

# Seguin RCA

Serving Individuals With Developmental Disabilities

## The Speaker

Seguin RCA, founded in 1949, is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides programming and advocacy for individuals with developmental disabilities to enhance a positive quality of life and promote community awareness for the unique needs of these individuals and their families.

Seguin RCA receives no government funding.

September/October 2015



### SPICE UP YOUR HOLIDAYS



Sunday, November 8, 2015

Seguin RCA's Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon

Crystal Sky Banquets

7941 West 47th Street - Lyons, IL

Doors open 11:00 am - Lunch 12 noon

Donation - \$30.00

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# A Message from the President

by Ralph Salvino III, Board President



**Ralph Salvino III, Board President**  
Cicero

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Seguin RCA's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that we will again be awarding two \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors who intend to major in studies serving persons with developmental disabilities in the college of their choice.

A \$2,000 scholarship will also be awarded to a direct-care professional who is pursuing a degree or certificate in the field of developmental disabilities.

For further information and/or a copy of the scholarship application form, please call our office at 708-788-5777.

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Seguin RCA's vision is to be a well-recognized provider of social and recreational activities and programs that enrich the lives of adults with developmental disabilities as well as to be a voice for these individuals and their families.

The Seguin RCA Board of Directors is seeking an individual to work with us to achieve this goal. This full time Executive Director position is described on page 3. All resumes can be sent to us at [info@seguinrca.org](mailto:info@seguinrca.org) or they can be faxed to 708-788-5784.

### Join Seguin RCA Today and Receive the Seguin RCA Tote Bag!

Your membership supports these important programs:

- Nine one-week summer camp sessions (Monday to Monday overnight)
- Three respite weekend camp sessions (Friday afternoon to Sunday).
- Three seasonal parties and a summer picnic
- Bowling Program and Art Classes
- College Scholarships (Three \$2,000 college scholarships)

\$30.00 Single                       Member (Family Members)

\$40.00 Couple/Family            Associate Member

Send your membership to:                      (Friends of Seguin RCA)

Seguin RCA

6223 West Ogden Avenue - Berwyn, IL 60402

# Did You Know?

By Charlene R. Brozas

It's been said that some of life's greatest forms of education are experiences.

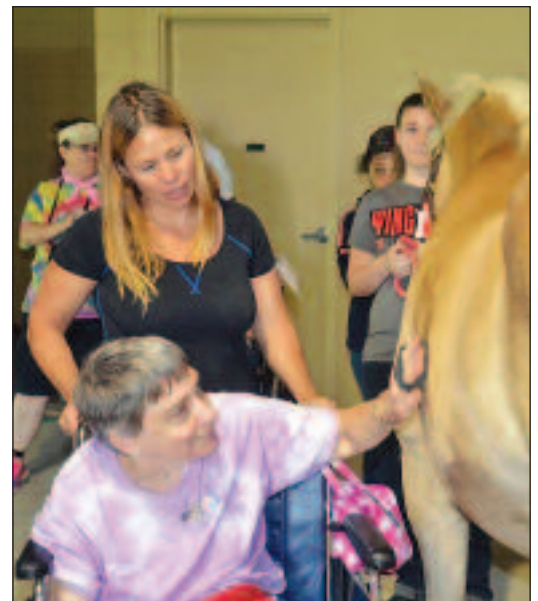
Offering new experiences to the ninety-five campers who visited Camp Seguin RCA during this year's nine-week camping season was our goal. We are proud to say we not only met the goal but we exceeded it.

Although our campers varied in age from early twenties to late seventies, ambulatory or in a wheelchair, profoundly to mildly disabled, they shared one thing in common: the ability to try something new.

The new experiences included a ride on the Forest City Queen Riverboat; a visit to Nickel World Arcade family amusement center where they could choose from more than 100 games to play; a visit to Anderson Japanese Gardens where they viewed the unforgettable beauty of their gardens and architecture; petting a horse at Bravehearts' Therapeutic Riding Stables; interacting at Discovery Center's science and sports exhibit; visiting the Nicholas Conservatory; darting in and out of the large granite Rockman Guardian Statues; going to Elizabeth, IL and touring the Apple River Fort and seeing what life was like in the 1800's; driving go-carts; sitting quietly and watching "Shawn the Sheep" movie at Showplace 16 in Rockford or just enjoying a pizza with their new camping friends at Toni's Pizza in Winnebago.

Camp Seguin RCA's fourteen first-time campers experienced (along with the old-time campers) eating s'mores while watching a bonfire, creating various crafts, playing picture bingo, performing at the talent show and modeling in the Camp Seguin RCA fashion show.

I'm sure all our campers went home thinking: so much fun...so little time! All I can say is "just like the Cubs and Bears, there is always next year!"



# Executive Director

**Position:** Full-Time

**Location:** Berwyn, Illinois

## **Primary Function:**

Seguin RCA is seeking an enthusiastic, passionate and motivated professional to lead a dedicated Board of Directors; to increase presence within the community and develop relationships that lead to new opportunities; to attract and maintain financial support, secure sponsorship for programs and events; to oversee programs and activities that align with the organization's mission and strategies.

## **Job Responsibilities:**

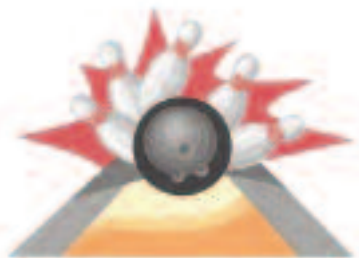
- Lead a small group of individuals who execute programs and activities for the organization
- Engage and energize Seguin RCA members, volunteers, and Board members; increase membership base
- Support and maintain the mission and strategies created by the Board of Directors; provide regular reporting of activities to the Board of Directors
- Expand local revenue generating and fundraising to maximize sustainable funds to support existing programs and regional expansion
- Promote awareness of the unique needs of individuals with disabilities and their families in the community; develop collaborative partnerships with other community service organizations, local government agencies, corporations, sponsors and educational institutions
- Develop and evaluate programs of the organization and recommend any necessary changes as such to the Board of Directors
- Perform special duties or projects as requested by the Board of Directors

## **Requirements:**

- Bachelor's Degree or equivalent work experience in related field
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent marketing, public relations and fundraising experience with the ability to engage a wide range of stakeholders within a diverse group of people
- Demonstrated ability to organize, direct, plan and coordinate daily operations
- Proficient with Microsoft Office Products; experience with social media a plus
- Must have a valid driver's license and be able to travel within the state

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience

# Family News



Another great season of bowling for Seguin RCA's champions. This season ended with a pizza party at Paisan's Pizza...food, fun and prizes. Mark your calendars—the 2016 season will begin Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 6:00 pm. This program is held at AMF Forest Lanes in Lyons, IL.



Seguin RCA proudly sponsors our annual

## Halloween Party

Sunday, October 25

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

At

**Crystal Sky**

**47th and Joliet Road**

**McCook, IL**

Dancing, pizza, a balloon maker  
and **The Blues Brothers!**

Space is limited. Please RSVP  
by October 21 (708-788-5777)



## Day at the Races

Saturday, October 10

Doors Open - 12:30 pm

Buffet - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Sportsman's Park

3501 Laramie Ave. - Stickney

\$40.00 per ticket

This is a great way spend an afternoon with friends and enjoy a fine meal in the Gold Cup Room plus live thoroughbred racing. All proceeds will benefit Camp Seguin RCA. Call the office for details and reservations.

## Camp Seguin RCA Open House

Winnebago, IL

Sunday, September 27

12:00 noon - 3:00 pm

Call office for details and  
reservations.



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## 2015 Fall Calendar

### **Tuesday, September 22**

6:00 pm - Berwyn  
Seguin RCA Art Class (FREE)

### **Sunday, September 27**

12:00 noon - Winnebago, IL  
Camp Seguin RCA Open House

### **Monday, September 28**

6:00 pm - Berwyn  
Seguin RCA Membership Meeting

### **Fri., Oct. 2, thru Sun., Oct. 4**

6:00 pm - Leave Berwyn  
Respite Fall Weekend - Winnebago, IL

### **Saturday, October 10**

12:00 noon - Day at the Races  
Sportsman's Park - Stickney

### **Monday, October 12**

7:00 pm - Berwyn  
Seguin RCA Board Meeting

### **Tuesday, October 13**

6:00 pm - Berwyn  
Seguin RCA Art Class (FREE)

### **Sunday, October 25**

11:00 pm-2:00 pm - Crystal Sky  
Seguin RCA Halloween Party

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### **Sunday, November 8**

11:00 am (doors open) - Fashion Show  
Crystal Sky Banquets - McCook, IL