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.

If you require the services of an advocate, please call the Seguin RCA office.

This service is offered free of charge.

Seguin RCA Board of Directors nominations will be in June. Seguin RCA would like new ideas and fresh faces on our board. Please think about joining the Board of Directors. It is a one year term. Please think about your son, daughter, sibling, friend or relative who needs your (our) help.

A Message from the President by Ralph Salvino III

The Annual Sunday Brunch was again a great success thanks to all the efforts of everyone involved.

The highlight of the brunch was awarding \$1,000 scholarships to two high school students who will be working on degrees in special education.

This year's recipients are...



Lisa Gordon Lyons Township HS



Caroline Schorsch Oak Park River Forest HS



This year's Brunch Benefit, "Banking On Your Support," was a success because of the unselfish efforts of the following individuals:

> Carol and Bill Bada Karen Barthel Michael Benshish Rose and Vito Cappiello Joe Cimfe Ron Keifer Jane and Ranse Kesl John Kincinas Melissa LoGiurato Bonnie McKirnan Doug Pergram Joan Prerost Ralph Salvino III Millie Slezak Tom Suzkala

Their efforts made this event possible.

Thank You! Eileen Tumpach

Family News



Memorials

In Memory of Maureen McGarr From: Joan Henzl

In Memory of Marge Laning Maureen McGarr Russell Rohmann From: Jayne Zine Good news! Diane Franklin, who has been hospitalized for quite some time, is well enough to go home. Diane broke her arm at home. Between the healing and therapy it was a long process. She will continue her recovery at her son Bob's, home.

Diane's son, Paul, is also in the hospital. Initially he had pneumonia; then he had difficulty with his leg. Paul is now in therapy. He hopes to be back at 3259 shortly.

Stay well both of you.

THANK YOU TO ALL MY GOOD FRIENDS FOR THEIR PRAYERS AND GOOD WISHES. ALSO FOR THE FLOWERS AND CARDS. BOTH OF US APPRECIATE ALL OF THE CARE AND LOVE FROM OUR SEGUIN

The "I Love Elvis" Valentine's Party was a huge success. Thank you to Bob West (Elvis), David Lyons (Mr. Balloon Man), Paisans Pizza and Crystal Sky. Also, thank you to all the volunteers who unselfishly shared their time and energy.





Mark your calendars

Sunday, April 15 11:00-2:00

Skylite West Banquets 7117 Ogden Avenue Berwyn, IL 60402

Dancing, finger food, face painter and entertainment.

Camp In-kind Donations Needed

Bedding (single) Pillow cases Wash cloths Towels Dish soap Laundry detergent Clothes softener Toilet paper Paper towels Paper plates Napkins

Frankly Speaking by Seguin RCA Board of Directors

SEGUIN RCA ACTIVITIES

Seguin RCA is proud to sponsor several no-cost participant activities:

- . Four seasonal parties
- . Art Program
- Bowling Program

Seguin RCA also offers an eight week summer camp program. Sixteen campers attend each week (eight women and eight men), five staff and a part-time nurse. Much of the staff's time is spent assisting the campers with their needs: showering, toileting, dressing, providing meals, medications, etc. Bedding and personal laundry are washed and dried as needed.

There are weekly activities such as bowling, shopping, Bingo, Sunday evening ice cream socials, picnics in a park and bonfires in the backyard with S'mores.

Other activities throughout the camp schedule includes talent shows, dances, swimming, car washes, ball games (both in the community and in the backyard), table games, boat rides, visits to an ice cream shop, birthday parties, making special snacks, outdoor games, a water ski show and at-home movies with popcorn.

The camp program is funded through camp fees, donations and fundraisers. Even with this support, the camp program incurs a deficit average of \$6,000 per camp session. The yearly cost of maintaining the camp property averages \$22,000 per year. This cost is borne by Seguin RCA.

Donations (in-kind and monetary) to our camp program can be sent to Seguin RCA, 6223 Ogden Avenue, Berwyn, IL 60402. Call 708-788-5777 for more information. This year's camp program begins Monday, June 18, and ends Monday, August 6. As in the past, we look forward to providing a good time for everyone!













Seguin RCA Upcoming Events

April 8	Easter
April 9	Board Meeting
April 15	Spring Fling 11:00-2:00 Skylite Wes
May 14	Board Meeting



April 11 April 25 May 9



Share A Smile

A perfect spring day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing and the lawnmower is broken.

A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.



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