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A Message from the President by Ralph Salvino III

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.

Mark Your Calendars....

Monday, May 19, 2014
7:00 PM
Election of Officers
Seguin RCA Office
6223 W. Ogden Avenue
Berwyn

Spring has finally sprung and not only did I see my first robin, I saw the sun! Summer is sure to follow in grand style.

Seguin RCA's Summer Camp begins on June 16. For many of our campers this is the only time that they are away from home or their caregivers and placed into new surroundings which allow them to choose what they wish to do

Camp slots are filling up fast, but we have a few openings for women. Please call the Seguin RCA office (708-788-5777) for details.



Summer camp is coming and we would like all our campers to sit in the sun and enjoy the country air.

Could you help us by donating to the fund for two wheelchair accessible picnic tables? Even the smallest amount will help make a camper happy!



Seguin RCA's Spring Fling held in April was a great success. The party-goers were not only entertained by Hawaiian dancers but danced the hula themselves! It seems that our parties are getting bigger and better all the time. Thanks to all the volunteers for their time and enthusiasm.





Family News



Memorials

In Memory of Pam Padilla
From
Mildred and Hobert Floyd
Hilda Rohmann

In Memory of Jackie Reid From Mildred and Hobert Floyd Joan and Frank Prerost Hilda Rohmann Phil and Sharon Walsh

In Memory of Joann Salvino From Toni Kindle

In Memory of Lucille Wasko From Toni Kindle Jackie Reid, a long-time
Seguin RCA camp participant,
recently passed away. Jackie
enjoyed many summers at
camp eating s'mores, riding gocarts, swinging on the swing
and teasing camp staff.
Jackie will be missed by
everyone who had the pleasure
of knowing her.

Our condolences to Ann Pauls on the death of her brother, Dan Basalone, and to Marianne and Terry Salvino on the death of Terry, Jr.

Congratulations to grandparents, David and Diane Salvino and parents, Julie and Mo Lara, on the birth of their son, Nico.

Mil Floyd, who recently had knee surgery, would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards and encouraging telephone calls. Mil is home and on the mend.

Seguin RCA would like thank the Cicero-Berwyn Emblem Club No. 169 for their years of support.



Mark your calendars....

Seguin RCA's Summer Sizzler Sunday, June 15 11:00-2:00 PM

Proksa Park - Berwyn, IL (Wisconsin Avenue and 30th St.)

Live entertainment, games, soda, hamburgers, chips and ice cream

RSVP by June 11 (708) 788-5777.

Seguin RCA Installation Dinner

Monday, June 23 Skylite West 7117 W. Ogden Avenue Berwyn

6:00 cocktails 6:30 dinner - \$17.00

For reservations call: (708) 788-5777

Did You Know?

Attention all parents, guardians, and/or high school students with a disability!

Check out these upcoming events.

Community Forums:

- <u>Saturday, May 10, from 9:30 to 12:30 pm</u> at the Illinois Center for Rehabilitation and Education, 1151 S. Wood Street, Chicago, IL 60612.
- Wednesday, May 14, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm at the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, 2102 W. Ogden Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612

Meet with Representatives from Department of Rehab Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, the Division of Mental Health and the State Board of Education to answer the questions of parents, guardians and students with disabilities to learn about resources and to prepare for life after high school.

It's May but apparently Mother Nature has not received the memo about warm weather. While you wait in the house for nice days, check out **AbleGamers Charity** on the web <u>www.ablegamers.com</u>) and get your game on.

AbleGamers was founded in 2005 by Mark Barlet and Stephanie Walker to enable gamers with disabilities to continue playing games for recreation and rehabilitation regardless of their physical challenges. AbleGamers became an official IRS recognized charity in 2009.

AbleGamers provides expert reviews and information on video games and assistive technology aimed at helping individuals with disabilities make educated purchases. This includes keeping an up-to-date database of video game titles reviewed specifically to assess the accessibility of each title.

And finally,

Access Chicago sponsored by the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities will hold the 2014 Expo for People with Disabilities on July 17, 2014. This is free and accessible (Navy Pier). For more information go to www.cityofchicago.org/mopd.

Keep in touch,

Helen

Helen Kossler Seguin RCA's Director of Operations hkossler@seguinrca.org

Seguin RCA Upcoming Events

May 1	12	-	Seguin RCA Board Meeting
May 1	13	-	Seguin RCA Bowling Begins -
			AMF Forest Lanes
May 1	19	-	Seguin RCA Annual Meeting
June	9	-	Seguin RCA Board Meeting
June	15	_	Seguin RCA Summer Sizzler -
			Proksa Park - Berwyn
June	16	_	Seguin RCA Summer Camp Begins
June	23	-	Seguin RCA Installation Dinner -
			Skylite West

Art Class	Bowling
May 14	May 13
May 28	May 20
June 11	May 27
June 25	June 3
	June 10
	June 17
	June 24



"Share a Smile"

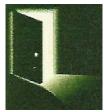
What did the big flower say to the little one?

"You're really growing, Bud!"

How do you know that bees are happy?

Because they hum while they work.

What did the mother worm say to the little worm who was late? "Where in earth have you been?"



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