Phone #:



After I'm Gone Future Planning Sessions

After I'm Gone Sessions for April 2023

April 13, 2023 - Supported Decision Making

April 20, 2023 - Transition Planning


**Sessions held online 6:00pm- 8:00pm
Via Microsoft Teams Webinar.
Register in advance by visiting
www.thearcww.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 America 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. For more Info please call or email:
Bettie Cunningham at (313) 532-7915, ext. 204 or bcunningham@thearcnw.org.
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April 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 Good Friday Arc Closed	8
9 Easter Sunday 	10	11 Board Meeting 5:30 The Arc	12	13 Millionaires Party Fundraiser Begins Tonight	14 JFC Chicken Dinner Dance 6:30 Canton High school	15 Millionaires Party Fundraiser Ends Tonight
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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 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: _____

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

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