

**May/June 2011**

# THE ARC OF BAY COUNTY NEWS



**Serving people with disabilities**

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## **A New Look to the Arc by Sharolyn R. Meyer**

By now many of you have probably received publications or heard through various sources, The Arc has been rebranded. After paperwork has been completed, the new brand has been made available to local Arcs. I hope to present it to our local membership next newsletter.

Needless to say, the change in the Arc's brand does not change what we are all about, which is advocating and serving those with disabilities.

Our local Arc has been doing some changes as well. Office paperwork is being established and policy changes for staffing are being revamped.

We are hoping to expand some of our services and are working to achieve several of them before the year ends. More information will be available; watch for it in the newsletter. A big thank you to **Cheryl Polite** of Arc Western Wayne County for devoting her time to helping

me with this process.

We also, have added two advocates to the office that members can utilize.

First, as mentioned in previous bulletins, **Arlene Warner**, is our Social Security Consultant. Many people have already called the Arc office and she has given assistance to those with social security issues or questions, helped with paperwork and has also been a vital information source on Medicaid and Medicare issues.

**Kim Ward** is volunteering at our office and is available to assist those parents in the education world. Anyone who has questions or needs assistance with the IEP process should think of her. She has many years of IEP knowledge and is familiar with many of the local schools. She also is the president of the Mid-Michigan Autism Society.

Please call the Arc office 989-893-1346 if you have questions in any of these areas or if the rest of us can help you in any way.



## Save The Date!

Our Annual Strawberry Festival is coming up quickly and we wanted to get the information out to our members. We should be sending the tickets out in the mail the first week of May, so please look for them. The price has changed from last year to \$4.00 a ticket or 10 for \$40.00. Several reasons for this: we haven't raised the price at all in 5 years, and we now have included the beverages in the price of the ticket. That's right no additional expense for coffee and pop.

The event will still be held at the K of C hall on River Road in Bay City on Monday June 20th from 5-8pm. There will be clowns, face painting, Rada Cutlery and musical entertainment. We will be offering strawberries, ice cream, and cupcakes. The Strawberry committee is entertaining the possibility of delivery services to the high rises and other areas. Call the office to see if that becomes a possibility. Please members remember to bring your 5 quarts of sweetened mashed strawberries and your 3 dozen cupcakes. This helps us to have a successful fundraiser.

All events need a nice amount of volunteers to assist at the fundraiser in many area. We are seeking volunteers to help out with various areas at our festival. If you are able to donate any of your time to help out, please call The Arc at 893-1346 or if you need information of set up times etc. We appreciate your support.



## Special Olympics

**Area 9 cycling coach Jane Crane is undertaking a 3,000 mile cross country bicycling trip beginning April 23rd and ending the end of May. This is going to be a fundraiser for Area 9. If you would like to contribute to this fundraiser you can go to the Special Olympic website, [somi.org](http://somi.org) and pledge on line or, send donation to our area office at Area 9 Special Olympics**

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**The first meeting/practice for 2011 softball is Tuesday May 10th from 6:30-8pm at the MacGregor School softball fields. NO DENIM ATTIRE TO BE WORN!**

**The first meeting/practice for 2011 cycling will be Monday July 25th at 6pm. Athletes are to meet at Jay Crane's house. More information to come.**

*\*submitted by Dave Prueder\**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS!!!

There are two subcommittees working on our two main fundraisers: Strawberry and Fun Night Out. If any member would like to volunteer on these committees, please call 989-893-1346. We will add you to the list.

Reminder that The Arc's membership meeting is Monday June 6th at 7pm. Our new board members will be inducted at this meeting. Please make plans to attend.

There are several bus trips occurring this year. If you feel you would like to be included on one of these trips or need information, please call Ray Dabrowski at 989-892-2232.

The Arc of Michigan 60th Annual Conference is being held at the Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort in Mt. Pleasant, MI on June 16th-18th. Call the Arc office 989-893-1346 for more information.

Big get well wishes go out to Rene Jones, board member, with two knee replacements and to Dr. Chad Link. Hope you are doing better soon.

I have had several members past away this year or were hospitalized and missed the information because I didn't see or hear of it in time. I know family members have enough to deal with without having to remember to call the Arc but if other members do hear of someone passing or those in the hospital. Please let us know in the office. Thank you

### **Memorials** ***In Memory of Janet Corrion***

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We encourage all concerned citizens to join with us to help continue to meet the needs of persons with disabilities and their families in Bay County.

Membership benefits include: The Arc of Bay County Monthly News Bulletin published by The Arc of Bay County.  
Free or reduced admission to The Arc of Bay County sponsored workshops or seminars.  
Special mailings, publications and support services.

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Individual	\$20.00
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