

# 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 Calendar....

Monday, March 24

7:00 PM

Seguin RCA Office  
6223 W. Ogden Avenue  
Berwyn

Please join us and meet  
Helen Kossler, Seguin RCA's  
Director of Operations.

## 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 Luncheon Benefit. Thanks to the committee for all they did. Also, thank you to this year's scholarship committee for picking this year's recipients.

This year's \$1,000 scholarship winners are:

**Monica Donnelly**, a student at Lyons Township High School. After graduation she plans to major in Special Education at Loyola University.

**Danielle McCormick** is a student at Oak Park/River Forest High School. She plans to major in Special Education at Concordia University.

**Kasie Braje** is a direct support professional in Helping Hand's residential program located in Countryside. She is attending the University of St. Francis and is majoring in Special and Elementary Education.



Monica Donnelly, Danielle McCormick  
Kasie Braje

Thank you to Doug Pergam for his excellent article "Doors" that was featured in this year's ad book and has been reprinted in this issue's newsletter. "Doors" is dedicated not only to this year's scholarship winners but also the past eleven winners. Seguin RCA is proud to have been able to help these individuals open the doors to their education.



Doug Pergam

# 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 Joseph and Geraldine Koziol (Jocko and Jerrie)  
From  
Janice Erickson

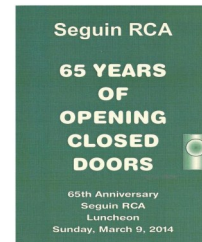
In Memory of Lucille Wasko  
From  
Dolores Caba  
Mary Ellen and Helen Jen  
Mr. and Mrs. D. Reagan  
LaVerne West  
Sally Yurka

Our deepest condolences to the family of Gloria Lopez and the entire Padilla family on the death of Pam Padilla, their sister and aunt. Pam was a long-time participant of Seguin. She was an avid disco dancer and loved Elvis Presley.

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It's going to be that time again ... bowling season. Bowling will begin on Tuesday, May 13, at 6:00 PM and will be held at AMF Forest Lanes (47th and Joliet Road). To register, please call Seguin RCA (708-788-5777.)

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 240 "party goers."



Our 65th Anniversary Lunch Benefit, "65 Years of Opening Closed Doors" held on March 9, was very successful and well attended. A special thank you to Vito Cappiello (invocation), Ron Keifer (emcee), Karen Barthel singing "God Bless America" and the committee. Again, thank you one and all for your generosity and support.

*Eileen Tumpach*



Mark your calendar...  
**Seguin RCA's Spring Fling**

Sunday, April 13  
11:00-2:00 PM

**Skylite West**  
7117 West Ogden Avenue -  
Berwyn  
Dancing, Refreshments and  
Entertainment!

RSVP by April 8 (708) 788-5777.

# Doors

By Doug Pergram

How many doors have you used during your life? More than you can count even if you sat and thought long and hard. What could be that unique about doors? Sometimes they stuck but you managed to push them open. Sometimes they locked and yet you still found a way to get through them.

Why the questions about doors? If you are hearing this or reading this, then you have a clue about the question of "doors." You have someone in your life who has struggled with closed doors in many aspects of their life. For them, doors can be a challenge or something to fear. Maybe every door is a struggle or even if the door opens they may be afraid of what may be on the other side. Many of them depend on us to get that door open and to reassure them that they can cope with what is on the other side.

God granted us the ability to do things in life that some of our loved ones cannot do. In His infinite wisdom He also gave them special traits that challenge us by providing a way for us to share our gifts from God. For sixty-five years Seguin RCA has been a ready and willing partner in opening doors for those who cannot do it themselves. For some, the doors opened by Seguin RCA have allowed smiles and happiness to be shared by all. For others, it could be the start to a more enjoyable life by cracking the door open and letting them feel the freshness of life on the other side.

As you open doors today, think about whether they are barriers or opportunities. Think how much Seguin RCA has done to make doors open to a better life for those with challenges. Think how many smiles you have seen when loved ones go through the doors to the Valentine's Party, the Spring Fling and other Seguin RCA sponsored events.

Doors open, doors close, but with continued support of those who believe in Seguin RCA, the doors will never be a problem for our clients. When the doors need to open fully or just enough to provide the hint of opportunities on the other side, Seguin RCA, with your help and love, will continue to give those who are special to us one less door with which to struggle.



# Seguin RCA Upcoming Events

- March 24 - Seguin RCA Membership Meeting
- March 26 - Seguin RCA Art Class
- April 9 - Seguin RCA Art Class
- April 13 - Spring Fling - Skylight West - Berwyn
- April 14 - Seguin RCA Board Meeting
- April 20 - Easter Sunday
- April 23 - Art Class



## "Share a Smile"

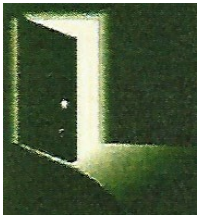
If April showers bring May flowers,  
what does May flowers bring? Pilgrims.

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Why are people so tired when April 1st  
comes around? Because they just finished  
a 31 day March.

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What season is it when a person is on a  
trampoline? Springtime.



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