

SUMMER 2018

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## The Arc-NEPA's Golf Tournament

The Arc-NEPA's Golf Tournament was held on May 14th! We are very proud and happy to have had such a wonderfully, successful event!! We were thrilled to have our Celebrity Kevin Naniewicz join us for the day along with his Uncle Bob, his Mom, Shirley and her friends. The day was beautiful and we have decided that the Monday following Mother's Day is our day. So please mark your calendars for Monday, May 13th of 2019 and we look forward to seeing all of you at Glen Oak CC. Many thank yous go out to:

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# President's Message



I hope that everyone is enjoying the summer warmth, picnics, gardening, and trips with family. I had back surgery in April and recently started physical therapy. I'm starting to feel better already. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support and prayers. My husband Bob has been great. He drove me

anywhere I needed to go and said he felt like he was driving 'Miss Daisy'.

We must continue our work to provide services and support to our consumers and their families. I'm delighted to serve on The Arc Auxiliary Board, The Arc Board and The Arc Foundation Board. We are fortunate to have so many talented and passionate

people who give their time and talent to The Arc. Speaking of The Auxiliary, it receives "Wish Lists" from their many programs and tries to support their requests. Recently, they purchased a refrigerator for one of them. We are very fortunate to have this fantastic group who goes above and beyond for the folks we serve. I also suggested that The Arc request funding support for Unico, whose mission is to help and support others.

I look forward to serving with our Executive Director, Maryclaire Kretsch. We have already been discussing objectives for the year ahead. Please continue to support us. If you would like to become more actively involved, contact myself or Maryclaire. My best wishes for a fun filled summer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Hoffman  
President

## Exec's Corner



### **Pennsylvania Department of Human Services - Office of Developmental Programs** **Budget F.Y. 18-19**

On Friday, June 22nd, the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed its Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Bill, well ahead of the June 30th deadline. On Thursday, July 12th at the

Pennsylvania Advocacy & Resources Membership Meeting, Office of Developmental Programs, Director of the Bureau of Financial Management, Rick Smith, provided an overview of the ODP budget for 18-19:

ODP received a \$45.2 million increase in state revenue in the approved 2018-2019 budget. Rick added that the budgetary objectives include:

- \$4 million to serve an additional 100 people from the Emergency Waiting List
- \$102 million to serve 800 graduates of the special education class
- \$697,000 for adults with autism

- \$1.1 million for transitioning 25 individuals from state centers to community
- Annualization of F.Y. 18-19 program expenses

We are pleased to see funding for the Emergency Waiting List and high school graduates. Yet we remain concerned about the proposed rates for transportation on the proposal may result in reduced rates that fail to cover costs. We are equally concerned that the budget did not include funding necessary to continue the department's commitment to direct service professional wages through a cost of living adjustment.

Advocacy is critical and as a member of the Pennsylvania Advocacy and Resources (PAR) an organization whose mission is to strengthen the capacity of service providers across the state, The Arc of NEPA has the opportunity (and responsibility) to stay informed, to speak out on budgetary and regulatory issues and to advocate in matters that may impact the children, adults and families we serve.

Maryclaire Kretsch  
Executive Director

# The Arc Recreation Schedule September 2018

**Tuesday, September 4, 2018**  
and **Friday, September 7, 2018.**  
Welcome back Bowlers! Starting  
time at Idle Hours is 4:45pm sharp!

**Thursday, September 6, 2018**  
Welcome back! Join us for an  
Strawberry Shortcake Social and  
Advisory Meeting!!!

All of Lackawanna County is invited  
to attend our Advisory Meeting  
at Aylesworth Park, Jermyn from  
6:00pm to 8:00pm!!!!

Bring your ideas and wish list for your  
2018/2019 Recreation Program Plans!

You will make your own sundaes and  
enjoy a social hour with your friends.

Reservations are required by Monday,  
September 3, 2018. Fee \$4.00

**Thursday, September 13, 2018**

Live Entertainment at The Arc from  
6:00pm to 8:00pm! The one and  
only" Johnny Superstar the Magician  
and DJ"!

He will entertain us with his Magical  
Mystic Acts and lead into Rocking  
the House with songs like Neil  
Diamond! Let's Dance!

Reservations are due by Monday,  
September 10, 2018. Fee \$4.00

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

14th Annual The Arc at Waldorf  
Park's "Family Fun Fall Festival"  
3:00pm to 8:00pm

**Thursday September 20, 2018**

"Minute to Win It" at The Arc from  
6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Join us in Playing "Minute to Win  
It" TV game show! You will be  
competing in quirky games such  
as the Facial Cookie Race, Human  
Bowling Balls competition, Human  
Hungry, Hungry Hippo games, the  
Cotton Ball challenge and many  
more fun filled games! We will even  
have table competitions too!

Drinks and Snacks will be provided.

Fee \$5.00

Reservations are due by Monday,  
September 17, 2018 Fee \$4.00

**Thursday, September 27, 2018**

Live from Dallas Pennsylvania the  
"Unaccounted Four" barbershop  
quartet will bring their talents to  
The Arc from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

It is an experience to hear them  
sing! When you hear it, you think  
"wow, that's pretty amazing!"

Quartets have been entertaining  
for generations. It's so special they  
get to hear the harmony in their  
voices! Unaccounted Four is part  
of the Wyoming Valley Barbershop  
Harmony chorus.

Reservations are due by Monday,  
September 24, 2018 Fee \$5.00

**For reservations please  
contact Mari or Holly  
at 570-207-0825**

## Foundation Annual Meeting

We recently held our Foundation  
Annual Meeting on June 12th at  
the Radisson. We recognized sev-  
eral individuals, companies, com-  
munity groups and foundations  
who have been extremely gener-  
ous to The Arc this past year. A  
sincere thank you for helping The  
Arc to continue its mission.

### **Foundation Board Officers 18-19**

President - Joseph Hollander  
Vice President - William Burke  
Treasurer - Ann Hoffman  
Secretary - Maryclaire Kretsch

*Pictured: Bob Durkin, Immediate Past  
President of The Arc Board; Bill Burke, Arc  
Foundation Vice President; Maryclaire Kretsch,  
Arc Executive Director and Arc Foundation  
Secretary; Alan Hughes, Immediate Past  
President of The Arc Foundation; Ann  
Hoffman, Arc Foundation Treasurer*

### **Foundation Board Members 18-19**

Louis Auriemma  
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William Burnell  
Carol Chisdak  
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Mary Beth D'Andrea  
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Alexandra Yantorn



# Calendar of Events

## Please Mark Your Calendars 2018

### September

United Way Day of Caring  
Sept. 6th

Fall Festival -Waldorf Park  
Sept. 16th

PPODS Buddy Walk  
Sept. 23rd

Arc-Knight  
Sept. 29th

### October

Buddy Walk (PODS)  
Oct. 7th

Auxiliary Membership Mixer  
Oct. 10th

Board Retreat - tentative  
Oct. 25th

### November

Knights of Columbus  
Appreciation Party

Night at the Races  
Nov. 9th

### December

Poinsettia Sale

Cookie Walk

End of Year Foundation  
Solicitation

Holiday Show at Arc

Holiday Party  
Dec. 14th

## Pocono Buddy Walk and Family Fun Day

Hello Friends,

The countdown begins for our 9th Annual Pocono Buddy Walk & Family Fun Day! We hope you will be joining us for another fun filled day of awareness, acceptance and advocacy!

The event is Sunday September 23rd 12:00-3:00. Registration is \$15/adults and \$10/child (individuals with Down syndrome are free) The fee covers a t-shirt and cinch sack for those registered by September 1st as well as access to activities, games and entertainment. Additionally we will have a vendors row and raffles to partake in. This is a FAMILY FUN event, not a 5K! We have a small "ceremonial walk" as a group in between our other activities.

### What to expect:

- Bounce Houses
- Face Painting
- Crafts
- Carnival Games
- Vendors
- Photo Ops with costume characters
- Concession stand
- Music
- Raffles
- and more!

The proceeds from the event will go towards continuing our mission of providing support and resources to parents of children with ANY special needs, as well as promote awareness, acceptance and advocacy for our children. We are in the pre-planning stages of developing more meaningful employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Please help us reach our goal!



### How can you be involved?

- Join a team or form your own!
- Become a sponsor.
- Volunteer to help.
- Make a donation if you cannot attend.
- Offer your services to enhance our day.
- Donate an item to our raffle
- Spread the word!

What has North PPODS and Friends done? We have supported The Area P Special Olympics, Young Athlete Program, Center for Developmental Disabilities, Pike County Developmental Center, provided medical binders, camp scholarships, technology assistance, music therapy, sign language classes, family fun outings, awareness events for Autism, Tourette's, Epilepsy and an All Abilities celebration, outreach in local schools, community and hospitals, and hold monthly informational meetings.

We are working to make our community a better one and we would love your help with that. The Buddy Walk poster is on page 7 of this newsletter for anyone interested. Below is the link to the registration page.

<https://give.classy.org/poconobuddywalk>

Thank you for your support!

Mandy Colville  
North PPODS and Friends  
Support For Parents of Children with  
Special Needs  
[www.ppodsnorth.org](http://www.ppodsnorth.org)

# Dental Society Donates To The Arc

The Scranton District Dental Society donated a check for \$1500.00 to The Arc at its June 20th golf outing and dinner held at The Country Club of Scranton. Patrick Quinn, Director of Program Operations, and Kelly Peters, Senior Manager of Licensed Services were on hand to receive the donation and to offer a few words of thanks. In December 2017 and January 2018, Meadow Avenue program participants assembled over 8,000 dental bags containing toothbrushes, toothpaste, coloring sheets, stickers, and gift certificates for distribution to area grade schools in recognition of Dental Hygiene Awareness Month in February. For several years now, our consumers have taken up the task of assembling the bags, originally assembling a few

thousand and growing annually to the 8000 assembled this year! The Dental Society also threw a large pizza party for all Meadow Avenue consumers

when the project was completed. We value our partnership with the Dental Society and look forward to a longstanding collaboration.



L to R: Brendan Langan, J.R. Karam, Al Matrone, Kelly Peters (Arc), Marie Devour (Tri-State Dental Society President), Charles Scrimalli (SDDS President), Pat Quinn (Arc), Sam Prisco, Megan Azar, Jessica Falk, and Tom Langan Jr.

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# Arc Knight 2018

27th Annual Evening of Excitement!  
Saturday, September 29, 2018  
MOHEGAN SUN AT POCONO DOWNS  
Route 315, Wilkes-Barre, PA

## Sponsorships

### Platinum Sponsors: \$500.00

Includes reserved seating for 4 and sole sponsorship of the race of your choice. Four dinner tickets, recognition in the race program, photo, plus an award presented to the sponsoring individual or company.

### Gold Sponsors: \$350.00

Includes (4) dinner tickets, photo of sponsors with winning horse and recognition in the race program.

### Silver Sponsors: \$200.00

Includes (2) dinner tickets and recognition in the race program.

\*All dinners include dessert & coffee  
(Cash Bar Available)

**Dinner Tickets: \$35.00**

## Sponsored by:

The Knights of Columbus  
The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania

Dinner: 6:00 p.m. & Post Time: 6:30 p.m.

All proceeds benefit The Arc of NEPA  
For more information, please call The Arc at (570) 346-4010



**Thank you and we look forward to having you join us!**

# Sixteenth Annual Family Fun Fall Festival Waldorf Park

Proceeds Benefit The Arc of NEPA

## East Coast Trio and The Wanabees

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**  
**3:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Tickets at the door: Adults \$25.00

Children 4 to 12 \$5.00

Children 3 and under are free.

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

**Adult Pre-Sale Tickets \$20.00**

*(Pre-Sale Tickets must be purchased by Monday, September 10, 2018)*

*(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 - 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**

## United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley

Recently, Pat Quinn and Mari Pizur attended a check presentation in Carbon County where The Arc-NEPA was honored as an outstanding partner by the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

The event took place on July 31, 2018 at the Lawrence B. Morris School in Jim Thorpe

Thank you to all the generous donors and dedicated partners. The United Way has increased its investment in Carbon County in 2018 and welcomed several new partners.

The Arc-NEPA is proud to be affiliated with the United Way of Carbon County and Lackawanna and Wayne Counties.

## Scranton Prep Volunteers Week

The annual contingent from Scranton Prep came to volunteer at Arc locations from June 11-15th, 2018. Fifteen incoming seniors from Prep, under the guidance of Mr. Aaron Holzman, tackled large scale projects at Meadow Avenue, Scott Township, Winfield Avenue, Court Street, Farr Street, and



Seymour Avenue throughout the week. Weedwacking, mulching, and painting at the Arc properties went a long way to spruce up our community homes and accomplish a good deal of work that we would otherwise have to bid out. The Arc and Scranton Prep have a longstanding relationship through which Prep community service

requirements are met via a week of work at Arc locations, kicked off by an orientation to the agency by members of the administrative team. Thanks also to our dynamic duo of Joe Sepe and John Rokita from Arc maintenance for keeping the group well supplied with everything they needed at each location.



## Flag Donation To The Arc

Bon Russamano, longtime friend of The Arc, recently donated one of his custom made American Flagpoles complete with the stars and stripes for display at Meadow Avenue. Bon's flagpoles are unique in that they turn with the wind so the flag doesn't tangle. Thank you, Bon for your generosity and friendship!

## 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.



Please join us for our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual

North PPODS and Friends

## Pocono Buddy Walk and Family Fun Day!

Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:00-3:00

Akenac Park, Dingmans Ferry PA

Register at: [www.nepabuddywalk.com](http://www.nepabuddywalk.com)

\$15/Adult \$10/Child

Pre-register by Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> to get a free T-shirt & Cinch sack

Join the fun - Games, inflatables, crafts, raffles, vendors & more!

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Down Syndrome Awareness

For more information contact

[PPODSandFriends@yahoo.com](mailto:PPODSandFriends@yahoo.com) [www.ppodsnorth.org](http://www.ppodsnorth.org)

# Rockin' Rescue

*Submitted by: Sheila Hartranft*

On Saturday, July 14, 2018, The Arc participants in Carbon County attended the 8th annual Rockin' Rescue in the Lehighton Grove. The Rockin' Rescue was planned by Donna Becker-Crum who is the animal cruelty officer for Carbon County.

The Rockin' Rescue features many vendors and people who came in from other counties with their stands featuring shelters and people who offer pet foods, dog sitting and walking services.

We were able to pet many of the dogs that people brought to the event. Our favorite stand was with Xena and Julian who were with their owner Laurie Duncan-Mathews. The dogs loved the attention from our participants.

The group saw reptiles such as snakes, a tortoise and an



*Folks from our Carbon County program enjoying their Recreation experience.*

alligator! Scary, I know but fun and interesting!

All money raised from this event goes to needy animals within the county. It takes hours of planning for this event with volunteers and friends and family. What a great success!

We enjoyed a lunch in the park and shared some pet stories of our own.

All in all, we had a fun day and ended up our adventure sitting in the grass and listening to one of the many bands who performed. What a great day and we supported a great cause!

## Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS)/Abusive Head Trauma (AHT)



Shaken baby syndrome (SBS) or Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) is caused by vigorous shaking of an infant or young child by the arms, legs, chest or shoulders. Forceful shaking can result in brain damage leading to intellectual disability,

speech and learning disabilities, paralysis, seizures, hearing loss and even death. It may cause bleeding around the brain and eyes, resulting in blindness. A baby's head and neck are especially vulnerable to injury because the head is so large and the neck muscles are still weak. In addition, the baby's brain and blood vessels are very fragile and easily damaged by whiplash motions, such as shaking, jerking and jolting. Shaken baby syndrome has been identified by other names such as abusive head trauma, shaken brain trauma, pediatric traumatic brain injury, whiplash shaken infant syndrome and shaken impact syndrome.

Shaken Baby Syndrome is the most common cause of mortality and accounts for the most long-term

disability in infants and young children due to physical abuse. The true incidence of SBS is not known, but estimates range from an annual figure as low as 600 cases per year in the United States to as high as 1400. One shaken baby in four dies as a result of this abuse. Head trauma is the most frequent cause of permanent damage or death among abused infants and children, and shaking accounts for a significant number of those cases. Some studies estimate that 15 percent of children's deaths are due to battering or shaking and an additional 15 percent are possible cases of shaking. The victims of shaken baby syndrome range in age from a few days to five years but most often involve children younger than 2 years of age.

# The Arc Celebrates 63rd Annual Meeting

The 63rd annual meeting of The Arc's members and Board of Directors was held at La Buona Vita on Tuesday, June 26, 2018. This annual gathering highlights the contributions of individuals, businesses, board members, agency staff, and most importantly, the accomplishments of individuals served by The Arc. This year's consumer awards went to Jeff Bahr, Pauline Burke, Ed Chorba, Alex Conte, Carl Hallock, Janice Jablonski, and Jerry Madesky. Outstanding Philanthropy awards were presented to Keystone Chapter of UNICO National and the Scranton Rotary Club. Special Recognition awards went to Career Technology Center, Brian Fallon, Director of Scranton Parks and Recreation, and Tom Donahue from Lamar Advertising. Board Members honored for completion of service to the board included Bill Burke, Ken Doolittle, Joe Hollander, and Sara Wolf. The Arc Award, which is the highest honor bestowed annually by the agency, was presented to Bill Burnell for his many years of service to the board and his stewardship of The Arc. Staff celebrating anniversary milestones were: Caitlyn Grafing, Kristen Kijewski, Barb Weibel- 5 years; Allison Hull, Eric Martinborough, Joseph Sepe- 10 years; Theresa Leggat- 20 years; and Patrick Quinn-35 years. Congratulations to all award winners, and thank you to everyone who works or volunteers to make The Arc of Northeastern Pennsylvania so successful in its mission!



## The Arc of PA



### Advocacy and Policy Conference

The Arc of PA held their Advocacy and Policy Conference for 2018 on June 4th and 5th at the Hilton in Harrisburg PA. This also included a well attended Rally at the Capital to promote funding for Direct Service Professionals in the 2018 budget, as well as other funding increases for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and autism. Mari Pizur and Roseann Polishan attended on behalf of The Arc of NEPA, and spent time with legislators and board members of the The Arc of PA, including our local Arc of PA board members Don

Broderick and Sara Wolff. They attended a legislative breakfast, with a keynote address by Hon. Bryan Cutler House Republican Caucus Whip and Teresa Miller - Secretary Department of Human Services. There were also some wonderful workshops on guardianship, self advocacy, housing and employment options that pertain to The Arc of NEPA's mission of helping individuals live full, self determined and respected lives. Overall, it was a very informative and educational conference and a terrific opportunity to network and get our voices heard!!

## The Right to Education Task Force

The Right to Education Task Force can be a powerful tool for parents and families. It was derived from the 1972 PARC Decree, where Pennsylvania children with or thought to have intellectual disability were guaranteed the right to a free public education program. Out of this decree came a plan to identify, locate, and evaluate children with intellectual disabilities, as well as establish due process procedures and State and Local Task Forces (one for each intermediate unit) to ensure these priorities are carried out throughout the state.

Our Local Task Force for IU 19 has increased membership and attendees over the last 2 years and hope's to build on this momentum. The Arc of NEPA continues to support this invaluable resource as a key member of the Task Force.

The meetings for the 2018/19 School Year will take place at The Arc of NEPA boardroom at 9:30 am on October 16th, November 20th, February 12th, April 16th and May 7th. The March 19th meeting will be at 6 pm. Some of the topics this year include, ESY, SETT evaluations, Procedural Safeguards of the IEP, Financial Planning for Special Needs Individuals, Lekotek/Compu camp and Waivers and ID /Autism Services.  
- Roseann Polishan



Submitted by: Mari Pizur

On June 6th we caught some fun and excitement of Railrider's Baseball! We were the "Community Organization Group of the Night "

Joe Foley was selected to throw the FIRST PITCH! He stepped up on the pitcher's mound with his face beaming as he was cheered on by the crowd! His throw was strong and "pitcher" perfect over home

plate! It was a great moment!

The baseball game started after Kennedy Elementary School sang the National Anthem! Later in the evening our logo had some time to shine on the video board!

I was interviewed on the Railrider's Network Broadcast during the third inning.

It was a great night for The Arc and a beautiful night for baseball!



# Arc Update

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

The United Way Day of Caring is coming soon, September 6th. We are looking forward to welcoming all the volunteers from area companies who will be joining us for the day. There are several sites that are getting spruced up and we are thrilled to have the help. Please check out the Fall edition of the newsletter for an update on all the wonderful projects we will have completed.

Arc-Knight is scheduled for Saturday, September 29th. Flyer included in this newsletter. The Knights of Columbus are wonderful to work with and bring in a lot of support. Please mark your calendars and the invites will be headed your way soon!

**Arc Recreation:** Summer Camp will have its End of Camp Extravaganza on August 10th. We are looking forward to seeing the show that all of them having been so hard working on and congratulating each and every one on a very successful camp season. We had approximately 50 children on a daily basis who enjoyed the activities, swimming pool, outings, friendships and summer time fun.

**Auxiliary News:** The Auxiliary held their Annual Meeting on June 19th. We welcomed Jean Biggar who is now serving as Recording Secretary and all the Officers: Corolla Sawka, President; Peggy Tenelly, Vice President; Jean Biggar, Recording Secretary; Carol Burke, Corresponding Secretary; Nancy Crafferty, Treasurer; Eileen Williams, Immediate Past President and Directors: Mary Murphy Fox, Jeanne Gardier, Helga Harrington, Ann Hoffman, MaryCarol Kanton, Linda Kusy, Mary Theresa Montoro, Betty Moreken, Liz Toms, Sara Wolff, Betsy Youngblood

and Lifetime Board Member: Claire Maldonato.

The Ladies will be hosting an Ice Cream Social in the Adult Day Program on Tuesday, August 21st. It is sure to be a sweet afternoon!

A Membership Mixer will be held at La Buona Vita on October 10th featuring entertainment, a raffle and food stations. More information is included in this edition and invitations will be sent. Please consider bringing a friend to join.



Seated - Corolla Sawka, Peggy Tenelly.  
Standing - Nancy Crafferty, Carol Burke, Eileen Williams, Jean Biggar, Maryclaire Kretsch, Arc Executive Director.

## Arc Angels on Stage

We received a third grant from the Lackawanna County Department of Arts and Culture for Theater Arts for adults with disabilities. We wish to thank Lackawanna County for their extraordinary generosity! Also, on May 4th, the Scranton Area Community Foundation matched every dollar that The Arc generated for Match Day. All the proceeds from Match Day were used to fund this outstanding program. Thank you so much to the Scranton Area Community Foundation for their tremendous support and kindness. This year was an awesome production featuring Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, the Lion, the Wizard, the Witch of the West, Flying Monkeys, Munchkins, the Mayor and tons of talent. Geri Featherby was the Artistic Director for the Arc Stars program along with Lindsay Cocker who is interning under Geri's guidance.

The Arc Angels on Stage proudly presented The Wizard of Oz on June 30, 2018 at North Pocono High School.

### The Cast -

#### In Order of Appearance

Munchkin 1 .....Kayla Morgan  
Munchkin 2 ..... Pauline Burke  
Munchkin 3 ..... Kenny Carite  
Tough Guy 1 ..... Matt Rossi  
Tough Guy 2 ..... Joseph Scalzo  
Tough Guy 3 ..... Bryan Pusey  
Mayor ..... Chris Shoener  
A Winkie ..... Kevin Durkin  
Monkey 1 ..... Teresa Salerno  
Monkey 2 ..... Shannon Sweeney  
Dorothy 1 ..... Maria Valiante  
Dorothy 2 ..... Alea Granville  
Glinda ..... Kathy Brady

West Witch ..... Kristen Marconi  
Scarecrow 1 ..... Matt Wildmann  
Scarecrow 2 ..... Zak Kongvold  
Tinman 1 ..... Tyler Demas  
Tinman 2 ..... Mark Kwiatkowski  
Lion 1 ..... John Hulse  
Lion 2 ..... Marla Murphy

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## Please Mark Your Calendars

The Friends of The Arc Auxiliary invites you to be our guest for:

### A Membership Mixer!

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

There will be several pieces of art work created by the folks served by The Arc, a variety of entertainment, raffles, door prizes and fine dining selections

Auxiliary Members: Complimentary

Guests: \$10.00 (includes a one-year Auxiliary membership)

Invitations will be out shortly. Please consider bringing a friend to join.

Thank you.



## Honorariums

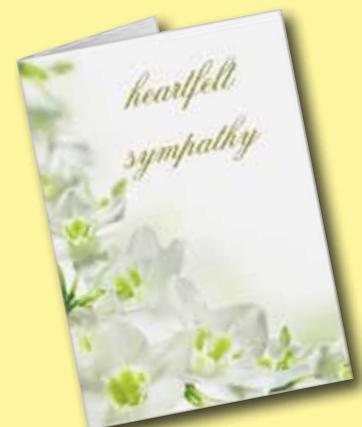


Celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, special events are all beautiful moments to be honored and cherished. Remembering your loved ones, friends, neighbors, co-workers is a wonderful way to let them know how much you care and that you are thinking of them. We can help relay those messages for you.

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.



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## Buddy Walk 2018



### Sunday, October 7th

Walk Starts at 1:30 PM

Registration at begins at NOON  
Schimelfenig Pavilion  
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DJ, Food, Gift Baskets, 50/50 Raffle, Face Painting, Free Tee Shirts & More!

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WE CAN TAKE  
STEPS FOR A  
BRIGHTER  
TOMORROW!

## Grand Marshal



*Congratulations to Sara Wolff on being the Grand Marshal in the parade for the Moscow Country Fair...You look great, Sara!*

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## "A Night at the Races"

*November 9, 2018*

St. Mary's Center  
320 Mifflin Avenue, Scranton

Doors open at 6:00p.m. Post Time: 6:30p.m.

★Door Prizes

★Basket Raffle

★50/50

★Food/Soft Drinks - Free

★Beer/Wine - Cash Bar till 10:00 p.m.

★No BYOB

Donation: \$10.00



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***Donating is easy!  
It may be tax-deductible.***

# The Arc-NEPA's Golf Tournament

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Forge \* Elaine Shepard \* The Prescription Center \* Rabel Furniture

Tim Wagner's Sports Corner \* Tim & Dolly Woody - In Honor of Aubree DeFazio \* Wayne Bank

## Cart Sponsors

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## Golfers

Captain: Louis Auriemma

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Captain: Mary Beth D'Andrea

Bob Courtright, Sandy Yantorn, Ellen Rudis Captain: Gayle DeAntona

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Scott Schoenberg, Bryan Boles, Tom Boles

Captain: Mark Young

Wendy Seamans, Joe Shea, Scott Cresswell

Thank you very much to ALL of you for being so helpful in putting together this successful event.

HUGE thank you goes to Kevin Naniewicz and his mom, Shirley. We are so grateful for your friendship.

## Special thank you goes to:

Carol Chisdak for always being available;

Mark Lynn for being right there when this all started;

Jeff Spagna for helping in any way he can and

Tom Donahue for being one of the good guys.

Lamar, Electric City Trolley, Café Rinaldi, The Scranton Times-Tribune, Brucelli, Scranton Cultural Center, Jaworski, Texas Roadhouse, Glen Oak C.C., the volunteers & to all the individuals & companies who have so graciously donated to this year's tournament.



# Arc Angels on Stage

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Oz ..... Ken Allen

## Scenes & Musical Numbers

**Scene 1.....Kansas**

"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

FULL CAST

**Scene 2..... Munchkin Land**

"Ding Dong the Witch is Dead"

ENSEMBLE

"Follow the Yellow Brick Road"

DOROTHY, SCARECROW

**Scene 3..... Scarecrow**

"Follow the Yellow Brick Road"

ENSEMBLE

**Scene 4..... Tinman**

"Lions, Tigers, Bears, Oh my!"

ENSEMBLE

**Scene 4..... Lion**

"Follow the Yellow Brick Road"

DOROTHY, SCARECROW, TINMAN,  
LION

**Scene 5..... Witches Castle**

"Oreo Song" HEAD WINKIE &

ENSEMBLE

"Ding Dong the Witch is Dead"

FULL CAST

**Scene 6..... Oz**

"Disco Somewhere Over the

Rainbow" FULL CAST

## NP Theatre Buddies

Reese Anderson

Catherine Clancy

Mary Donaghy

Phoebe Hnatko

Tina Kriedler

Regina Steele

Kyra Wojtkielewicz

Rachel Zarubski



## Production Crew

Artistic Director.....  
Mrs. Geri Featherby

Production Director Intern.....  
Lindsay Cocker

Choreographer.....Mrs. Cristina  
Sohns-Williams

Costume Coordinator/builder.....  
Gina Fiss

Stage Manager/ Sound Operator.....  
Avery Roberts

Light Designer.....Ryan Houser  
Light Board Operator.....  
Arc Star, Cody Calvert

Sound Board Operator.....  
Laurie Houser

Spot Light Operator..... Dominick  
Esgro

Technical assistant .... Kyle Driscoll

*Many thanks to Lee LaChette ,  
Artistic and Producing Director,  
Phoenix Theater Company,  
Duryea, for providing The Arc Stars  
with the original script of: Disco  
Wizard of Oz! We are honored by  
your gift.*

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