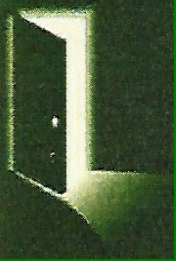


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Seguin RCA's Mission Statement

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.

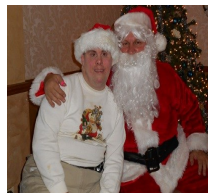
Ad Book Pricing

Ruby Page ... \$225
Gold Page ... \$125
Sapphire Page ... \$75
Full Page ... \$50
1/2 Page ... \$30

A Message from the President by Ralph Salvino III

Another year has gone bye-bye. Again, it was a bittersweet one. We lost our sister, Joann, and brother, Donald, is now a lieutenant on the Cicero Fire Department. It seems that when something bad happens there is always something good that happens, too.

Seguin RCA's Annual Christmas Party was a wonderful way to bring the Seguin RCA members together for an evening of good food, conversation, laughs, music and Sol, The Singing Santa Claus.



I am very pleased to announce that two people have joined Seguin RCA.

Helen Kossler joined us on January 20 as Director of Operations. Helen directed the delivery of services for 350 students with disabilities

in a charter school network. She also helped families clarify their child's appropriate needs for special education.

Stacey Matson joined us on January 27 as Project Manager. Stacey possesses over 20 years of experience in the field of developmental disabilities.



Helen Kossler



Mark your calendars.....

Sunday, February 2, 2014

11:00-2:00 PM

Crystal Sky - McCook

**Seguin RCA's "I
Love Elvis" Party**

Balloon maker, dancing, pizza and **Elvis!**

Family News



You are cordially
invited to....



This year's annual benefit which will be held on Sunday, March 9, at the Holiday Inn Countryside (William Tell). Doors open at 12:30 pm and lunch will be served at 1:30 pm. Cost per ticket is \$60.00.

We are now accepting.....

Ads for the Ad Book
deadline: February 21, 2014

Raffle prizes or cash
donations deadline:
February 26, 2014

Reservations to attend the
Benefit deadline:
February 26, 2014

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Sharon Rodriguez. Sharon worked at the Children's Center for more than thirty years, the past ten years at the PACT Center in Berwyn. Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Sharon will miss her smiles and helpful manner.

Our condolences to Anthony Janik on the death of his sister, Eunice Budzinski. Eunice was a big supporter of Seguin RCA.

Our sincere sympathy to Clarence and Joe Smith on the death of their daughter and sister, Rosemarie Wallis. Clarence and Joe are active members of Seguin RCA.

We are saddened by the death of Linda Powers who passed away after a long illness. In addition to being a participant in Seguin's program, Linda was an accomplished artist. Linda created the picture below which we are proud to share with our readers.



The above picture is featured in HCR Manor Care's 2014 calendar.

Memorials

In Memory of
Joann Salvino
From:
Dorothy Dooley
Jayne Zine

In Memory of
Lucille Wasko
From:
Richard and Lois Bartos
Jill Clark
Mary S. Dames
Dorothy Dooley
Thomas and Noreen Dvorak
Hobert and Mildred Floyd
Diane Franklin
Jane and Ranse Kesl
Martha and Charles Kinsey
Patricia Nieman
Frank and Joan Prerost
Hilda Rohmann
Nadine Schagen
Richard Smith
Jayne Zine

In Memory of
Pat Wilson
From:
Dorothy Dooley
Jayne Zine

Did you know?

Let me introduce myself. I'm Helen Kossler and I'm excited to be the Director of Operations with Seguin RCA. It's an honor to be part of an organization that has been on the forefront of advocating for children and adults with developmental disabilities for 65 years.

Early in my career I was a teacher and later an adult group leader with United Cerebral Palsy. Two of my children were active in West Suburban Special Recreation as they grew up. In my last job I was the Director of Specialized Services for a charter school network in Chicago. Much of my personal and professional life has been focused on working with people with special needs and I am happy to be able to continue that in this position.

The most important thing I have learned over the years of working in Special Education is that it is never a one-person job. The classroom setting is always a partnership and so is this position. I am here to serve and help expand access to programs for members of the organization. Please let me know what your needs are and how you would like to see the organization evolve. Let us know when we do a good job and when we fall short. Tell us your ideas, brain storms and even flights of fancy because sometimes being audacious is the best way forward.

With funding so meagre and the need so great, I will be looking for ways to maximize our dollars while still providing excellent programs that meet the needs of families and individuals. Please keep in touch.

Helen Kossler

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Seguin RCA Upcoming Events

- February 2 - Valentine's Party at Crystal Sky
- February 10 - Seguin RCA Board Meeting
- March 9 - 65th Anniversary Annual Benefit
Holiday Inn, Countryside
- March 10 - Seguin RCA Board Meeting
- March 24 - Seguin RCA Membership Meeting

Art Class
February 12
February 26
March 12
March 26

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

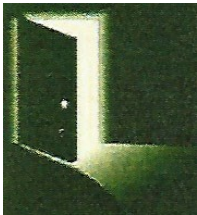


Share A Smile

Did you hear about the nearsighted porcupine? He fell in love with a pincushion!

What's the best part about Valentines Day? The day after when all the chocolate goes on sale!

What did the paper clip say to the magnet? "I find you very attractive."



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