

The **SPEAKER**

November/December 2013

Recipe for Christmas All Year Long

Take a heap of child-like wonder
That opens up our eyes
To the unexpected gifts in life
Each day a sweet surprise.

Mix in fond appreciation
For the people whom we know;
Like festive Christmas candles,
Each one has a special glow.

Add some giggles and some laughter,
A dash of Christmas food.
(Amazing how a piece of pie
Improves our attitude!)

Stir it all with human kindness;
Wrap it up in love and peace,
Decorate with optimism, and
Our joy will never cease.

If we use this healthy recipe,
We know we will remember
To be in the Christmas spirit,
Even when it's not December.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ralph Savino III



Family News

Our deepest sympathy to Pat Wasko on the death of her mother, Lucille. Lucille has been a fixture in the Seguin RCA family and will be missed.

Our condolences to Eunice Budzinski on the death of her husband, John. John was known by the Seguin RCA party participants as John "da Bears" Budzinski because he always donated Bears' memorabilia to our Summer Sizzler picnics and Fashion Shows.

Our condolences and deepest sympathy to the Dobbs family on the death of Mary Dobbs. Mary graced the Fashion Show runway for many years.

The Houbay Day Parade was a huge success; great weather and a large crowd. We would like to thank the Wolak, Jr. and Ragnini families for helping out on the Seguin RCA float.

Claxton Fruit Cakes are available at the Seguin RCA office. The cost is \$4.00/lb. The fruit cakes make perfect stocking stuffers and are always a welcome hostess gift.

This year's Halloween Party was a "spook-tacular" success. A big thank you to Joe Cimfe who contributed the inflatable displays; Rockin Rich Smith for the dance music; Doug Pergram our MC; David Lyons, the balloon maker; and the Blues Brothers. This year the costumes were outstanding, and it was difficult for our judges to come up with only six winners.



I would like to thank everyone who was involved in this year's "Home for the Holidays" fashion show.

Everyone worked together to make this show a tremendous success: the committee, models, escorts, Mary Ann's Shoppe, Crystal Sky, the donors and the supporters who attended.

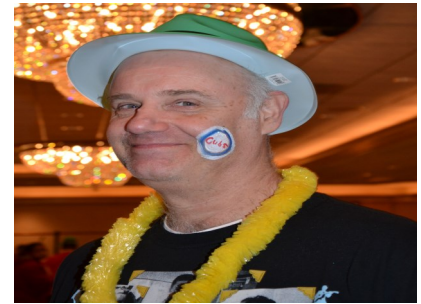
Thank you everyone!

Cordially,

Eileen J. Tumpach



Congratulations to Ed Koran who retired last month from the Berwyn Post Office after 45 years of service. Good work, Ed! Enjoy your retirement; you earned it!



Save the Date!

March 9, 2014

Seguin RCA will again award three \$1,000 scholarships at our annual benefit, "Sixty-Five Years of Opening Closed Doors." This event will be held at the Holiday Inn Countryside (6201 Joliet Road) on Sunday, March 9, 2014.

This scholarship is awarded to high schools seniors who intend to major in studies serving persons with developmental disabilities in the college of their choice. A scholarship is also awarded to a direct-care professional who is pursuing a degree or certificate in the field of developmental disabilities.

For further information and/or a copy of the scholarship application form, please call our office at 708-788-5777.



Candy canes, hot chocolate, holiday lights and time spent with family...no wonder we call this "the most wonderful time of the year". The holiday season is approaching, and with that the season of giving. I hope you will consider a gift to Seguin RCA this year.

Seguin RCA serves individuals with developmental disabilities by providing advocacy services to those individuals and their families, promoting community awareness and supporting programs that will enhance a positive quality of life and "opening closed doors" for this population.

Your gift will impact the programs most in need which include: the Seguin RCA Camp in Winnebago, IL, the art and bowling programs, the scholarship programs for students who choose to enroll in a special education program in the college of their choice, and the Valentine, Spring Fling, Summer Sizzler and Halloween parties Seguin RCA hosts throughout the year.

Here are what some of the participants are saying about the programs **your** donation helps support:

"I enjoy bowling because I like to throw strikes," Denise Lorenat.

"I like the art class because I like doing things with my hands. My favorite party is the Summer Sizzler; I can be outside and talk to my friends," Judy Hedges.

"I like the art class because I like the people and I like to paint pictures. I also like the parties because I like to get dressed up and I like Elvis," Anita Brozas.

During this season of giving, please consider making a donation to Seguin RCA. **Your gift of \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100 or more** can make all the difference to our program participants, our volunteers, the individuals and families we serve. In the words of Robert M. Hensel, "My disability has opened my eyes to see my true abilities." Let your donation be the vehicle by which individuals with disabilities see their true abilities.

Thank you and enjoy your holiday season.....

Seguin RCA Board of Directors

Seguin RCA Upcoming Events

November 28 - Thanksgiving Day-Office Closed
November 29 - Office Closed
December 9 - Seguin RCA Board Meeting
December 16 - Seguin RCA Christmas Party
Skylite West

December 24 to
January 2 Seguin RCA Office Closed
December 25 - Christmas Day
January 1 - New Years' Day

Art Class

November 13
December 11
January 8

Join Seguin RCA and help us make a difference by becoming a member. You can enroll at Seguinrca.org.



Share A Smile

What did the Gingerbread Man put on his bed?

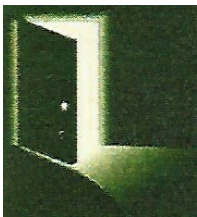
A cookie sheet.

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh?

Nothing it was on the house?

What kind of bug hates Christmas?

A humbug!



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