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Walking Rocks!!

Walking is a gentle, low impact, free exercise, available to everyone! There is no doubt about the benefits of walking and what a perfect time of year to engage. You can strengthen your heart, burn calories, and tone muscles by walking around your neighborhood!

**Need some motivation?
We can help!!!**

**We are proud to announce the
"Walking for Me!" challenge.**

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

Here's the deal:

Sign up for "Walking for Me".

"Walking for Me" is a six week program. Every volunteer participant will receive a free pedometer from The Arc.

Between August 1, and September 12, 2017, you walk.

**Let your pedometer count your steps
each day!**

**You will be provided a form to track
your success!**

You submit your record of walking along with your comments about how the "Walking for Me" program changed and benefited you. Forms are due back to the administration office on or before September 15.

Here's the best part!

Employees who walk most often, or who have at least 10,000 steps recorded on their pedometer for the most days, and employees who express positive benefits of this program will be eligible to win an iWatch, or fitbit bands!!

Sign up today!

Call or stop by the office and let Allison at the front desk know that you are in for the "Walking for Me" program. Have fun with this great opportunity to do something good for yourself and have a chance to win some great prizes! Deadline for signing up is Friday, July 28th!

*The "Walk for
Me" program is a
volunteer activity
for employees
of The Arc.*



Buddy Walk

The Parents of Down Syndrome of NEPA will host the 16th Annual Buddy Walk this year at Nay Aug Park in Scranton on Sunday, October 1st. The Buddy Walk celebrates National Down Syndrome Awareness Month and the goal is to promote understanding and acceptance of people with Down syndrome. Hundreds of people attend where they enjoy the festivities and participate in the walk. Thank you for all your past and continued support in helping to make the Buddy Walk a HUGE success!




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President's Message



Everyone is an advocate!

I recently participated in the United Way allocations Committee review of The Arc's 2017 funding request, at which there was a question posed regarding our request for Advocacy support. Staff effectively defined the process involved in services to individuals and/or families in need

of an a professional voice, particularly when faced with a challenge to educational or social services. I was pleased to have been able to add a parent's perspective – that some of the most important outcomes are realized when staff knowledge and

experience is passed on through the interactions with family, caregivers or other members of a the individual's support network. I have found that those engagements build up the capacity of the caregiver to serve as effective advocates in their own right. And evidence of that is found in the recent groundswell of advocacy regrading proposed changes to services out of Harrisburg – a vibrant and well-articulated message that resulted in important and positive improvements to the State's planning.

So remember that you/we can all serve as advocates – for individuals, on public policy, and in promoting the good work of The Arc.

Bob Durkin

Exec's Corner



Another new fiscal year began July 1st. As with most years, we can expect good news and challenges before us.

On Friday, June 30, the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed a state budget bill. This \$31.99 billion spending plan sits on Governor Wolf's desk as negotiations on how to pay for the

spending plan for fiscal year 2017-18 and the \$1.5 billion dollar deficit for last year continue. We know that July 10th is the next key date. Governor Wolf can sign the budget as passed into law, and put a freeze on certain lines until revenues are balanced or the budget can become law without his signature. We shall see how the state budget unfolds.

I applaud you and all the advocates across the state who worked hard to get the message to our representatives that our system of services is in crisis. Thanks to your diligence, the proposed budget included rate increases for waiver programs and additional funding for family care givers. This ensures that 1,000 individuals currently on a waiting list can continue to live at home. The proposed budget also included money to expand services to 820 students graduating from special education. Your letters and phone calls to representatives, and the rallies in Harrisburg, resulted in the proposed additional funding needed in Home and Community based services to better serve Pennsylvanians with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We will

keep a watchful eye on Harrisburg as the budget process continues.

We also watch the federal budget negotiations as Medicaid dollars are considered a target for budget cuts. Such a reduction may negatively impact ID services across the country. I will keep you informed.

But as we begin a new fiscal year it is important to recognize the vibrant energy at The Arc dedicated to adding meaningful, integrated opportunities for those we serve. The Adult Service at Meadow Avenue has initiated and then expanded the college experience for folks in the program. Over 30 consumers enjoyed the opportunity to be a student at Lackawanna College. The results were inspirational. Guys and gals displayed their college ID badges with honor. Smiles surrounded us. The opportunity to enjoy community activities has grown in all of services. Our commitment to quality is clear.

I look forward to fiscal year 2017-2018 with optimism. Our dedication to meaningful services will plot our course in developing unique and personalized opportunities for consumers. Although the need for strong advocacy at home and across the country, we have demonstrated our strength and commitment to meeting our mission. "We will protect the human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and actively support their full inclusion in community."

Respectfully Yours,
Donald W. Broderick
Executive Director

Bowling Banquet 2017



Tuesday's Bowling League

From left to right: Kevin Naniewicz, Kristen Haelele, Ryan McConlogue and Mike Mayeski



Friday's Bowling League

From left to right: Murray Plotkin, John Hulse, Heather Barrett and Paul Myers

The Arc Bowling Banquet was held at Fiorelli's Catering on May 30, 2017. We had 340 people in attendance at this year's Gala Event! It was a great bowling season and congrats to this year's champs!



Gift Basket Raffle & Bake Sale Fundraiser For The Arc of NEPA

Held at the
Lehigh Recreation Center
August 5th • 11:00 am to 6:00 pm

243 S 8th St, Lehigh, PA 18235

All proceeds will be donated to The Arc of NEPA



Come out to support The Arc of NEPA and try to win some of our awesome baskets with over 40 different themes which includes:

“Fun in the sun” “Movie Night” “Back to School”

As well as the chance to win gift cards over \$200 worth and our fantastic summer themed door prize worth over \$50!

BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ON SALE WHEN DOORS OPEN AT 11:00AM SATURDAY AUGUST 5TH DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE AT 5:00PM, ATTENDANCE DURING DRAWING IS NOT REQUIRED.

Don't forget to grab a bite to eat and something to satisfy your sweet tooth at our bake sale. Also bring your kids to play carnival inspired games to win prizes, create and take home their own sand art, enjoy yummy cotton candy, have their face painted, and meet Bozo the Clown!

Crafters and Vendors welcomed!

To reserve your own spot, make a donation, or to know more information please email Kelseyk112@gmail.com
Deadline to reserve a spot is July 9th

Visit our website to learn more about this great program. <http://www.thearcnepa.org/>

Moffat Family Charitable Trust



Pictured: seated - Jerry Madesky; Matt Orloski; Carl Hallock; Corey Martin. Standing - Yvette Wentland; Don Broderick

We are very grateful to Sandy Yantorn, Board Member, for organizing a meeting between us and Yvette Wentland, a trustee from the Moffat Family Charitable Trust. We have developed a friendship and will continue to cultivate our relationship. Through the generosity of the Trust, The Arc is able to better serve the folks in our programs. The Arc-NEPA recently recognized the Moffat Family Charitable Trust the Annual Meeting/Awards Luncheon for Outstanding Philanthropy.

Calendar of Events

September

United Way Day of Caring – Sept 7th
Fall Festival at Waldorf Park - Sept 17th
Golf Tournament - Sept 18th
PPODS Buddy Walk - September 24th

October

PODS Buddy Walk - October 1st
Board Retreat - TBA
Night at the Races - October 27th

November

Knights of Columbus Appreciation Party

December

Cookie Walk - Auxiliary
End of Year Foundation Solicitation
Holiday Show at Arc
Holiday Party - Dec. 8th

Scranton Prep Summer Volunteers 2017

The second week of June each year brings a new group of seniors-to-be from Scranton Prep volunteering for a whole week at The Arc. For over ten years, we have identified projects that we wouldn't normally be able to tackle on our own without contracting out; landscaping has become the focus of the efforts put forth by the Prep group. Nearly twenty young men and their chaperone, Mr. Aaron Holzman, toiled in the hot sun to weed garden beds, spread mulch, seal concrete sidewalks, and cut down brush. The sites that were improved this year included Meadow Avenue, Scott Township, Newton, and Court Street. A hearty thank you to Joe Sepe, Arc Properties Manager, for



staying on top of the materials needs from site to site and helping to keep everything running smoothly.



The Arc of NEPA 17th Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, September 18, 2017
Elmhurst Country Club

**Please mark your calendars -
the date has been set!**

**This year will be a
"Nine and Dine"
event.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Eileen at The Arc - 346-4010.

Fifteenth Annual Family Fun Fall Festival Waldorf Park

Proceeds Benefit The Arc of NEPA

East Coast Trio and The Wanabees

When: Sunday, September 17, 2017

Time: 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tickets at the door: Adults \$20.00

Children 4 to 12 \$5.00 and Children 3 and under are free.

(Each child will receive 5 free tickets to play games in Kiddie Korner)

Adult Pre-Sale Tickets Available for \$15.00

(Pre-Sale Tickets must be purchased by Monday, September 11, 2017)

(Pre-purchased tickets may be picked up at The Arc's front desk or we will hold them at the festival's registration desk upon request and payment)

Tickets includes Buffet served between 3:00pm to 6:00pm and
Grilled Sandwiches served 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Entertainment: East Coast Trio and The Wanabees

Kiddie Korner - 3pm to 6pm

Gift Basket raffle, Instant Bingo, 50/50, Bake Sale, Cash Bar
and Much, Much More!

Everyone is Welcome to come and enjoy the day of Fun!!!

(You do not need to be a member it is open to the public)

Rain or Shine (areas sheltered)

More Information, call Mari or Holly at 570/207-0825

Girls Night Out

Girls Night Out Scranton is a group of beautiful, kind and compassionate women who give 110% of themselves. Their BIG event was held on May 2nd and big does not even begin to describe the spectacular evening that it was. The night was special and will always be remembered. Thank you so much Girl's Night Out for choosing us to be the featured organization. All of your efforts benefit the wonderful folks we serve and we are proud to have you as part of The Arc family. We love you all.

Quote from Girls Night Out Scranton:

So excited to announce that with your help, we were able to raise over \$7200 for The Arc at our event this year! Thank you so much to everyone that donated a basket, food, time, money and talent to pull off this event!!



Our group left to right in front is Monica Scaduto, Carol Burke, Corolla Sawka, Betsy Youngblood, Aimee Scaduto. Middle row is Sandi Korshnak, Peggy Tenelly. Back row is JoAnne Wright, Eileen Rempe, Helga Harrington, Nancy Crafferty, Eileen Williams, Betty Moreken, Ellen Matone, Marianne Acker. Missing from photo is Margaret Christiano, Dana Smith, Denise Boyle and Taylor Boyle.

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way for you to support your favorite charity every time you shop, at no cost to you. Soooo, when you shop on Amazon, please think of The Arc and Happy Shopping.

NEPA Match Day

For the 3rd year in a row, the first Friday in May was NEPA Match Day! The Scranton Area Community Foundation had assembled a fantastic group of 25 nonprofit agencies serving the people of Lackawanna County that volunteered to be part of the 2017 NEPA Match Day collective. In the months leading up to May 5, the collective worked together to spread the word about the critical work being done in our region by these nonprofits. Then, on May 5th, for every dollar you donated to one of the participating partners, the Scranton Area Community Foundation matched your donation...dollar-for-dollar, up to \$1,000 for EACH nonprofit. By working together for 24 hours, the collective raised over \$100,000 to benefit our region's nonprofits, all 25 nonprofits exceeded the \$1,000 Match Day goal!

How about three thousand cheers for the Scranton Area Community Foundation and NEPA Match Day!!!!!! We are so grateful for your on-going support of all the organizations in the community. All of us here at The Arc would like to thank you for your kindness and generosity. You mean the world to us and the people we serve.

The proceeds from Match Day 2017 benefitted Arc Responds. Arc Responds is an employee-driven, charitable fund available to assist Arc Affiliates, and their families who are experiencing serious difficulty. They may feel they have nowhere to turn and that is when The Arc will repond. With your consistent support, The Arc Responds has provided assistance for



many, many families and for that we are truly grateful.

Please know your generosity and support is greatly appreciated. We are here because children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families need us to be.

Sharing The Good Times

As I reflect back on the last two months of Recreational Events, I can't help but smile. We had so many good times, laughed a lot, created new friends while hanging with our old ones. Here are some of the good times we shared.

* On April 6th we were entertained by Bill Frye who is an Interactive Entertainer, Singer and Guitarist! We sang along, danced and had a few laughs together!

* We joined JZ Tours on April 7th for "Classic Rock Fest" Three local bands Fab Three, Wanabees and Ron Morgan Crossroads entertained us the at Ramada Inn. Eighty of us participated in the evening festivities as the bands brought the house down!



* The YMCA of Dunmore hosted a Sock Hop dance on April 13th! We stepped back in time to the 50s and rocked around the clock with the music provided by "Party Time"! We wore our poodle skirts, bobby socks and rolled up jeans! The tables were adorned with Cracker Jacks, Penny Candy, Chips and Pretzels! Root Beer Floats was the drink of choice! If that

wasn't enough everyone posed for pictures in the photo booth!



* We rocked the house on April 20th as approximately 30 Idols presented their talents for "The Arc Idol Talent Show"! "Mari Secret" was the MC and introduced the "Arc Idols" who dance, sang, and played the guitar! We had a panel of judges and the audience voted for their top artist! Prizes were awarded to the top four performers! Congrats to all "The Arc Idols"

* Dance, Dance and Danced with the students from the University of Scranton's Human Service Department who hosted a Spring Fling Dance at the John Long Center on April 26th! We were fortunate to have our music provided by our own DJ John! If you didn't feel like dancing, there was an Arts and Crafts table to show your creativity and interact with the U of S students. Good times had by all!

* Of course our Recreation Programs would not be successful without input from our Stakeholders at their Quarterly Advisory Meetings. On April 27th, we met at Idle Hour Lanes to share ideas and create a wish list for 2017/2018 Recreation Programs. As the meeting came to an end, we dined on pizza and drinks while socializing with your friends.

* On May 4th, we were invited to compete with the Occupational Therapy's Special Olympic Night at The University of Scranton Byron Center. The student Basketball Players, Soccer Players, Swimming Team and Occupational Therapy challenged our competitiveness! Shoot-Outs, Relays,

Dance Stations, Long Jumps and Tug-of-War were activities we had to demonstrate our abilities to shine!



* We visited the Lackawanna County Sheriff's Department Stables on May 11th and learned about the horses and their duties as sheriffs! It was a beautiful night to be outside socializing with the Sheriff's and enjoying Strawberry Shortcake for dessert!

* Spring was in the air for a picnic on April 18th at McDade Park! Outdoor games were played: frisbee, ring toss, bean bag toss, and a basketball game to name a few. We had fun in the sun playing games, going for a walk or hanging with friends. Of course a picnic wouldn't be complete without Hot Diggity Dogs topped with relish, sauerkraut, onions, wiener sauce, mustard and ketchup or just plain!



* We grabbed our partners to do-si-do on May 25th with "John Steven's Doubleshot" band from Channel 44! They started in Scranton and are now the number one band that was bound to entertain us! Everybody had a mania to do the Pennsylvania Polka!!!!

That is a wrap folks hope you enjoyed! See you in September!

Lackawanna College

Beginning June 9th, approximately thirty program participants from Adult Day Services have been attending school at Lackawanna College. The individuals learned about Computers, Wellness, Nutrition, and also took part in a fitness class. One of the highlights was also going to Lackawanna College's Environmental Center located in Spring Brook Township. Each of the courses offered were customized to the groups learning styles and levels of understanding, which made it a successful experience for all participants.

The Arc of NEPA is thrilled with the work the Continuing Education Department at Lackawanna College has been doing with our folks, and look forward to other experiences to come. This program was made possible by a grant from the Scranton Area Foundation.



Quadrant Plastics

*Submitted by
Roxanne Williams*

Recently, some of our folks went on a trip to Quadrant Plastics. They got to see how they perform various duties throughout the plant. Ken Kingsley (former Board member) was very generous in giving us a tour. Our group learned a lot from the day of exploration and we were able to meet all the employees who were beyond helpful and very nice.



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

* The Arc is continuing its efforts to improve areas of need. Several projects are in different stages of completion. Many foundations have been very generous toward us and we want to thank you everyone who helped with making these dollars available.

* Thursday, May 4th was Bring Your Child to Work Day at The Arc! The kiddos who participated had a lot of fun while helping to do contract work, activities and crafts, listening to speakers and having breakfast and lunch. Each child received a t-shirt and certificate. What a great way to bring some visitors to the Day Program and work with our folks.

* Speaking of visitors... the Scranton Dental Society came and thanked us for all the work that was put into the packets for the school children; Mr. McCormick from Senator Casey's office came to talk about all issues, matters, concerns and general information regarding programs and services for people with intellectual disabilities. Also, Yvette Wentland (Moffat Family Charitable Trust) came for a visit to see the folks in program and discuss upcoming needs of the agency. Kiddos from an area parochial school came for Youth Day of Caring and helped to spruce up Robinson Park, plus we had the young adults from Prep who worked in multiple sites for a week. Chris Carroll, Board member, along with folks from Golden Technology came by for a tour and learned more about the services we provide.

* WBRE/WYOU TV Campaign - Don was taped twice for PA Live with the first message of giving back and the second was about the DSP crisis. The day program folks also made an appearance at the studios and taped a 15 second PSA on our presence in the community and the station visited one of our volunteer sites and the day program to film 2 more PSAs. This is all part of a year-long public relations campaign that will accomplish several purposes: highlight fund raising events, deliver public service announcements, air employment opportunities, feature our programs

and services with special attention on the abilities of the folks we serve.

* The Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Luncheon was held on June 27th. We honored several community people who go above and beyond for the mission of The Arc.

* Arc Knight was a great success!! We had about 120 people in attendance, a wonderful sponsorship turnout and we netted about \$9,000. So after 26 years, it is good event and we are delighted with our friendship with the Knights.

* Continuing to Make it Happen... We received a grant from the Scranton Area Community Foundation for \$10,000 to continue the educational programming at Lackawanna College. We have had two excellent experiences so far at the college and Pat Quinn worked to put the new session together.

Recreation Activity Review

* On May 26th, the PA Polka Band was at Weston Park; Arc-Recreation had their Bowling Banquet at Fiorelli's on May 30th. Approximately 400 people attended and it is a wonderful evening for everyone involved. WWE Monday Night Raw was a sell out for all the wrestling fans which was on June 5th at the Mohegan Sun Arena. Summer Camp is gearing up for another successful season. There are nearly 60 kids and several are new so we are going to have a lot of fun learning about each other.

Auxiliary Information

* The Girls Night Out Big event was a phenomenal success. We cannot thank the ladies enough from GNO enough for all their help and support with this huge undertaking. There were over 50 vendors there with 200+ attendees, over 200 baskets, so much food and loads of activity. People were getting their cards read, massages, tattoos, painting, eating, drinking and having a great time. The ladies from GNO raised a little over \$7,200 for the Auxiliary and we are so pleased.

* We have a second grant from the Lackawanna County Department of Arts and Culture for Theater Arts for adults with disabilities. Geri Featherby is directing the program and we will

be performing a piece from the The Polar Express. A meet and greet for the Stars was on June 28th at The Arc. There was schedule handed out along with a consent form. If you are interested, please call or come to the next work shop on July 19th. The show will be on Saturday, November 18th at North Pocono High School.

* The Education Committee along with Arc Stars and their Buddies visited South Scranton Intermediate, West Scranton Intermediate and Northeast Scranton Intermediate. The documentary was shown and the students asked several questions.

* Please mark your calendars!!!! Night at the Races will be on October 27th at St. Mary's Center.

Foundation Overview

* The Golf Tournament will be right around the corner on September 18th at Elmhurst Country Club. We are having a "Nine and Dine" which will give people a chance to work a half day and then enjoy the afternoon.

Aktion Club

* The Flea Market was held on June 9th at Robinson Park! They had a large turnout and the weather was exceptional.

The Arc Responds and the Employee Driven Group

* The Scranton Area Community Foundation Match Day initiative is and was such a great way to have organizations work together and raise awareness and money. We participated in a Community Matter's Day at the Abington Library along with several other agencies and had a fun time at SkyZone with Marley's Mission, Children's Advocacy Center, Jewish Family Services, the YMCA and a few others. Overall, we raised \$2,900 with the match and all of it benefits Arc Responds, which will go to so many in desperate need. Thank you for your help.

* We were the featured non-profit of the evening at the RailRiders game on June 14th. Alea Granville threw out the first pitch!!!!

Area Youth Supports The Arc

Twenty-five students from All Saints Academy in Scranton came to The Arc on May 18th, 2017 for "Youth Day of Caring", sponsored by The United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties. The All Saints students were tasked with a spring cleanup of Robinson Park. Gardening tools, rakes, brooms, bags, work gloves and shovels were in abundance as the students and their chaperones from the school divided up different sections of the park for the cleanup. Prior to the hard work, the group enjoyed light morning refreshments in the pavilion and had an orientation to the agency's history, mission, and current initiatives. Special emphasis was placed on the importance of acceptance and person-first language. Small groups rotated to enjoy tours of the Seniors Program led by Barbara Day, and to meet the individuals and staff at Robinson Park. The cleanup was a great success, as evidenced by the large piles of bagged leaves and garbage collected at the end of the project.



Continuing to Serve

An Amazing Day of Giving Back turned into a wonderful friendship with the folks at Angels Attic, the Bread Basket, Scranton Rescue and several other locations where there are identified food and hunger needs! Thank you to the Corporation for National and Community Service and The Arc of the United States for giving us this opportunity to be a part of a greater whole. Our folks continue to work to stock the shelves, deliver food, prepare and serve food, plant and grow fruit and vegetables. So far, we have estimated that the efforts made have fed over 1,000 people and the volunteers hours are in the hundreds. We are building on this initiative to do

more in the community. MLK Day of Service was the initial kick-off but our help is needed every day. We can do so much to help many. Your donations of non-perishable food items are delivered every week to people who really need it. Pasta and sauce go a long way so please continue to be generous.

Let's keep the momentum going, fill the food bank to ensure folks have what they need to keep their bellies full. We are an exceptional community where no one should ever go to sleep hungry. #TheArcMLK17

Please visit: www.thearcnepa.org to watch the PSA on volunteering at Angel's Attic.

Charles Sumner

Charles Sumner held a dress down day to benefit The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania. A check was donated in the amount of \$213.20. Posted to FB on June 14 by the Scranton School District.



Railriders Game



On June 14th, The Arc visited the PNC field for the SWB Railrider's Baseball game! We were the featured "Community Organization of the Night". Representing us was Alea Granville, who threw out the first pitch of the game. Everyone had an enjoyable evening and the RailRiders had a magnificent win - 6-5 over Rochester.

Arc Knight 2017

The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania and local Knights of Columbus Councils held their 26th Annual Arc Knight. This event was held at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs on May 23, 2017. Everyone had such a fabulous time with good food, good friends and lots of winning!!!! We filled the clubhouse and raised over \$9,000! Thank you so much to our Sponsors and Contributors, the Committee and everyone who helped make this event such a success.

Event Sponsor: Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs

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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 honoree, 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.



Standing from left to right: Paul Vilgos, Knights of Columbus #7622; Ron Mrockza, Knights of Columbus #7622; Eileen Rempe, Arc Director of PR/Dev't; George Schneider Jr., District Deputy #50 & Knights of Columbus Council #6050; Mark McDade, Knights of Columbus Council #12297.

62nd General Membership/Annual Meeting Luncheon and Awards Reception

Congratulations to all the people who were recognized this year. Your help, time, effort, commitment and on-going support mean the world to us. Thank you for all you do!

Consumers of the Year Awards

Henrietta Bordi, Pauline Burke, John Hulse, Elise Radocesky

Outstanding Philanthropy Award

Moffat Foundation, Spring Break for Autism

Special Recognition

Lackawanna College
North Scranton
Neighborhood Association

Extraordinary Dedication Award

Senator John Blake

Acts of Heroism

Tracy Henriksen, Brennan Maloney, Eileen Smith

Board Member

Term of Service Award

(for completion of their services to the board)

John Mercuri, Bob Savakinus

Employee Anniversaries

5 Years:

Marisella Lugo, Devin McAndrew, Julie Masker, Megan Benedict, Matthew Zelenoski, Allison Wruble, Samantha O'Donnell

10 Years:

Deanna Decker, Sheila Hartranft, Desiree Vojta

15 Years:

Mari Pizur, Doreen Mahan, Kathy Ciullo

25 years:

Noreen Cosmark, Lisa Jezorwski

30 years:

Dorothy Nelson

45 years:

Donald Broderick

The Arc Award

Senator Bob Casey



Pictured: Alan Hughes, Foundation Board President; Ann Hoffman, Foundation Board Treasurer, Joe Hollander, Foundation Board Vice President; Don Broderick, Foundation Board Secretary & Arc Executive Director. We recently held our Foundation Annual Meeting on June 13th at the Radisson. We recognized several individuals, companies, community groups and foundations who have been extremely generous to The Arc this year. A sincere thank you for helping The Arc to continue its mission.



A Tribute to Andy Warner

Andy's legacy at The Arc is well chronicled. The first "Arc Ambassador", Board member, inspirational speaker, United Way volunteer and speaker, Aktion Club president...the list of his accomplishments goes on and on. But equally important to Andy's imprint on this world was his relationship with his beloved community of Dunmore. That relationship was celebrated on June 16, 2017, at Harry's in downtown Scranton with "A Tribute to Andy Warner" night, with proceeds benefitting both The Arc of NEPA and the Aktion Club. A group of Dunmore friends of Andy's, led by Brian Loughney and Patrick Ehnot, are credited with the idea and the planning

of the event. Several local dignitaries and politicians made the rounds, as well as past and present Dunmore athletics coaches and athletes. Many students from Dunmore from years past to recently graduated regaled those of us in attendance with stories of Andy's many years as Dunmore's favorite son.

Andy's trademark Dunmore Bucks

athletic jacket with his embroidered name was on display after being dry cleaned and framed. The jacket is to be retired at a Dunmore basketball game later this year. The Arc is grateful to everyone involved with this wonderful event, and for the spirit of closeness with the Dunmore community through our beloved Andy.



L to R:.... Brian Loughney and Patrick Ehnot, co-organizers, Richard Haynos, Erica Francis, Corey Martin, Patrick Quinn

Join us for our annual Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome Awareness and Family Fun Day!

Sunday, September 24th 12:00-4:00

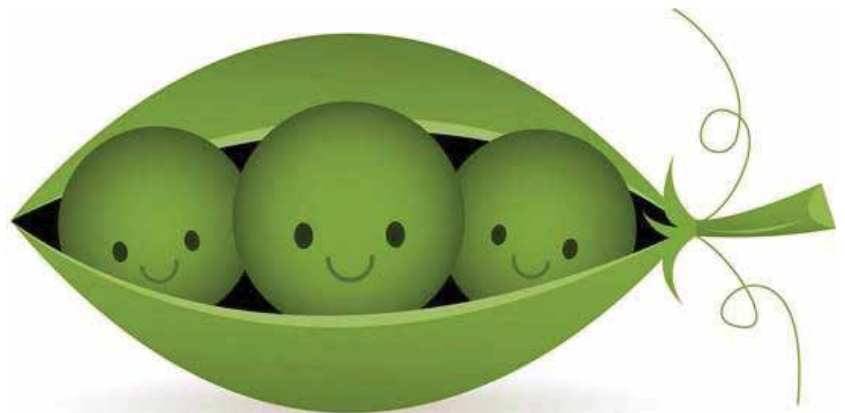
Camp Speers YMCA

143 Nichecronk Rd, Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania 18328

Family Fun Event including crafts, games, raffles, character appearances, music, kids entertainment, and more! We will have a ceremonial walk in support of those with Down syndrome and an inclusive community. THIS IS NOT A 5K.

For more information contact:
PPODSandFriends@yahoo.com

To register or donate visit:
poconobuddywalk.donordrive.com/event/ppods



The Arc on **STAGE**

Welcome Back!!! Let's Create Some WOW!

A "Meet and Greet" was held on June 28th at The Arc where everyone had the chance to meet the team and buddies. We heard the plan and a schedule was handed out (below for your convenience). The sessions are open to interested performers and parents/care takers. Dancing, acting, laughing, a theatre game and having a wonderful time was had by all.

The plan is:

WHAT: Arc Angels on Stage~ The Polar Express play!

WHO: Any former member or new member of Arc Angels on Stage

Plan of Action:

ALL TEACHING CLASSES HELD AT:
The Arc, 115 Meadow Ave., Scranton

2 Summer Workshops-

Wednesday July 19th - 6:00- 7:30
40 min hour Theater workshop/break
40 min Dance workshop
20 min. vocal workshop

Wednesday August 16th
same as above

Wednesday Sept. 20th - 6:00- 7:30
Bring scripts and give out parts - There will be no auditions. Mrs. Featherby will cast the stars. Hot chocolate dance started.

WE WOULD MEET ON THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS IN OCTOBER

October 18, 25

On October 18th we would give the performers with roles and lines a DVD copy of their theater buddy performing their lines. They would use that to practice during the week. Hot chocolate dance re-visited

WE WOULD MEET ON THE FOLLOWING WEDNESDAYS IN NOVEMBER

November 1, 8, 15 - 6:00- 8:00 pm
work schedule - TBD

DRESS REHEARSAL:

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17TH - 3:00-5:00
PIZZA 5:00-6:00

SHOW DATE:

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18TH

Call for costumes and makeup - 12:30
NPHS

Performance 2:00- 3:00



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DRESS REHEARSAL AND SHOW HELD AT NORTH POCONO HIGH SCHOOL



Some members of the Golden Team visited The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania today to tour the facility and learn about the great work the organization is doing to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Here are summer interns, Alyssa and Rich Golden, Jr., with Pat Quinn, Director of Residential & Adult Day Services; Kelly Peters, Manager of Adult Day Services; and Chris Carroll, Golden's Director of Marketing and member of The Arc's Board of Directors. Posted to Facebook by Golden on July 6th



Disability Conference

Thanks to all who came out! SPIN, Inc.; KenCrest; Valley Advantages; Keystone Community Resources; Goodwill Keystone Area; Resources for Human Development; InVision Human Services; NHS; The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania and any others who aren't tagged yet! Posted by: Pennsylvania Advocacy and Resources for Autism and Intellectual Disability at Pennsylvania State Capitol, Harrisburg on June 5

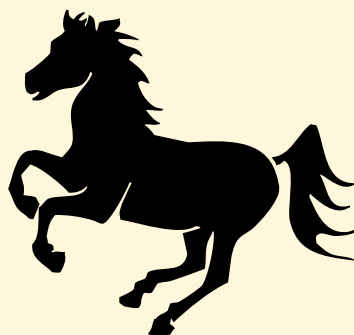
Lackawanna College Environmental Education Center

What a pleasure having The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania join us for a day of birding! Pocono Avian Research Center posted by Lackawanna College Environmental Education Center on July 4th and July 8th.



A Night at the Races

The Friends of The Arc-NEPA Auxiliary presents "A Night at the Races" October 27, 2017 at St. Mary's Center, Scranton. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Post Time: 6:30 p.m. Door Prizes, Basket Raffle, 50/50, Food/Soft Drinks - Free and Beer/Wine Cash Bar til 10:00 p.m. No BYOB Donation: \$10.00



Bring Your Child to Work Day

Our Aktion Club Members hosted, Bring Your Child to Work Day on May 4th. The event was held in our Adult Day Program. Arc Staff brought their children and grandchildren. The day was filled with a variety of different activities for them to share in, along with our program participants. The children and our consumers worked hand in hand on many projects. Both the kiddos, and our folks participated in an Exercise Class, Wii Dance Contest, and planted flowers together. The children worked side by side with our folks on completing their contract work, which involves placing two different size screws in a plastic bag. Everyone enjoyed having lunch together and afterwards they got to make their own ice cream sundaes. At the end of the day's activities, each child was presented with Certificate of Appreciation, for sharing in this fun filled event.



Aktion Club Luncheon with the Kiwanis Club

A luncheon with the Kiwanis Club of Scranton was held at The Arc on April 5th to recognize Club's awards and accomplishments.

Our AKtion Club is a community service group of adults with developmental disabilities. The group is co-sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Scranton. An AKtion Club has four primary goals for its members:

To develop initiative and leadership skills

To provide experience in living and working together

To serve the community

To prepare for useful citizenship





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