

# The Speaker



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## Seguin RCA's

### Mission Statement

The mission of Seguin RCA is to provide advocacy services to persons with developmental disabilities and their families, promote community awareness and support programs that will enhance a positive quality of life for this population.

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### Mark Your Calendars....

Monday, March 25  
7:00 PM

Seguin RCA Office  
6223 W. Ogden Avenue  
Berwyn

Charlene Brozas has created a presentation that traces the history of Seguin RCA from its inception in 1949 to the present. Please join us for a look back at the journey.

## A Message from the President by Ralph Salvino III

Time is really going by fast! It seems like I just wrote my last letter yesterday. Hope everyone enjoyed the Seguin RCA Champagne Brunch. Thanks to the committee for all they did. Also, many kudos to Kristen Miller for presenting the \$1,000 scholarships to our three winners. She really did her homework and gave a fine presentation.

This year's scholarship winners are:

**Melissa De Francisco**, a team leader at a Helping Hand residential located in Countryside.

**Katherine Hickey**, a high school senior at Lyons Township High School.

**Stacey O'Brien**, a direct care worker at Garden Center Services located in Burbank.

Congratulations to our three winners and best of luck in their studies.



Katherine Hickey  
Stacey O'Brien  
Melissa De Francisco



Kristen Miller

# Family News



If you have not already sent in your email address to Seguin RCA, please email it to us at:

[info@seguinrca.org](mailto:info@seguinrca.org)

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## Memorials

In Memory of Alice Bard  
From  
The Pauls Family

In Memory of Edward Wasko  
From  
Pat and Lucille Wasko

In Memory of Pat Wilson  
From  
Rich and Ricky Smith

Congratulations to Frank and Joan Prerost who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on February 23. We wish you many more happy years together.

Get well and stay well wishes to Mil Floyd who fell recently. Mil is up and around after a short stay in the hospital.

Our Valentine's Party was a success because of the efforts of all our volunteers. The entertainment, balloon maker and pizza were enjoyed by more than 280 "party goers."



Our 64th Anniversary Champagne Brunch, "Put a Song in Their Hearts" held on March 3, was very successful and well attended. A special thank you to Vito Cappiello (invocation), Ron Keifer (emcee), and Karen Barthel (singing God Bless America). Hope to see you next year for our special 65th Anniversary celebration. Again, thank you one and all for your generosity and support.

*Eileen Tumpach*



Mark your calendars....

**Seguin RCA's Spring Fling**

Sunday, April 14

11:00-2:00 PM

**Skylite West**

7117 West Ogden Avenue -  
Berwyn

Dancing, Refreshments and  
Entertainment!

RSVP by April 22 (708) 788-5777.

# Did You Know?

This issue's guest contributor is Lurlean Chodora, Executive Director of The Children's Center of Cicero-Berwyn. She has been with the agency since its inception in 1978.



## **Mission**

**Partnering with parents and community, we provide a strong educational foundation to prepare children for future success.**

The Children's Center of Cicero-Berwyn is a private, not-for-profit corporation chartered in the State of Illinois to provide child care services. The agency is designated a 501 (c) (3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service and is registered as a charitable trust. It is governed by a voluntary Board of Directors and is staffed by qualified persons with education, training and experience in early childhood.

Responding to the community needs, our first site, located in Grant Works, opened in February 1978, serving twenty-eight children. The Children's Center provides educational day care and child development programs. Our programs include Parent Education; Home Visiting; Head Start; Pre-K; and After-school. These efforts are funded through the support of individuals and community organizations. We receive grants from the Illinois Department of Human Services, Community Economic Development Association, Illinois State Board of Education, Town of Cicero, City of Berwyn, Cicero and Berwyn #708 Mental Health Boards, Community Chest of Cicero, Rotary Club of Cicero-Berwyn, and U.S.D.A. Food Program. All day care programs are licensed by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. We are accredited by the NAEYC Academy for Early Childhood Program Accreditation. We currently serve approximately 950 families on site and at home visits.

We work closely to provide support for School Districts #98, #99, #100 and #201. In addition, Family Literacy workshops and lending libraries are provided. The Children's Center has five locations in Cicero and three in Berwyn.

Two of our programs, which provide home visiting to families with children ages 0-5, and a Parent and Child Together Program for ages 2 months to 5 years are located in the same building as Seguin RCA. Seguin RCA has generously leased space to the Children's Center for more than 22 years. It has been a pleasure and an asset to be Seguin RCA's tenant. We recently hosted a "joint" art auction fundraiser and hope to have another combined fundraiser soon.

For more information or questions about The Children's Center, please visit our website at

[www.childrenscenterciceroberwyn.org](http://www.childrenscenterciceroberwyn.org)

or contact our Executive Director's office at (708)-652-3377.

**"All Children Deserve The Best"**

# Seguin RCA Upcoming Events

- March 25 - Seguin RCA Membership Meeting
- March 27 - Seguin RCA Art Class
- March 31 - Easter Sunday
- April 8 - Seguin RCA Board Meeting
- April 10 - Seguin RCA Art Class
- April 14 - Spring Fling - Skylite West - Berwyn
- April 24 - Seguin RCA Art Class



## "Share a Smile"

Four high school boys affected with spring fever skipped morning classes.

After lunch they reported to the teacher that they had a flat tire.

Much to their relief she smiled and said, "Well you missed a test today so take a seat apart from one another and take out a piece of paper."

Still smiling, she waited for them to sit down and then said, "First question - which tire was flat?"



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