

The ARC News

Information for Members & Friends of ARC Services of Macomb, Inc.

From the Associate Director's Desk... Where ARC Began the New Year

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The first three months of 2010 were wonderfully exciting and busy at ARC Services of Macomb, Inc. – a trend we expect to continue! We welcomed the New Year with various and diverse fundraisers. Bowling was a rolling success and much fun. We hosted multiple “dining opportunities” at various restaurants – wonderful opportunities to sit down and enjoy a meal while supporting a great cause. Poker tournaments kept us busy counting chips and dealing cards. In partnership with New Lights Production, we welcomed

comedian Josh Blue. Non-stop laughter rocked the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts and persons with developmental disabilities and their families were reminded of the challenge to have the “courage to pursue your dreams.” Much fun was had by all!

In March, the ARC also hosted CARF. CARF, a national organization for accreditation, assists its members in assuring quality and person-driven supports and services for persons with developmental disabilities. A very

intensive process, the ARC was pleased and honored to receive a three year extension of its accreditation.

With a beginning like this, where can we go from here?! Please keep your eye on your mailboxes for future announcements and newsletters. Please visit our website at www.arcservices.org. Please consider joining us as a friend on Facebook. We plan to have many opportunities to celebrate the ARC and the people we serve through fundraising challenges and activities, so please stay tuned!

Special points of interest:

- Pictures from Special Education Fair
- Removable Activities & Info. Calendar

Passing Away of Long-Time ARC Friend

Long-time ARC friend and consumer Debra A. passed away on 2/17/10. Debbie participated in ARC's vocational training program for over 21 years. She enjoyed her many friends she'd made through the years.

Debbie was blessed to be part of a very loving family. Her parents, Dick and Grace, made sure that Debbie's choices were realized and that she was very involved in her community. She will be missed by many.

Annual Golf Outing and Silent Auction



Mark your calendar now for Saturday, May 22, 2010, for our Annual Golf Outing and Silent Auction, which will be held at the beautiful Sycamore Hills Golf Club on North Avenue in Macomb Township. This course has 27 scenic and challenging holes.

Cost per golfer this year will be \$125. This includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a continental breakfast, hot dog and

chips on the turn, pop/water/beer on the course and a steak dinner. There will be contests, door prizes, raffle and a silent auction. We will again be offering corporate tee sponsorships at \$150 each.

The successes of past golf outings has been made possible through sponsorships, golf ticket purchases and donations. All proceeds will benefit

the ARC's programs for people with disabilities and their families. Therefore, we would very much appreciate your help in publicizing this event among your families, friends and co-workers. The brochure is on our website!

To register for the event, secure a tee sponsorship or make a donation please contact Luanne DeGueisippe or Annette Fobare at (586) 469-1600. Hope to see you there!

Texas Hold'em Nights

Where:

Big Beaver Tavern
645 E. Big Beaver Rd.
Troy, MI 48083

When:

Saturday, May 8
5 p.m. - 2 a.m.;
Sunday, May 9
5 p.m. - 12 a.m.;
Monday, May 10
5 p.m. - 2 a.m.;
Tuesday, May 11
5 p.m. - 2 a.m.;
Thursday, May 20
5 p.m. - 2 a.m.;

Friday, May 21
5 p.m. - 2 a.m.;
Saturday, May 22
5 p.m. - 2 a.m.;
Sunday, May 23
5 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Tournament Info:

(All Tournaments start promptly at 7pm.)

- Saturday - \$50 for 10,000 chips; no re-buys or add-ons.
- Sunday - \$25 Shootout Tournament for 4000 chips; no re-buys or add-ons.

- Monday - \$15 for 3000 chips; 1 optional add-on of \$15 at the 1-hour break.
- Tuesday - \$20 for 5000 chips; no re-buys or add-ons.
- Thursday - \$20 buy-in for 4000 chips; \$20 for another 4000 chips at time of registration only.
- Friday - \$20 for 6000 chips; no re-buys or add-ons.

Annual Summer Garage Sale

Where:

ARC Services of Macomb
44050 N. Gratiot Avenue
Clinton Twp., MI 48036

When:

Saturday, June 5
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and

Sunday, June 6
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Donations can be dropped off at ARC Services from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, up to/including Friday, June 5.

To ensure the safety of all volunteers, please wrap all fragile/glass items in newspaper.

Please make sure all clothes have been laundered prior to drop-off. Thank you!

*Remember
ARC Services
when doing
your spring
cleaning!*

Special Education Fair

Macomb Intermediate Schools, ARC Services of Macomb, Inc. and the Macomb Parent Advisory Committee hosted its 5th Annual Special Education Fair. The daylong event offered parents and educators an opportunity to move along the learning curve together. More than 200 parents and educators attended the event. The day started off with keynote speaker Tim Cusack, whose stories and humor got the day started off. The day offered sessions on topics such as Providing Programs and Services in Macomb County; Transition Services; Parent Involvement; and Positive Behavior Supports. This one-of-a-kind event offered those who attended an opportunity to hear advocacy organizations present side-by-side with administrators so that parents can see and understand that everyone involved in the process wants to do the right thing to achieve our common goals. This event showed parents and teachers that

collaboration is critical for success. The event also hosted an opportunity for parents to walk through a vendor area and gather information from various support groups and supportive services for kids with disabilities. More than 30 vendors attend this event yearly to offer support and information for parents in Macomb County. ARC Services, along with MISD, understands the importance of parent participation, and we recognize that parents have the primary role in advocating for their children. This event allows parents to learn how to navigate the special education process for their children, which leads to a more meaningful outcome. ARC Services would like to thank all of the parents and professionals that supported this important and informative event. We would also like to recognize MISD and the Macomb PAC for hosting and continuing this event every year.



Sue Lind, Lisa Lepine, and Laura Gressinger



Tom Koepke and Debbie Yoho



The vendor area.



Miriam Broome, Beth Alberti, and James Wayland

Do You Know About: Community Employment?

One of the many services ARC provides is Supported & Community Employment services. A Supported Employment situation occurs when an employer hires an individual who will be working with a permanent job coach, who will provide support, assistance and guidance as needed to ensure the individual's long-term and successful employment. Other CE services include

community-based vocational training; community-based vocational assessments; school-to-work transition; job-seeking skills clinic; résumé development; job placement; job coaching; job retention; mobility training; and driver's training tutoring (bookwork only). Most CE services are provided at the request of Michigan Rehabilitation Services

(MRS), a division of the Michigan Dept. of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth. If you are interested in or have questions regarding any of these services, please call Sue Camarata (586-469-1600) or visit our website. Macomb County MRS offices are located in Clinton Twp. (586-412-1510) and Roseville (586-498-5852). You may call them directly to apply for services and request to work with ARC.

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We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

<http://arcservices.org>



Weekly Activities

"BINGO!" SMOKE FREE!

Where:
Warren Plaza Hall (SW
Corner of I-696 and
Schoenherr)

When:
EVERY TUESDAY
Morning Bingo: doors open
at 8:30 a.m.; games begin at
10:30 a.m.

Evening Bingo: doors open at
4:00 p.m.; games begin at
6:30 p.m.

About ARC Services

ARC Services of Macomb, Inc. is a CARF accredited, 501(c)(3) nonprofit membership association composed of people with disabilities, parents, friends and professionals involved with supporting people with disabilities in Macomb County, Michigan.

The ARC exists to assure

Dance Exercise Class

Where:
ARC Services (44050 Gratiot,
Clinton Twp.)

When:
Wednesdays
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Cost:
\$25 (prepaid) for 8 sessions,
or drop-in for \$4 per session.

All fitness levels welcome!

ARC Raiders Bowling

Where:
Friendly Sterling Lanes
Bowling Center (14 Mile and
Schoenherr)

When:
Saturday mornings at
9:00 p.m.

Cost:
\$5 per Week

Contact Information:
Betty (586) 575-9798 or
Barb (586) 790-9813

that people with disabilities are valued and that they and their families can participate fully in, and contribute to, the life of their communities.

We are committed to securing, for all people with disabilities, the opportunities to choose and realize their goals

and dreams regarding where and how they learn, live, play, and work.

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