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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.

708-788-5777

A Message from the President by Ralph Salvino III

Well, camp and bowling are down for the season. Want to thank Roxane and her staff as well as Dorothy, Char, Anita, Melissa and Jessica for all they did. Also, kudos to Janet Miller for all she does at bowling each week.

Seguin RCA is proud to announce our 2013 Scholarship Program. Two \$1,000 academic scholarships will be awarded to qualified high school applicants who intend to seek an undergraduate degree in the field of developmental disabilities and intend to work with persons with developmental disabilities after graduation. These scholarships will be available to students from one of the following high schools:

Lyons Township High School
Morton High Schools- East and West
Nazareth Academy
Oak Park/River Forest High School
Riverside/Brookfield High School

Also, Seguin RCA will provide a \$1,000 maximum scholarship to a qualified individual currently working as a direct care professional who is undertaking course work or is planning to take course work to further his/her knowledge of developmental disability services and plans to continue working with persons with developmental disabilities. This scholarship will be available to direct care professionals employed at one of the following agencies:

- Community Support Services
- Garden Center Services
- Helping Hand Center
- Oak Leyden Developmental Services
- Seguin Services

For further information, please contact Seguin RCA at 708-788-5777.

Family News



Memorials In Memory of Catherine Krickl

From:

Hobert and Mildred Floyd
Eleanore M. Mate
Jayne Zine

Mark your calendars for the
Seguin RCA "Day at the
Races"

Sunday, October 14
Hawthorne Race Track
3501 Laramie Avenue
Stickney, IL



Our condolences to Bruce and
Deanne Kimball on the death of
Deanne's mother, Helen
Niemeyer.

Seguin RCA's Halloween Party will
be held:

Sunday, October 28
11:00 am-2:00 pm
Skylite West Banquets
7117 Ogden Avenue
Berwyn, IL

**Dancing, pizza, balloon maker
and a magician!**

For reservations, please call
Seguin RCA 708-788-5777.



A reminder....The Children's Center
and Seguin RCA's Art Show is Thurs-
day, Sept. 27, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm.
This event will be held at
6223 W. Ogden Avenue - Berwyn, IL.



Seguin RCA cordially
invites you to our
Fashion Show....

"Wish Upon A Star"



Sunday, November 11
Crystal Sky Banquets
McCook, IL

"Our guest columnist this issue is
Gerry Beagles. Gerry is Execu-
tive Director of Garden Center
Services (GCS) ."

Garden Center Services was
established in 1956 as Garden
School for the Handicapped by
parents who felt their children
deserved more than Illinois
institutions had to offer. In
1976, GCS responded to the
changing needs of our population
by modifying the school class-
rooms into an adult vocational
center where the program parti-
cipants receive essential life
skills training and also take part
in meaningful paid work oppor-
tunities. In 1990 we expanded our
array of services to include resi-
dential supports by building the
agency's first residential alterna-
tive, offering individuals an
opportunity to live fulfilling lives
in their community.

(Gerry Beagles' article continued)

Today, GCS provides community living for 77 adults with disabilities in 14 homes throughout the Chicagoland area. GCS also provides vocational, volunteer, learning, and social opportunities for 150 adults with disabilities at three day-programming centers. We now have two alternative program offerings in which the participants spend most of their day contributing to their communities by volunteering in such projects as delivering "Meals on Wheels," baking at the Ronald McDonald house, cleaning up litter from local parks and assisting with activities at the village senior center.

Our agency's mission statement:

"Garden Center Services is committed to supporting and empowering persons with developmental disabilities through innovative and person-centered services. Our commitment to the excellence of our programs is surpassed only by our devotion to the people we serve and the communities in which they live."

In our effort to live up to this commitment when the funding for our services is inadequate, GCS has developed a number of businesses to both generate additional revenue and provide our consumers with meaningful engagement.

- **Garden Gallery & Studio**
17459 South Oak Park Avenue
Tinley Park, IL
www.GardenGalleyandStudio.com
Garden Gallery & Studio sells works of local artists with and without disabilities, offers art/music classes, and open studio time.
- **GCS Document Shredding**
10444 South Kedzie, Chicago, IL
We provide confidential document shredding for your business or personal needs.
- **GC Roast Coffee Co.**
8333 South Austin Avenue, Burbank, IL
Order our premium, fair trade coffees online at <http://www.gardengalleryandstudio.com/gc-roast-coffee>. It can also be purchased at our Main and Kedzie Day Program sites or at Garden Gallery & Studio.

- **GCS Print Shop**
8333 South Austin Avenue - Burbank, IL
We provide design and print services for all your print needs: brochures, business cards, postcards, newsletters, posters and more.
 - **GCS Recycling**
8333 South Austin Avenue - Burbank, IL
GCS recycles small electronics and print ink cartridges. Contact us for a complete list of items we recycle. Recyclables can be dropped off at our building.
 - **Second Chance Thrift Shoppe**
44 Stephen Street - Lemont, IL
Shop Second Chance Thrift Shoppe for great deals on clothing, jewelry, home items, GCS-made greeting cards and more! We also accept your donations of gently used and new items to sell.
 - **GCS Small Assembly Work**
8333 South Austin - Burbank, IL
From stuffing mailings to packaging items for retail sale, we can help your business fulfill its needs.

Additionally, we hold a number of (fun)d raising events each year. Keep up on these and our latest news with the GCS Newsletter, "The Leaflet." Sign up for our newsletter on our website or by emailing with subject "Newsletter Sign-up" to email info@gardencenterservices.org
- You can also follow us through these social media connections:
- **Facebook** <http://www.facebook.com/gardencenterservices>
 - **YouTube** - <http://www.youtube.com/user/gardencenterservices>
 - **Twitter** - <http://twitter.com/#!/gardencentersrv>
 - **WorldPress Blog** - <http://gardencenterservices.wordpress.com>
- For information on any of our programs do not hesitate to contact Ms. Cindy Haworth, Director of Operations, at 773-941-4151.

Seguin RCA Upcoming Events

September 10 - Seguin RCA Board Meeting
September 14 - Seguin RCA Bowling Banquet
September 24 - Seguin RCA Membership Meeting
September 27 - Seguin RCA and Children's Center
Combined Art Show
October 8 - Seguin RCA Board Meeting
October 14 - Seguin RCA Day at the Races
October 28 - Seguin RCA Halloween Party
November 11 - Seguin RCA Fashion Show
November 12 - Seguin RCA Board Meeting

Art Class

September 12
September 26
October 10
October 24
November 7

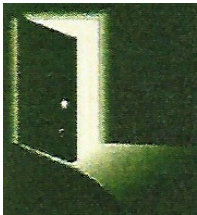
Join Seguin RCA and help us make a difference
by enrolling at seguinrca.org.



Share A Smile

What do you get when you cross a ghost with an owl? Something that scares people and doesn't give a hoot.

Why do witches use brooms to fly? Because vacuum cleaners are too heavy.



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