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On behalf of the Arc membership, I am welcoming our new board members. They will be inducted into their new positions on Monday, June 3rd at the Arc office. We are so thankful to our board who volunteer their time around their busy schedules to assist The Arc in promoting our mission.

I would like to introduce our Arc Board 2019-2020

Jill Schultz— President

Jill has a License Bachelor's of Social Work and has credentials for working with people with developmental disabilities. She works at Emergency Services for Bay Arenac Behavioral Health. With her expertise, she has been a valuable asset to the Arc and actively involved for many years. Besides her president duties, she helps with our education advocacy in the schools.

Peter Avery— V. President

Pete is the Michigan Regional Director for Managed It Services, for Visual Edge IT, and

the CIO for Brady's Business Systems. In previous years after he attained his degree in Psychology, he worked with disabled children through Community Mental Health. Although he has been extremely successful in the world of technology, he continues to give back by working with organizations, such as the Arc, that serve the community.

Julia Weller— Secretary

Julia is our new board secretary but has been a board member for a year. She brings a young perspective to our board. She is currently a student studying social work at SVSU. Her eagerness to learn about the Arc and her academic background will be beneficial.

Chris Boven— Board member

Chris is a Family Nurse Practitioner in the Bay City Area for Visiting Physicians, who cares for many residents in area AFCs and Group homes for the intellectually impaired. She also has a 29 year old with cerebral palsy and intellectual disabilities. Throughout her life

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obtaining good quality care has been a struggle, this prompted her to become active in the community and with ARC to get residents the care they deserve. She and her husband Mike are looking forward to serving on the board and serving the Bay County area.

Jamiee Crites—Board Member

Jamiee is very excited to be a part of this board. Jamiee has worked for the Arc Bay County in the past. She enjoys meeting new people, making new friends and helping others. She is very passionate about her faith, health, fitness, reading mysteries and thrillers which are her favorite. Jamiee is an old soul with music and movies which have contributed to people telling her she lives in the wrong era. Her philosophies are life is a novel and we are our own authors, so make it something great, and dream as big as the stars in the night sky.

Charles Juers—Board Member

Charles graduated locally from Handy and went on to get his associates in electronics from Delta College and a Bachelor's in business from Northwood University. He is a member of Grace United Methodist Church and is married to Christine and have two children, Carissa and Chace. He is currently employed as a field service technician. Charles looks forward to supporting other families in our community through volunteer work at the ARC of Bay County.

Kathy Johnson—Board Member

Kathy is excited to join the Arc board of directors and share her expertise. She has previously sat on the Angelman Syndrome Foundation board of directors and has coordinated the Michigan walk a thon for the ASF for three years. She served in the

capacity of providing resources to parents. Kathy also speaks at seminars around the US bringing education to people on Self Determination.

Dorian Matthews— Board Member

Dorian has been on the Arc board for many years and is an avid supporter. She always is willing to help and go the extra mile. She is a valuable asset to the Arc. Her input and support is much appreciated

Donna Sinclair—Board Member

Donna is an adjunct professor of History at Northwood University, Mid-Michigan College, and Central Michigan University (CMU). She received her B.A. from Eastern Michigan University (EMU) and her M.A.s from EMU 2010, CMU 2015, and Friedrich-Schiller-Universität-Jena, Germany (FSU) 2015 and her combined PhD from CMU and FSU 2019. Her older brother James has been a member of the Arc community since the 1980s. It is Donna's desire to help continue the joy and inclusion that James and so many in the Special Needs community have found through their involvement with Arc. This has brought her to the Arc board and team.

Mike Swartout— Board member

Mike has been an Arc board member for a year. He comes to us with 10 years of experience in the field and currently works for Disability Network. He enjoys helping people and we value his generosity of spirit.

Guadalupe Villareal— Board member

She has been a board member for the Arc for a year. Lupe has worked for Chemical Bank for many years. She has vast experience with the Arc accounts and our payee clientele. She has always been beneficial in helping me with any issues or situations that occur with our client accounts.

UPCOMING EVENTS—



ARC MAIN ANNUAL FUNDRAISER - THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

- Our annual ***Strawberry Festival*** will be occurring **Monday, June 17th, 2019 at K of C Hall on River Road.** The tickets will be mailed in May to participating members. If you do not receive tickets and would like some to sell, please call the office at 893-1346. Besides wonderful ice cream, strawberries and **new this year, cookies,** we will have the balloon lady again and face painting. We want this fundraiser to be viewed by the community as a wonderful opportunity for **all** individuals and their families.

As always members, we appreciate your donation of strawberries and cookies to make this event a success. Please bring your donation to the hall anytime after **2:00 pm**. If you need to get them to us earlier, feel free to drop them off at the Arc office. Some people have voiced to me they don't have time to slice and do fresh strawberries, for those who have that situation, Gordon's offers strawberries, sliced sugared and ready to go in their freezer section. Feel free to utilize that if it helps. **Volunteers are always welcome** or if you have a child or grandchild in school who needs community hours, I will sign their cards and give them credit for helping at the event. Please make sure they notify me at 893-1346 prior to the event.

- Besides the Strawberry Festival flier, please look over the included presentations that are going to be happening around the local areas. These presentations may be beneficial to you or if you know of someone please relay the information onward to them as well. If you have questions feel free to call the Arc office.
- I also received an Action Alert from Arc Michigan in regards to the state legislators currently developing the budget for the next Fiscal year, now is the time to ask them to address the direct care worker crisis. Please call or email your state representative and state senator and ask the to support additional Medicaid funding for a .50 per hour wage increase for them in the 19/20 state budget. Include an explanation that a staff wage increase improves the quality of life for individuals with disabilities and increased their access to supports and services. Its time to take action!!

