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Broderick to retire as Executive Director of Arc of NEPA



Don Broderick joined the Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania in 1970 and was named its executive director in 1978. He will retire from the organization March 30.

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As a child growing up in Maryland, Donald Broderick knew his cousin was different. Severely disabled, the girl lived with her parents until she was 16, when Broderick's uncle and aunt could no longer handle her and placed her in an institution. She died six months later. "It was kind of a family tragedy at that point, but it was one of those things I could never figure out when I was a kid: Why were there people who were different like that?" Broderick recalled last week. "I thought, I have to learn more about this. This is an interesting part of life I don't know anything about, and it just kind of tumbled."

His quest for an answer would lead Broderick to the University of

Scranton and then take him to the organization now known as the Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania, where the Baltimore native would dedicate himself to helping people with intellectual disabilities and autism.

On March 30, Broderick, 67, will retire as executive director of the Arc, capping a 47-year career with the organization, including the last 40 years as its top administrator.

During his tenure, the Arc has grown from a small agency based at Allied Services that served only Lackawanna County into a regional organization that now reaches into Monroe, Pike, Susquehanna, Wayne and Carbon counties.

It moved from Allied into its flagship facility on Meadow Avenue in 1984. Its annual budget, which was around \$100,000 when Broderick came on board, is now pushing \$8 million.

One of the major factors in the organization's growth has been the expansion of its residential programs, and Broderick said it is among the accomplishments he is most proud of during his tenure.

When he joined the Arc, about 13,000 Pennsylvanians with intellectual disabilities were housed in state institutions, often in horrendous conditions; the number is now around 800. "As far as significance goes, bringing people home from state institutions and (getting them) living in communities is probably

one of the most significant things that's happened since I've been here and we were involved in all of that," he said. At times, that meant fighting zoning battles over group homes, he said. However, the not-in-my-back-yard attitudes that were prevalent in the mid-1980s are far less so today. "Especially around here people have been very accepting and realize disability can happen to anybody," Broderick said. "It's not stuck to an economic level. We serve people who are from very wealthy families and we serve people from very poor families. ... That's been our job — to have people assimilated into society."

Broderick got his start at the Arc in 1970, working at the Robinson Park Day Camp program during the summer while pursuing his bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Scranton, where he also earned a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling. He landed

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President's Message



On behalf of the Board, I would like to offer some thoughts on the announced retirement of Don Broderick. Citing his more than four decade commitment to this organization should be plenty of cause for celebration. Perhaps the amazing growth of The Arc under Don's steady hand might be an even more laudable accomplishment. But I think what stands out above all else is the way, through all these years and all of his success, Don Broderick has remained grounded in a personal commitment

to the welfare of the individuals and families that have turned to The Arc for assistance. What is more, Don has imbedded that sense of caring and compassion into the culture of this extraordinary organization. That is a legacy which truly needs to be noted and certainly worth celebrating.

More will be said on this subject and the bright road ahead with Maryclaire Kretch at the helm. But for now, on behalf of the Board of Directors, the families served by The Arc and this community, I say,... Thank You Don!

Bob Durkin

Exec's Corner



The 2017-18 state budget is final. The Governor signed the revenue bill that reflects on the attached the increases on the line items tracked. The bill closed the budget gap with:

- o No new taxes
- o Expanded gambling expected to generate \$200 million
- o Borrowing \$1.5 billion against the tobacco settlement fund

o Allows for a one-time \$500 million fund transfer

Thanks to all of you and all of our disability partners' extensive advocacy work, the Commonwealth has the best budget for people with intellectual disability and autism in 10 years. Let's celebrate today, and continue our advocacy work with the Governor on his 2018-19 budget proposal due in Feb. Great job one and all!

I recently attended the PAR Solutions Conference in Harrisburg (PA Advocacy & Resources for Autism & Intellectual Disabilities). Some very interesting topics and issues were discussed that I would like to share with you. Nancy Thaler, Deputy Secretary of ODP, during her presentations, made some compelling remarks. Nancy's career in this field began in 1971; mine in 1972 so we have seen a lot of change in those 45 plus years.

Someone recently asked her if things are really different today than they were back then. She was shocked that someone would even ask the questions.

In 1950, the year I was born, the average life expectancy of a person with Down syndrome was 12: in 1983 - 25 and today 2017 - 60+. The reasons: NICU's,

better medical care, living at home with family, better education and the list goes on. In 1972, 13,500 people with Intellectual Disabilities were living in state institutions; today it is around 800... and we are spending a lot of money to keep those 800 people thus, nearly \$400,000 per year/per person. Shocking, isn't it? What we could do with those dollars in the community!

In PA, we are heavily invested in Medicaid to serve people with ID and Autism, the 12th highest state in dollars per person spent, and yet we still have 10,000 people on the waiting list. Medicaid is the lifeblood of people with ID and Autism. Federal cuts to Medicaid would be devastating to the people we serve.

Somehow, we have to make sense out of all of this. These are very complex issues and need us to think beyond the box. With all of that said, 85% of people with significant disabilities are unemployed and 66% of people with ID are overweight or obese. This all gives you an idea of how far we have come, but how much more we have to do.

Six recommendations that came out of a recent "Every Day Lives" conference were to: Assure communication, Increase employment, Increase community participation, Expand options to community living, Promote health and wellness and Support families throughout the lifespan.

Great ideas all, but Leadership & Action Dependent. Just like the title of PAR's Solution Conference, let's all "THINK BIG"!

As always,
Very Respectfully Yours,
Donald W. Broderick
Executive Director

The Family Fall Festival at Waldorf Park

Submitted by Mari Pizur

On Sunday September 17th we held our 15th Annual "Family Fun Festival" at Waldorf Park. The weather was absolutely gorgeous, couldn't ask for a better day. Again we were blessed with a beautiful day!

Fifteen years ago we had our first Festival at the Waldorf. It was a Chicken Barbeque and "Take Five" was our entertainment! The event was not financially successful that year but we knew it just had to be tweaked to become a great community event. Jeff Brazil, past Waldorf president and current Waldorf President Paul Brady, board members and staff has been supportive to us from day 1. They helped us thru the transition and create what it is today! They are a very dedicated group of people who make our day a great success and we cannot thank them enough!

"East Coast Trio" and the "Wanabees" have been so good to us for over ten years. The two bands entertain us throughout the day but at the end of the night all the band members join each other on stage and rock the house. The dance floor was filled with people young and old laughing and dancing the night away! Nothing is better than seeing everyone coming together for a common cause – how to enjoy life together! Each of the band members has expressed the joy they receive playing every year and entertaining us! They each said "They will play for us up to their last breathe"! Now that is dedication! The beauty is everyone in the bands has donated their precious talents and time each year!

It was such a great day we had sing-a-longs, guitar playing, face painting, bake sale, basket raffles and an amazing Kiddie Korner that was run by the University of Scranton OT students, all 45 volunteers! This was a perfect



Photographed by The Times-Tribune: l-r: Hope Polishan; Hunter Polishan; Sophie Semel, volunteer at the Waldorf Park Family Fun Fall Festival; Trista Chiccheletti Holden Polishan (second photo)



Photographed by The Times-Tribune: Holden Polishan

setting for all to share a meal, dance and socialize together! We had a great time, with old friends and meeting new friends while enjoying the beautiful outdoors and scenery of Scranton. Smiles were priceless and you could feel the excitement in the air! Good food, good music, good weather and good people are the perfect recipe for a wonderful day!

We would like to say Thank You, Thank You and Thank You to

all the volunteers, bakers, the donators and to everyone who attended. We really appreciate all that you do! You helped make a difference for the people we serve. Once again special Thanks to our Bands, the Waldorf Staff and the U of S students for all the years of support! Each of you made our day special!

I look forward to the many more Festivals in years to come! Hope to see you September 16, 2018!

Calendar of Events

November

*K of C Appreciation Party
November 10th*

Arc Stars

*at North Pocono High School
November 18th at 2:00p.m.*

December

*Poinsettia Sale
first full week of December
more info to follow...*

*Rotary Club of Scranton
Holiday Auction
December 7th*

*Holiday Party
December 8th*

*Carbon's Holiday Party
December 10th*

*Cookie Walk – Auxiliary
December 15th*

*Holiday Show at Arc
December 15th*

January

MLK Day of Service

"Ask" Appeal

The End of the Year Foundation "Ask" appeal will be coming your way soon. This is a wonderful way to give to a worthy cause, benefit some great folks, renew your membership (all donations will be counted as your annual membership if you have not renewed) and it may be tax-deductible...

Sounds like a winner to me ;)

PLEASE KEEP SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018 OPEN ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!

We at Keystone UNICO are pleased to announce:

At the recent Keystone UNICO Board Meeting it was voted to have The Arc of Northeastern PA as the major beneficiary of our Sixth Annual Pig Roast. More details to come...

Golf Tournament

The Golf Tournament was on September 18th at Elmhurst Country Club. We had a "nine and dine" which seemed to be a wonderful success! We still need to get together and finalize numbers to see how we did. The committee will be meeting within the next two weeks. Thank you to everyone who participated.

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Meet the Advocate

My Name is Roseann Polishan and I am the new advocate here at The Arc of NEPA. I am very excited to come on board and be a part of this wonderful organization! Advocacy for those with Autism and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities has been my passion for some time now. It all began with my own son Hunter Polishan when he was diagnosed with autism at 2 years old and later with intellectual disability. I realized quickly that I needed to be patient and positive, yet proactive and persistent to help him navigate through the world and reach his potential.

Over the years I have been increasing my knowledge in the

field of advocacy in particular with education and legislative affairs. I have taken a number of trainings, classes and workshops on the IEP process, evaluations/reevaluations, assistive technology, inclusive practices and transition planning. I also have led with the Scranton School District on development of a parent group and the Right to Education Task Force Local 19 as the parent chairperson.

I look forward to learning even more from the staff and families at The Arc of NEPA. I hope to meet many new faces and help to continue The Arc of NEPA's mission.



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VISION

It has been several weeks since the Search Committee has offered and I accepted the position as our Executive Director, effective April 1, 2018. I am deeply honored and humbled to have this opportunity. Be assured that I dedicate myself to the mission of The Arc.

I have spent the last few weeks talking with you, gathering your thoughts, and collecting mine. It is time, I believe, to share with you thoughts on our vision and our culture here at The Arc.

Our Vision is clear..." Every individual with intellectual and developmental disabilities will be heard, respected and provided the dignity of all human and civil rights." This vision is embraced with passion for what is right and is fueled by the energy

and dedication of staff, the board of directors, and affiliated groups who will not/cannot settle for less than an abundant life for our loved ones, and friends with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The sum of our values and beliefs, our philosophy, and attitudes defines our culture, who we are. The Arc is recognized for being a cut above because we provide advocacy, services and supports that demonstrate our expectation that all human and civil rights be afforded children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We go beyond simply afforded. We pursue our mission with compassion for quality.

Our culture here at The Arc adheres to principals steeped in our values:

- We have unwavering faith in our

vision and our mission

- We approach leadership with modesty, humility and a committed drive for excellence.
- We accept no less than an environment of trust, respect and dignity.
- We believe in a culture of discipline because when each one of us has personal discipline, we don't need to rely on a hierarchy.
- We cultivate a work place where it is safe to acknowledge our challenges and discuss best solutions.

Our greatest asset is our people, people like you, who believe in our vision and that working toward a culture of excellence is not only possible but necessary in pursuit of our mission.

Respectfully Yours,
Maryclaire Kretsch

Day of Caring

We love our volunteers!!!

On Thursday, September 7th, The Arc proudly participated in the United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties "Day of Caring", during which hundreds of individuals from various companies and businesses in our community come together to work side by side with United Way partner agency staff to accomplish all sorts of tasks and to learn more about how their dollars benefit the agencies funded by the United Way. This year's United Way Day of Caring 2017 projects at The Arc included landscaping, weeding, planting, driveway sealing, painting and many other indoor/outdoor tasks. The volunteers worked at Weston Park, as well as, the Adult Day Services Program area and several Community Residential homes. The Arc of NEPA has been a participant in "Day of Caring" since its inception, and we are proud of the many friendships made over the years through this special day.



Walk For Me Winners!!!

Through a grant from The Moses Taylor Foundation, The Arc is promoting healthy lifestyle through walking.

"Walking for Me" was a six week program that we hope will get you started on a very healthy habit... Every volunteer participant received a free pedometer from The Arc. Employees who walked most often, or who had at least 10,000 steps recorded on their pedometer for the most days, and employees who expressed positive benefits of this program were eligible to win an iwatch or fit bit!! Congratulations to Amy Craig who had the most steps recorded (489,254 total steps or 11,378 daily) and to Allison Wruble as the random winner. Too each of the walkers, You All ROCK!!! We applaud you. Thank you Moses

Taylor Foundation for giving The Arc-NEPA the opportunity to extend this wonderful program to all of the employees.



Bosco's Community Day



Pauline looks lovely at The Arc-NEPA table at Bosco's Scranton. Bosco's Friends Helping Friends program was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017. This fund raiser benefits the Aktion Club which has helped and supported many Arc families, as well as, community groups. The Aktion Club's mission is to serve others and is proud to be sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Scranton.

PPODS Buddy Walk

On Sunday September 24th North PPODS hosted our 8th Annual Buddy Walk and Family Fun Day at Camp Speers YMCA in Dingmans Ferry. Participants enjoyed pony rides, crafts, games, bounce houses, archery, food, character appearances and more. Over 500 individuals joined in to celebrate and spread Down Syndrome Awareness with us.



Leave a Legacy – Estate Giving Program

Remembering...

The Arc's founding parents, concerned community members and friends have passed on a legacy of commitment to a new generation. Today, we seek to sustain this legacy.

Building...

Looking toward tomorrow may often be intimidating, but at The Arc we continue the mission and grow with the needs of the children and adults we serve.

Leaving a Legacy...

By giving a gift to The Arc, you are ensuring a bright future for the people served in our programs. Estate giving allows for a variety of ways for individuals to choose the support most appropriate for planning their legacy: Outright cash gifts, designated life insurance policy, bequests, real estate.

We appreciate your kindness you show on an annual basis. As we move forward today and throughout the year, we also need to be remembered as we go into the future. With your generosity, we can continue offering the services to the individuals who need them. If you would like to explore a method of giving that is right for you, please feel free to contact us and we will be happy to meet with you. For specific financial or legal advice, please consult with an attorney or financial planner.



Arc Update

- * On-going: WBRE/WYOU - we are continuing our campaign to promote the wonderful happenings at The Arc. Pat Quinn was our latest feature where he spoke about The Arc and discussed some of the upcoming events. Next up will be the ladies from the Auxiliary to speak on their anti-bullying program in the local schools and Sara Wolff will present information on self-advocacy .
- * The Scranton District Dental Society donated \$3,250 at the Waldorf Park Fun Festival. We are truly grateful for their on-going support!

October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month

- * PPODS and PPODS North held their Buddy Walk on September 24th at Camp Speers in Dingmans Ferry. Very well attended, lots of activity and beautiful grounds. It was unlike any YMCA that I have ever seen!
- * The PODS of NEPA had their Buddy Walk on October 1st at Nay Aug Park. We snacked on hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream and watched the Olyphant Lions PRIDE squad and karate demonstrations. What a great day!
- * The Annual Board Retreat was held on October 17th. An informative discussion was held on the State of The Arc and the Proposed Plan for 2018.
- * Direct Support Professionals week was September 10 - 16 and we honored our co-workers during these days with goodies, surprises and lots of thank yous.
- * Visitors... Andy Warner's friends from Dunmore, Brian Loughney and Patrick Ehnot, co-organizers of an event at Harry's (downtown) stopped by to make a presentation in memory of Andy; Senator Casey came by for a visit to receive The Arc Award and he also chatted with several folks about issues that affect them and what concerns they have as parents, caregivers and guardians. AllOne Foundation Executive Director John Cosgrove and two Board members came for a meeting for a general overview of The Arc to the Board members and also went for a tour of the facility. Scranton Rotary came by for a meeting to announce their upcoming fund raiser in December. The Rotary meeting was held here on October 2nd. The group met for a luncheon, meeting and tour. Congratulations to Mari Pizur for becoming a member of the Scranton Rotary and also a shout out to Maryclaire

Kretsch for joining the Abington Rotary. President and CEO Laura Ducceschi and members of the Scranton Area Community Foundation came by for a visit and a tour of The Arc. We were very happy to have them with us.

- * Our Hurricane "Harvey" Fund, which has now turned into the Hurricane Fund, drive was hugely successful. We raised close to \$4,000 which Arc-US will use to assist in the recovery efforts.
- * Day of Caring was held on September 7th this year. We had approximately 40 people from different companies spend the day doing painting, weeding, mulching, general clean-up in five of our sites. We look forward to having the work done yearly plus people visit that may not know us and now they do. Win-Win. The campaign also kicks off and Pat Q. will be beginning The Arc appeal to the employees.

Recreation Activity Review

- * Summer Camp had another successful year! We served approximately 55 children which over half were new to the program. Kudos to Mari, Holly and all the camp staff for going above and beyond to give these kiddos a wonderful experience. Rose Broderick, President and CEO of Summit Peak Associates Inc. (a professional consulting group specializing in helping businesses with strategic planning and business development efforts) donated \$500.00 to the Recreation department.
- * Waldorf Park Fall Festival was on September 17th. Over 400 people attended and it was a fantastic way to say Bon Voyage to Summer and Welcome Fall! Everyone had a great time.
- * The Rotary Club of Scranton has designated The Arc as the recipients of their Holiday Auction. We are very excited about this event and will forward all the details to you as they become available. Please mark your calendars for December 7th from 6-10p.m. at the Radisson. Thank you to our newest board member, Tom Lynch for making the connection! Invitation in this edition.

Auxiliary Information

- * The Night at the Races is an amazing undertaking that really can only be done with tons of physical labor and hours of volunteer work. We are so proud of the program we have put together and have been hugely successful in making it a night that everyone enjoys and looks

forward to again the next year. This year's event was on October 27th and we were thrilled with the turnout of guests, horse sponsors, program ads, donations of raffle items and food and all the time spent working hard to have an evening out for people to enjoy. Special kudos to everyone involved and Representative Sid Michaels Kavulich!!!

- * Arc Stars - (made possible by a grant from the Lackawanna County Arts and Culture) The Auxiliary is continuing their work with Geri Featherby to produce a theatrical experience from The Polar Express. The Stars are meeting weekly to prepare for the grand theatrical experience. This program brings such good times and many smiles.
- * The ladies treated the kiddos at Summer Camp and the folks in ADC to an ice-cream social. The Auxiliary has a Halloween party with a musician, donuts and cider. On another note: several women are busy creating the costumes for the upcoming play - lots to do...
- * A tea will be held on April 15th at the Elmhurst CC in 2018 - save the date!

Arc Responds

- * The Arc Residential department has organized its first annual Trunk or Treat which was held on October 21st. There were games, face painting, bake sale, photo booth and best of all free and safe trick or treating for the kiddos! We were thrilled with the outpour of generosity with nearly 20 sponsors! Thank you Noniey, Brittany, Ellen, Angela and all of the residential staff for putting together this fantastic afternoon.



Broderick to retire...

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a part-time job as coordinator for the Arc's preschool program after graduating from the university 1972 and later moved into a full-time position.

In 1978, he was named executive director, succeeding Mary Campbell, who founded the local chapter of what was then the Pennsylvania Association for Retarded Children in 1955.

Broderick said he and his wife, Rosemary, plan to do some traveling after he retires but will remain in the area. Both are active in volunteer organizations in the community "and we are just kind of going to do what we have been doing," he said.

People jokingly ask Broderick how he managed to do the same job day after day for 40 years, but he said he never felt like that. Over time, so many things in the field changed that there was always something different, he said. "This is one of those jobs where you know when you get into it, it's something greater than you are and that's a good thing," Broderick said. "It's



The Arc board has selected Maryclaire Kretsch, the organization's deputy executive director since 2001, to succeed Broderick. Kretsch, who has been with Arc since 1981, will move into her new position April 1.

good to step outside of yourself and be supportive and leave the place better than what you found it. It all kind of connected for me."

The Rotary Club of Scranton Holiday Auction

The Rotary Club of Scranton Holiday Auction scheduled for Thursday, December 7th, will be benefitting The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania. For more information re: tickets, sponsorships, baskets, etc., please call: Carol Trapper @ 570-346-6337.



Pictured: Don Broderick, Arc Executive Director; Eileen Rempe, Arc Director PR/Dev't; Gerard Hetman, Scranton Rotary President; Tom Lynch, Scranton Rotary President-Elect

1st Annual Sumner Elementary School "Buddy Walk"

Great news for all of you. Last Friday a Buddy Walk was held in West Scranton at the Sumner Elementary Center. Simone Grasso and her family reached out to the administration and organized a tee shirt sale and Buddy Walk at school. Tee shirts were designed and sold to anyone interested for \$10.00. The proceeds from the sale were split 50/ 50. Five dollars per shirt was collected and donated to PODS to help support our mission. A check for \$612.00 dollars was presented to me the day of the walk.

The Principal Mr. DeLuca called me early in the morning and invited me and my family to the walk. I was able to rearrange my day off from work and attend this wonderful event. It is

with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I congratulate the Grasso's on a job well done and a mission success statement for our organization is well deserving. Please thank Simone and her family when you see them and if possible think about some way that you may be able to do something similar at your schools for next year.

Thanks again for your support and unwavering efforts to make our group the success that it is. The members we have are inspiring and it is a pleasure being apart of this great group. Keep up the great work and stay focused and as always keep in touch.

Bert Morgan,
PODS President

Many Thanks

Many thank yous to Rosemary Broderick and Summit Peak Associates Inc. for their generosity to The Arc Recreation department. We are thrilled for the outstanding support we receive from the community.

Summit Peak Associates Inc. is a professional consulting group specializing in helping businesses with strategic planning and business development efforts.



Pictured: Rosemary Broderick, President & CEO; Mari Pizur, Arc Recreation Service Coordinator; Maryclaire Kretsch, Deputy Executive Director.

You are cordially invited to



North Pocono High School

97 Bochicchio Boulevard Covington Township, PA 18444

Saturday, November 18, 2017 2:00 p.m.

Please join us for The Arc Angels on Stage who will present an original adaptation of "The Polar Express"

Twenty-six adults with disabilities (Stars) will perform alongside students from local high schools (Theater Buddies) to bring this unique performance to the stage at North Pocono High School.

The presentation is free and open to the public. A raffle will be held.

The Friends of The Arc Auxiliary will be selling Texas Road House gift cards as a fundraiser. Cards from \$5.00 to \$100.00 will be sold. Cards may also be ordered by calling The Arc-NEPA @ 570-346-4010. Cash or checks made payable to the Friends of The Arc Auxiliary will be accepted. The auxiliary will receive 10% from Texas Road House and the gift cards may be used at any of their restaurants.



Honorariums



Celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, special events are all beautiful moments to be honored and cherished. Remembering your loved ones, friends, neighbors, co-workers is a wonderful way to let them know how much you care and that you are thinking of them. We can help relay those messages for you.

When you send The Arc a donation along with the name of the person(s) being honored, we will send a pre-printed card to the honorees, letting them know that a donation was made in their name and who sent the gift. It's a great way to say, "I Care" and benefit The Arc!

Memorials

We also have a Memorial Program which sends your sympathy and condolences when a loved one passes away. We are here to assist you in making your wishes known.



Our annual Poinsettia sale will be held next month. Please watch for a special mailing with more information!

Scranton District Dental Society Supports The Arc

During The Arc's "Family Fun Fall Festival" at Waldorf Park September 17th, Dr. Kurt Wadsworth, President of the Scranton District Dental Society (SDDS), presented The Arc's Executive Director Don Broderick with a check for \$5,000.

"The Scranton District Dental Society is proud to be associated with and support The Arc. For 15 years, The Arc has partnered with us to stuff thousands of "goodie bags" filled with dental educational material, tooth brushes, tooth paste, and coupons for National Children's Dental Health Month in February. The consumers of The Arc do such a fantastic job that we ask them to help year after year. Last year, they filled 8,000 bags!" states Wadsworth.

According to SDDS President-Elect Dr. Charles Scrimalli, "It is so good to come out to support such a worthwhile organization. Our member dentists love to serve our local community." Dr. Scrimalli also has a band, East Coast Trio, that has performed for The Arc's Family Fun Fall Festival for the past nine years.

The SDDS is a voluntary organization comprising approximately 150 local member dentists. It is a constituency of the American Dental Association (ADA), the largest and oldest national dental society in the world, and the Pennsylvania Dental Association (PDA). The SDDS oversees activities like Children's Dental Health Month, public education, school visitations, and continuing education for dentists.

The mission of the SDDS is to provide dentists with a forum to discuss pertinent issues that relate to the practice and regulation of dentistry as it pertains to the health and general well being of the communities they serve.

For more information on NCDHM or the SDDS, please visit www.scrantondental.org.



The Arc consumers give the thumbs up as SDDS President Dr. Kurt Wadsworth presents the \$5000 check to ARC Executive Director Don Broderick.



Annual Golf Tourney - The SDDS annual golf tournament held in June at the Scranton Country Club was a huge success. As a result of the sponsorships, a large donation was made to The Arc! Thank you to all our sponsors and golfers.

ROTARY CLUB OF SCRANTON

Annual Holiday Auction

THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 7, 2017

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Live & Silent Auction

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Petals for Goodness Sake

Several of our folks are now volunteering at Petals for Goodness Sake which is an all volunteer, nonprofit, green, organization with the sole mission of spreading joy and

beauty to residents of nursing homes, hospice care and assisted living through repurposing donated flowers. PetalsForGoodnessSake.com, 570-225-9510, Petals4GS@gmail.com



\$50,000 in Grant Funding From AllOne Foundation and Charities

The Arc of Northeastern PA has received \$50,000 in grant funding from AllOne Foundation and Charities.

AllOne Foundation and Charities is located in Wilkes-Barre, and their mission is "to make a real and substantive impact on the health and welfare of the people of Northeastern and North Central Pennsylvania by improving access, affordability, and quality of healthcare."

We are grateful to AllOne Foundation and Charities for aiding us in continuing our own mission of providing services and programming to children and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities & Autism IDD/ASD. The Arc promotes and protects the human rights of people with IDD/ASD and actively supports their full inclusion and participation in the community throughout their lifetimes. The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania is a grassroots organization formed in 1955 by a group of parents who wanted their children to have an appropriate public school education. Over 60+ years later, The Arc-NEPA

serves approximately 300 people with IDD/ASD on a weekly basis through a variety of programs and services: Advocacy, Adult Day which includes

Vocational, Supported Employment and Seniors, Residential including Supported Living and Life Sharing through Family Living and Recreation.



Participating in a ceremonial check presentation, 1st row - from left, are Maryclaire Kretsch, Arc Deputy Executive Director; Jean Simonton, Executive Assistant, AllOne Foundation & Charities

2nd row - from left, are John Cosgrove, Executive Director, AllOne Foundation & Charities; Judy Graziano, Board Member, AllOne Foundation & Charities; Don Broderick, Arc Executive Director; Frank Apostolico, Board Member, AllOne Foundation & Charities; Eileen Rempe, Arc Dir. PR/Dev't.

Ritters

What's Fall without Ritters?! The guys and gals love visiting the farm for a day out, trying all the activities and getting their pumpkins to decorate.



Cookie Walk



When: Friday, December 15th
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Where: The Arc Conference Room
115 Meadow Ave., Scranton, PA

Dear Friends,

Looking for a tasty way to start the holiday season... Please join us for The Arc Auxiliary's Annual Cookie Walk! The cookies will be sold by the pound. Also, we are asking for donations of cookies, so if you are interested in baking some delicious morsels, please do. :) Other items: The ladies will be selling chances on some great gifts. *A mini bazaar will be held with all kinds of items for purchase to help with your holiday needs. The Arc Angels are performing in the Annual Christmas Program beginning at 12:30 p.m. You are welcome to stay and experience the magic of the season. It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Thank you, The Friends of The Arc Auxiliary Any questions please call The Arc of NEPA 570-346-4010.

You are cordially invited to join us this holiday season at our
"Friends of The Arc Holiday Party"
Sunday, December 10, 2017
American Legion, Bridge & 3rd Street, Lehighton

The Afternoon's Festivities Include:

12noon-1:00pm
Social Hour

1:00pm-2:00pm
Family Style Dinner

2:00pm-4:00pm
Music Provided by DJ Party Time

Family Style Menu Includes:

Tossed Salad/w Dressing
Ham, Roast Turkey w/Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes & Vegetable

Assorted Rolls

Ice Cream

Coffee, Tea, Soda

Cost is \$17.00 - Arc Member \$25.00 - Non-Member

Mail Reservation & Check (Please No Cash) to: The Arc of NEPA 115 Meadow Ave., Scranton, PA 18505

Payments & reservations must be made in advance, NO EXCEPTIONS

Any Questions call Mari or Holly at 570/207-0825

Inclement Weather Date - Monday, December 11, 2017. No Refunds

Farewell Summer, Hello Fall

Our folks said their "farewells" to Summer and "hello" to Fall while having fun with games, music and friends at McDade Park.



Thank You For Stopping by Senator Casey!

Senator Casey came by for a visit to receive The Arc Award and he also chatted with several folks about issues that affect them and what concerns they have as parents, caregivers and guardians.



SAF 2017 Community Tour

The Scranton Area Community Foundation's 2017 Community Tour was on Friday, September 15, 2017.

This was the 3rd annual tour of our community nonprofit organizations who are supported

by the Scranton Area Foundation's Community Needs Fund. This visit allows for a firsthand and up close visit with the programs that donors and friends make possible through their generosity to the Scranton Area Community Foundation.



You are cordially invited to join us this holiday season at our
"Friends of The Arc Holiday Party"
Friday, December 8, 2017
Fiorelli's Banquet Facility, 1501 Main St., Peckville, PA

Evening Festivities:
 6:00pm ~ 7:00pm
 Cheese/Crackers and Vegetables/Dip Display
 7:00pm ~ 8:00pm Buffet Dinner
 7:00pm ~ 10:00pm
 Music provided by E.J. The D.J.
 6:00pm ~ 10:00pm Cash Bar
 Special Guest Appearance, Door Prizes
 and Holiday Raffles!

Menu Includes:
 Fresh Garden Greens/w Vinaigrette Dressing
 Penne Rigate Pasta a' la Vodka Sauce, Chicken
 Tenderloins Scampi Sautee, Hand-Carved Certified
 Angus Sirloin of Beef, Fresh Fish of the Day
 And Oven Roasted Potatoes & Seasonal
 Vegetable de Casa, Rolls w/ Butter
 Dolce de Casa (Sweet of the House)
 Coffee, Tea, Decaf, Soda

Cost is \$28.00 Per Person

Reservations are required by Friday, November 17, 2017
 Payments and reservations must be made in advance, NO EXCEPTIONS!
 Groups of 7 or more we will be happy to reserve a table for you!
 If you have any questions, please call Mari or Holly at 570/ 207-0825.

Inclement Weather Date - Monday, December 11, 2017. No Refunds

Direct Service Professionals Week

DSP week!!! The week of September 10th was Direct Service Professionals week. We honored our co-workers during this week with gifts, prizes, continental breakfast, tee shirts, logo pins, pizza party and lots of thank yous. The Arc DSPs are valued, appreciated and respected each and every day of the year! They offer support, encouragement, comfort, friendship and make a difference in the lives of the people we serve.



The PODS of NEPA Buddy Walk 2017

The PODS of NEPA Buddy Walk 2017 was held on Sunday, October 1st at Nay Aug Park (Schimelfenig Pavilion). The afternoon was filled with live entertainment, family activities and the awareness walk!

The PODS of NEPA have sponsored this walk for 16 years and nationally, the Buddy Walk is in its 23rd year. Locally, Miss Sara Wolff started the walk as part of her Senior project at North Pocono High School. The Buddy Walk is part of the activities in celebration of October as Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

Parents of Down Syndrome of Northeastern Pennsylvania (PODS) is a nonprofit organization providing support and programs for families of Down Syndrome. The group began in January of 1996 at the home of Phil and Cindy Rossi, where eight families met with one thing in common- the concern for their children. Today the Parents of Down Syndrome of NEPA has grown to over 40 members. "We have a growing membership of children and adults with DS, and their families. Our goal in PODS is to provide individuals with DS opportunities that they may not otherwise have available. We also want to assist parents and families with the wisdom and guidance that can come from experience. If we can offer our sons, daughters, and friends with Down Syndrome, and their families, support that comes through collaboration, we

have achieved our mission," said Bert Morgan, President of PODS.

PODS meet monthly for a general support meeting at The Arc-NEPA located on 115 Meadow Avenue in Scranton. We have a lot to offer folks

who would like to be a part of wonderful group or just to see what we are all about. If you have any questions, please contact Bert Morgan, PODS President by email: camor77@comcast.net or Michele Reese by phone: 570-862-1679

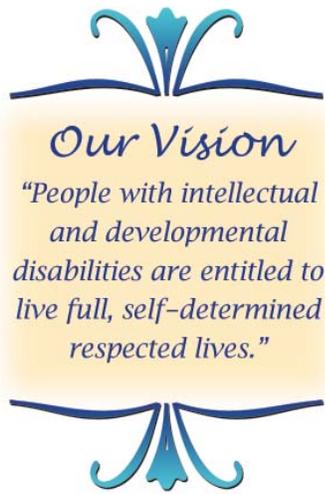




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- The opportunity to participate in The Arc affairs at a local, state, and national level.
- Attend conferences, conventions, and seminars at a reduced cost.
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