



Community for All

Spring 2013

LARC News

Special Olympics

Congratulations to LARC Athletes, Unified Partners, and Coaches that were selected for the 2014 Special Olympic National Games! The following individuals will be heading to Princeton University for the National Games, June 14th - 21st, 2014:

Bocce Unified:

Jamie Louchen & Bart Cole

Bocce Traditional:

Jennifer Mclellan

Bowling:

Rebecca Lamoin

Powerlifting:

Travis Stolle

Floating Coach:

Ellen Kirsch

To volunteer or get involved with LARC Special Olympics, contact Robin Pedone at 860-489-2140 ext. 202.



Bocce Unified Partners
Jamie Louchen and Bart Cole

Building a Community for All

The second phase of LARC's building project is well underway! Through the generous support of the Draper Foundation Fund, new handicapped accessible male and female restrooms were completed in February.

The entire project includes renovating the lower level into 3,500 square feet of program space for the School to Community Transition Program. The space will also be utilized for staff meetings and training, as well as a meeting room for our advocacy and parent network groups.

The project includes an instructional office, small meeting room, a fully equipped kitchen and laundry area. Renovation will continue over the summer months so that students returning from the summer break have appropriate space to learn essential life and vocational skills.



School-to-Community Transition Students, Elisa Pappineau and Deanna Blakeslee, with Pam Fritz, Transitions Program Coordinator, celebrate the opening of the new lower level restrooms.

For information about contributing to the second phase of our capital campaign, please contact Christina Emery, Director of Development at 860-482-9364 x39.

Please Join us for LARC's Annual Meeting

May 29, 2013 at 6:30 PM * 314 Main Street, Torrington

Election of Officers & Directors

"Dynamic Duos" Awards

Dedication of Memorial Benches

All are Welcome!

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Spring Wine Tasting

Despite a snowy start to the day, our Annual Wine Tasting was another successful evening, raising over \$25,000!

Support from the community is even more important in light of state and federal budget cutbacks to nonprofit service providers.

We extend our sincere thanks to the following for sharing our vision of *Community for All* and making this event possible:

- ◆ Our dedicated Wine Tasting Committee and volunteers
- ◆ The sponsors and donors to our raffle and silent

auction, who so generously supported this event

- ◆ Our wine and food vendors that made the evening so sumptuous
- ◆ The Harwinton Lions Club and the Torrington Elks Lodge #372
- ◆ Mike Nejaime and all at Tony's Drive-In Package Store for making it all happen
- ◆ Everyone who attended and raised a glass to good health!



Right: Mike Nejaime of Tony's Drive-In Package Store, Harry Schuh, Treasurer of the Harwinton Lions Club, and Larry Cassella, Executive Director of LARC.

Above: LARC employees, Ellen Kirsch and Irena Vareka displaying artwork by Transition students.



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Social Enrichment Activities

Registration is required for all trips and activities. Please contact Robin Pedone at 860-489-2140 or email RPedone@litchfieldarc.org to check on availability.

Dinners:

Hibachi Grill - April 30
 Applebee's - May 21

Shopping:

Westfield Shopping Plaza - April 16

Museums:

CT Trolley Museum - May 4

Theatre:

Sister Act, Bushnell Theatre - April 21

Recreation:

Beardsley Zoo - May 5
 Mini Golf & Dinner - May 24
 Rock Cats Baseball - June 2
 Goshen Stampede - June 16

Bingo:

May 7

Friday Night Fun:

April 19 and May 10

Craft:

April 20, May 11 and June 1

Movie at DSO:

May 11 and June 1

Weekly Bowling:

At Skytop Lanes, Wednesdays
 at 5-6:15 PM. Session runs
 from April 10 through June 12.

Yarn Together:

Meets every Thursday night
 from 6:30-8:00 PM at 923
 Migeon Avenue. Bring a
 painting, loop, knitting, or
 crochet project with you.
 Socialize while knitting,
 crocheting, or loop knitting!

Self Advocacy Group:

"Each One-Teach One" will
 meet on Tuesday, May 14th
 from 6:30-7:45 at 923
 Migeon Avenue. All meetings
 have a theme of "taking
 control of our lives."

CAMP MOE

Camp MOE is a special place where all children have the opportunity to develop friendships, leadership, self-awareness and respect for others.

The third season will kick off on June 24th and runs through August 16th.

Open House:

Camp MOE will hold an Open House on Sunday May 19th from 1-4 PM

(Brandy Hill Road, Torrington). For more information, call 860-618-2800 or visit www.campmoe.org.

Wish List:

The following items are needed to make this another successful camp season.

- Sand for beach
- Tarps (40x50)
- 5 gallon water jugs
- Life jackets (Coast Guard Approved)
- iPad
- Wireless Microphone
- Shredder
- Heavy duty staple gun
- White spray paint
- Slack line
- Duct tape
- Clippers
- Legos
- Flip video camera

- Gift Cards to: Wal-Mart, iTunes, Lowes, Home Depot, Carl's

If you can help with any of the above items, please call 860-618-2800.

Thank you!



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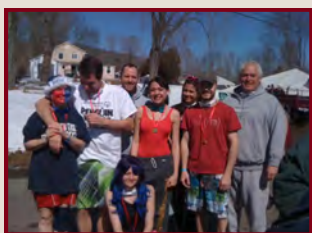
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Our vision, *Community for All*, strives to achieve inclusion for all individuals.

The principles which have guided LARC in its delivery of programs since 1964 are individual empowerment, choice, respect and dignity.

PENGUIN PLUNGE



Congratulations to the following members of Team LARC who raised approximately \$5,000 for Special Olympics by plunging into the icy waters of Highland Lake!

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| Betsi Cole | Ellen Kirsch |
| Thomas Cantu | Justin Lorentzen |
| Julie Cavanaugh | Sarah Murphy |
| Dr. Michael Curi | Robin Pedone |
| Dennis Dressel | Stephanie Renzullo |
| Patti Elliott | James Steck |

We also applaud “I Want My Mummy”, led by Team Captain Matt Smith, who raised \$27,955 in pledges! A portion of these funds will benefit LARC’s local Special Olympics program.

Thanks to all who participated or pledged! Your generosity supports year-round athletic training and competitions, giving individuals with developmental disabilities the opportunity to develop physical fitness, learn new skills, gain self-confidence and form life long friendships.



The Festival of Trees Committee
cordially invites you to the

2013 LARC Spring Dinner Dance

Tuesday, May 14th
Torrington Elks
Doors open at 4:30 PM

Free to LARC employees, participants, and one accompanying staff member. Family and friends may attend at the cost of \$15/ person.

RSVP by May 7th
860-482-9364

Thank you to all who supported the 2012 Festival of Trees, making this event possible!