

# 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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World's Finest Mint Chocolates are available - \$1.00/box and Claxton Fruit Cake - \$2.00/lb at Seguin RCA's office.

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Ads are currently being accepted for our annual Champagne Brunch. The prices of these ads are as follows:

Ruby Page - \$225  
Gold Page - \$125  
Sapphire Page - \$75  
Full Page - \$50  
Half Page - \$30

The closing date is February 7. For further information please contact Melissa LoGiurato at (708-788-5777).

## A Message from the President by Ralph Salvino III

Well folks, here we go again. Another new year and hopefully things will get better sooner rather than later. Hope everyone had a good holiday season!

Now, back to work. We need your help. Seguin RCA would like new ideas and fresh faces on our board. Please think about joining the board of directors. It would be only for a year at a time. Please think about your son, daughter, sibling, friend or relative who needs your (our) help.

A note of thanks to Santa and his elves who came out to the annual Christmas party sponsored by Union Oil Products. These good people really brighten the season for individuals with disabilities. Once again....

## Thank You!



# Family News



## Memorials

In Memory of

Joann Aldrighetti

From:

Edwin and Shu-Pi Chen  
Dorothy Dooley  
Mil and Hobert Floyd  
Diane Franklin  
Joan Henzl

In Memory of Bernadine Karas-  
Saelens

From:

Dorothy Dooley  
Mil and Hobart Floyd

In Memory of Mike Mahoney

From: Joan Henzl

In Memory of Maureen McGarr

From: Diane Franklin

In Memory of Mary Carroll and  
Antonette Hanes

From: The Pauls Family

In Memory of Brian Prerost

From: John and Nicki Raaz

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## Honorarium

In Honor of Joseph and  
Geraldine Koziol

From: Janice A. Erickson

## Adopt a Tree

To help defray the cost of making the wonderful trees for the fashion show, the committee would appreciate a \$10.00 donation toward sponsoring a tree for the 2012 fashion show. Please send your donation to the Seguin RCA office.

Get well wishes to Mike Adams who broke his leg. Glad you are on the mend, Mike.

Our condolences to Catherine Krickl on the passing of her sister, Maureen McGarr. Maureen was a "classy lady" who will be missed by all who knew her.

Our condolences to the family of Mike Mahoney. When there was a maintenance issue, the staff at Seguin RCA would call Mike and he was...."Mike on the spot."

Our sympathy goes out to Sheila Carr on the passing of her brother, Matt. The Carr family has been involved with Seguin RCA since its inception.

Our condolences to the family of Marge Lanning. Marge was a longtime member and also a supporter of Seguin RCA.

The "Gifts of the Season" Fashion Show was a tremendous success because of everyone who participated....volunteers, guests and models:



Mark your calendar...

Sunday, March 11, 2012  
Seguin RCA's Annual  
Champagne Brunch  
Holiday Inn Willowbrook  
Donation - \$60.00

We are.....

"Banking On Your  
Support"



# Frankly Speaking

This issue of *The Speaker* addresses the issue of managed prescription care. The information below was sent to members of The Arc of Illinois by Tony Paulauski, Executive Director.

On December 8, The Arc and other advocates met with Health and Family Services Director Hamos and Jim Parker to discuss implementation of Phase One of the Integrated Care Pilot. Representatives from Aetna and Illini Care were also there to discuss issues with the advocates.

The biggest concern about the implementation of Phase One of the Integrated Care Pilot remains the recruitment of physicians, specialists and hospitals into the networks of Aetna and Illini Care. Both of these managed care organizations are currently engaged in aggressive recruitment strategies with health care providers.

It appears that the main objection physicians have to Integrated Care is that they will be overwhelmed with Medicaid patients if they join either network. This is, in fact, untrue. Physicians can limit the number of Medicaid patients they serve. They can also limit the Medicaid patients they serve to current patients. If the physicians join the network, they are paid promptly by Aetna and Illini Care and do not have to wait for months to be paid by the State.

Jim Parker stated that "out of network" services are coming to an end unless your services are part of your continuity of care. After the first of the new year, Aetna and Illini Care will begin redirecting Medicaid patients into "network only" health care providers. So, it is in your best interests to advocate with your physician to join the network, or you should be seeking other physicians for your health care needs.

To date, about 35,000 Medicaid individuals have been signed up into the networks. About 63% were automatically enrolled into a network because they did not choose a specific network. Once you have selected a network or have been automatically enrolled into a network, you must wait one year to select another network. You are only able to choose another network on your anniversary date of enrollment.

Phase Two of the Integrated Care Pilot, which includes all long term care, home services and other waiver services except developmental disabilities, is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2012.

Phase Three of the Integrated Care Pilot, which includes all developmental disability services, is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2013. **The Arc of Illinois continues to oppose Phase Three of the Integrated Care Pilot.**

Our staff at Illinois Life Span and our Family to Family Health Education Center will be there to provide you with additional information of the Managed Care Pilot.

**Illinois Life Span**  
**1-800-588-7002**  
**[www.illinoislifespan.org](http://www.illinoislifespan.org)**

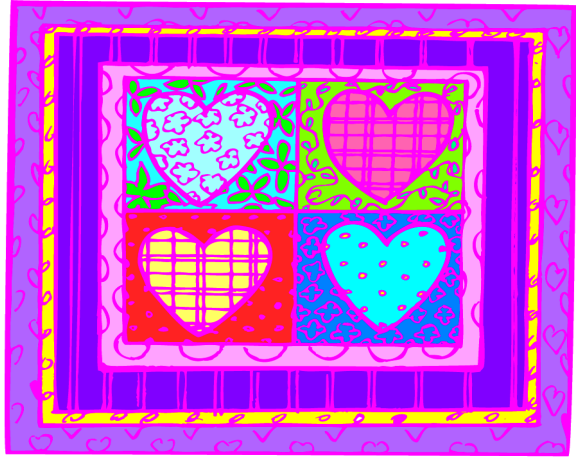
**Family to Family Health Education Center**  
**1-815-464-8247**  
**[www.familyvoicesillinois.org](http://www.familyvoicesillinois.org)**

## Seguin RCA Upcoming Events

- February 5 - Valentine's Party  
Crystal Sky
- February 13 - Board Meeting
- March 11 - Brunch Benefit  
Holiday Inn-Willowbrook
- March 12 - Board Meeting
- March 19 - Membership Meeting

### Art Class

- January 24
- February 7
- February 21
- March 6
- March 20



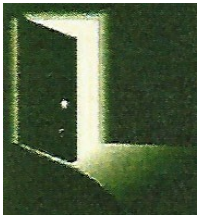
### Share A Smile

What did the chocolate syrup say  
to the ice cream on Valentine's Day?

**"I'm sweet on you!"**

What did the French chef give his wife  
for Valentine's Day?

**A hug and a quiche!**



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