



The SPEAKER

November/December 2012

A Message from the President by Ralph Salvino III

First of all I would also like to thank everyone who made the Day at the Races, the Fashion Show and our parties such successes this year.

In October Seguin RCA launched the redesigned and interactive website to serve individuals with developmental disabilities, their families and those interested in the advocacy of individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

Our goal is to offer a website that is inviting, accessible and informative with the latest information about our organization. We want to take advantage of today's technology to expand awareness of Seguin RCA and make new partners so we can continue to effectively help the developmentally disabled population in Illinois.

Visit us at www.seguinrca.org and www.facebook.com/seguinrca.

Next issue we will introduce a new feature in *The Speaker* which will highlight photographs taken by a Seguin RCA member. Next issue's first guest photographer will be Rickey Smith.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas Membership meeting/party on on December 17th at the Skylite West. At this meeting I would like everyone's opinion on reducing the size of the board of directors.

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ralph Salvino III



Family News



This year's Halloween Party was a "spook-tacular" success. A big thank you to Joe Cimfe who contributed the giveaways; Rocking Rich Smith for the dance music; Doug Pergram our MC; B-Noz the balloon maker and Tim Balaster the magician.

Seguin RCA was well represented at the annual Cicero/Berwyn Hoby Day Parade by Jane and Ransel Kesl and Eileen Tumpach. Seguin RCA also had a "Mushroom on Parade." The art work that decorated this mushroom was created by the artists participating in our art class.



On September 27 Seguin RCA and the Children's Center held their first joint art show. The art show featured work created by adults with developmental disabilities who attend the Seguin RCA program and children who attend the Children Center's program. People attending the art show were amazed with the depth of the work that was created by the adults and children.



At the art show Seguin RCA honored Amelia Nowakowski for her many years of involvement with the art class program.



This year, in addition to selling Claxton Fruit Cakes, we are featuring See's Chocolate. The fruit cake is \$4.00/lb, and the milk and dark chocolate bars are \$2.00/bar, and the caramel lollipops are \$1.00/each. These goodies are available at the Seguin RCA office and make perfect stocking stuffers and are always welcome hostess gifts.





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 "open 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's, 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." Adam Mack

"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 watch people dance, 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, and 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 11 - Seguin RCA Fashion Show
November 12 - Seguin RCA Board Meeting
November 22 - Thanksgiving Day-Office Closed
November 23 - Office Closed
December 10 - Seguin RCA Board Meeting
December 17 - Seguin RCA Christmas Party
Skylite West

December 24-
January 2 Seguin RCA Office Closed
December 25 - Christmas Day

Art Class

November 7
November 28
December 12
January 9

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



Share A Smile

What do you call an elf that tells silly jokes?

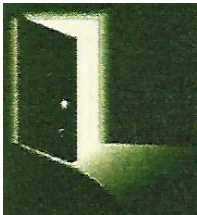
A real Christmas card.

Which reindeer has the cleanest antlers?

Comet.

Why was the turkey asked to join the band?

Because he had the drumsticks.



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