



the ARC Linkletter



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July / August 2009

Important Dates

August 7th - Food Auction in Cafeteria

August 12th - Staff Appreciation at RCC

August 13th - Staff Appreciation at VanBuren Street

September 7th - Agency closed in observance of Labor Day

September 17th - NYSARC 60th Anniversary Celebration in Albany

October 3rd - 2nd Annual Coming Together the United Way Canal Walk

FROM DAVID CALHOUN, OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On June 29th the Agency held its 27th Annual Golf Tournament at Wayne Hills Country Club. The event was sold out with 156 golfers participating. I would like to thank the golf committee members, Tracy Clingerman, Gary Reilly, Steve Felker, Darrin Brentnall, John Tickner, Terri Skinner, Mark Peake, Sue Bryant and Tim Cappon for a very successful tournament. I would also like to thank all of our Sponsors and Donors and especially Lyons Bank, Ely & Leene/Mead & Maloy and Dobbins Drugs/Old Lyons Hardware. The golf tournament netted over 25 thousand dollars!

This July the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors gave approval for Candy Apple, a local day care provider, to rent three rooms for the next year at the Roosevelt Children's Center. We are excited about this partnership and wish Candy Apple welcome.

On July 6th we received notification from the State that our request to have the Lindsey Redmond Center certified for DayHab services was granted. We hope to have the DayHab program up and running within the next few weeks.

I would also like to thank all of the staff who met with me or sent me ideas regarding agency benefits. I held 5 focus group discussions and 30 staff participated. We discussed sick, vacation, holiday, and personal time policies and use. We also discussed a number of miscellaneous topics regarding agency benefits. Their ideas and thoughts were very helpful as we assess and decide if the current level of benefits needs to change.

Wayne ARC will not be taking over the operation of Everybody Rides from the State. The amount of funds the State offered to operate the program, given the tough economic time, was not sufficient in our opinion to operate the program efficiently and effectively. If the program is offered again in the future with appropriate funding we would still be interested in acquiring it.

NYSARC will be celebrating its 60th Anniversary this fall, they are asking all chapters to participate in their 60th Anniversary Walk in Albany on September 17th. For additional information please contact Terri Skinner in Development.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

1st quarter 2009 Recipients:

ARS-Day Hab Laurie Morrison nominated by Debbie Amie

CA - Barbara O'Bine nominated by Gary Reilly

MSC - Charisse Renner nominated by Sandy Prinzi, Jennifer Allen & Michelle Santell

RCC - Nancy James nominated by Linda Eckert and Susan Everdyke

RS - Murray Street Margaret Lester nominated by Mary Stevenson

A reception was held honoring Employee of the Quarter recipients on June 10th. Each recipient won a \$50 gift card.

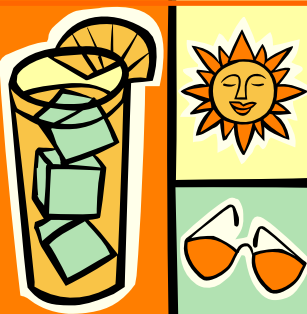


BRIGHT SPOTS

Cathy Hanagan
Jennifer Blanchard
Deb Wheeler
Gloria Wolfanger

Jennifer Miller
Jill Stevenson
Jeffery Road Staff
Linda Mascoli

Judy Abbott
Ryan Scheehe
Angie Camnitz
Donna DeWolf



Please submit entries for the next Linkletter no later than September 1st to Terri Skinner via email at skinnert@waynearc.org



ACROSS THE CANAL ...



On June 6th RCC hosted a Free-Cycle Toy and Book Exchange sponsored by the Green Angels. The Green Angels are a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of area children by providing them with recycled books and gently used toys at no cost to area families. Two weeks prior to the event collection boxes were placed in many areas throughout the county. The night before, volunteers from RCC cleaned and sorted hundreds of toys and books. We opened our gym to the public at 1:00 on Saturday. The looks on the children's faces when they saw the gym full of toys was priceless!

A steady stream of local families came all afternoon. The parents expressed their gratitude as they left with arms full of toys. RCC was proud to be a part of such a worthwhile endeavor.

The school year ended on June 24th. Graduation ceremonies were held for those children who will be going on to kindergarten although many of them will be with us for the summer. RCC's summer program will begin on July 13th. We are looking forward to having a school full of laughing children enjoying fun times with their friends and staff.

NEWS YOU CAN USE FROM HR

Have you been on ARCNet lately? The Human Resources Department is using ARCNet more and more to keep employees informed.

To save paper it is a good idea to go into ARCNet and print the form only when needed. This ensures you will have the most recent up to date form. Simply go into ARCNet under Agency Wide information..and then Form Center.

Under general forms you will find forms such as change in name and address, tax forms, internal applications, direct deposit forms and many more. Under Supervisor forms, supervisors can find forms such as the attendance review form, the C-2, the Performance Appraisal and more..

ARCNet is also a great place if you need to review or look up one of the Agency's Personnel Policies. Simply Click Personnel Policies on the first page of ARCNet where you will be directed to the policy Table of Contents. This way you can be assured you are seeing the most current version of the policy.

MSC HAPPENINGS

Service Coordination Wolcott Site Opened

On June 22nd the Service Coordination Department opened a satellite site at 12044 E. Main Street in Wolcott. The offices are located in a shared building with DeAngelis Real Estate. Service Coordinator, Tami Sprague is located at the Wolcott site full time and Charisse Renner will be there part time. Eventually an additional Service Coordinator will be hired for that location as we increase the number of individuals served in the area.

Please feel free to stop in and visit our new office. We anticipate additional interest in the Wolcott/Red Creek area by having a presence in the community.

27TH ANNUAL AGENCY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Wayne ARC raised over \$25,000 at their 27th Annual Golf Tournament held at Wayne Hills Country Club on the 29th of June. The overall sponsor of the event was Lyons National Bank. Platinum Sponsors of the event were Ely & Leene, Mead & Maloy, Dobbins Drugs / Old Lyons Hardware. The success of this tournament is attributed to generous sponsorship and countless contributions of time and energy by committee members and volunteers. The committee is comprised of Steve Felker and Tim Cappon both having served for 21 years, Darrin Brentnall, Tracy Clingerman, David Calhoun, Executive Director of Wayne ARC, John Tickner, Mark Peake, Gary Reilly, Terri Skinner and Sue Bryant. Volunteers for the day included Katie Vowell, Donna DeWolf, Jim Williams, Barbara O'Bine, Jean Minkau, Seana Freling, Fonda Benne, Zack Cappon, Wesley Felker and Cal Felker.

The tournament boasts several events – most notably a hole in one contest sponsored by Lakeland Equipment, a putting contest and a closest to the pin contest in memory of Bill Patterson, the founder of the event, sponsored by Ely & Leene / Mead & Maloy. The putting contest this year was won by Bill Nicholson, who received a gas grill donated by Old Lyons Hardware. The memorial closest to the pin contest was won by Dave Wagner who received a \$250 cash prize. The winning scratch foursome was Bill Weston, Kyle Krickovich, Don Preston and Ed Krickovich. The winning net foursome was Bob McNamara, Dave Whitney, John Joyce Jr. and Don Burns.





PEPPERMINT DAYS PARADE

On July 10th Wayne ARC participated in the Peppermint Days Parade in Lyons. NYSARC is having it's 60th anniversary this year and asked that we participate in a local event promoting both their agency and ours. We had unbelievable support from residential and supportive with approximately 70 consumers and many additional staff members marching. Alex Ouku, owner of Q's Lawn Care, towed the float created on a trailer donated for our use by Randy and Seana Freling.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our Peppermint Days Parade float a success. I was thrilled with the number of consumers who participated and the energy the staff put into assisting consumers make flags and flowers for the float and helping out at the parade. The level of excitement at the parade itself was contagious. As we marched, or rode, the number of Wayne ARC faces supporting us from the crowd was amazing. I was moved to see many consumers become excited when they saw a friendly face in the crowd. Once again, a most heartfelt thank you to all who participated in any way.



APPRECIATION LETTER

This is a short note that is being written to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to all the employees working at the adult home for men located in Lyons, New York. My son is a resident at this home and as his mother I wish to express my appreciation for all that has been done for him by the staff. I realize that they are all working hard to provide a special home for my mentally challenged son and all the other men living at this residence. At this time I would like to give a special thank you to Tiffany and Wendy. They have demonstrated that their concerns and the care for the residents would always come first. Having such nice employees caring for the mentally challenged is a wonderful blessing for them and their families. Unfortunately we all live in a busy world where it has become far too easy to complain or criticize and we may not be saying thank you often enough. Please always remember your **kindness, hard work and dedication to our loved ones has not gone unnoticed.**

HIKING TRAIL OPENS

We are pleased to report that a new hiking trail has been completed from Wikinson Road through the Wayne ARC property to the Genesee Land Trust preserve (Ganarguia Creek Meadows) adjacent to the Lindsey Redmond Wayne ARC Center in Macedon. This was accomplished by the Macedon Trails Committee. Their next step is to post signs and possibly post the land and also, to let people know when they are on the Preserve.

We would like to extend an invitation to hike the trail to all our staff. The Macedon Trails Committee would like feedback about the trail. If you are able to hike the trail and would like to comment on the trails accessibility and condition please contact Peter Henry at moldamar@msn.com.

STAFF NEWS

The Disabilities Studies Certificate Program is presented in partnership with New York State Association of Community and Residential Agencies (NYSACRA) and the State University of New York (SUNY).

Wayne ARC would like to congratulate our first graduate of the program **Diane Ojeda!**

This program began in the fall of 2007 and was an intense two year program that was comprised of a six week Bridge to College course, four college classes and a twelve step online module program. Participants receive recognition from NYSACRA in honor of their successful completion of this accredited program. Wayne ARC would like to congratulate Diane on her successful completion, hard work and dedication throughout the program! Great job Diane!

FREE FILE FOLDERS

Our Printshop is overflowing with file folders, both hanging or standard, and is giving them to all takers! They literally have thousands of each style and need them to be distributed. If you know of any outside church or agency that would benefit from these folders please contact Mary Marr at x223.

