



Community for All

The Arc of
Litchfield County

Summer 2013

Congratulations to the Class of 2013!

Congratulations to **Deanna Blakeslee** and **Elisa Pappineau** who graduated from LARC's School to Community Transition Program on June 14th!

We wish both young women all the best as they move on to the next stage of their lives.



Deanna Blakeslee



Elisa Pappineau

LARC Participants are Heading to Lime Rock!

LARC is excited to be a part of The Arc Audi Racing Program, as they compete in the Pirelli World Challenge Series at Lime Rock Park on Friday, July 5th. Twenty individuals from LARC are heading to the racetrack to serve as honorary crew members for RS Werkes, part of Istook's Motorsports. To get an idea what it's like for our participants in the program, watch this video from documentary filmmaker Heidi Reinberg, taped during last year's Sonoma, CA event:

www.tinyurl.com/arc-racing

Team owner Don Istook and his wife Laurie share The Arc's commitment to ensuring that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are fully included, especially when it comes to employment opportunities. Two of Laurie's brothers, Mark and Tyson Heitt, were diagnosed with Fragile X, but that has not stopped them from working as an integral part of Don's race team. Don and Laurie wanted to give other people with I/DD a taste of what it might be like to be part of a fast-paced race crew and came to The Arc with a unique idea to include individuals in the excitement of race day as the team moves from town to town to



compete in the Pirelli World Challenge Series.

LARC's guests will have an opportunity to get hands-on in the paddock with the drivers and crews as they prepare for the race and then watch Don's team compete for points in the Pirelli World Challenge Series with their two Audi TT RS cars. Follow The Arc Audi Racing Program at www.thearc.org as we take this exciting ride with Don and his team!



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4th Annual Walk & Bike Ride

September 22nd, Coe Park in Torrington

The “Miles 4 Moe Foundation” was established to honor the memory of Emil “Moe” Renzullo, Jr. In his short life, Moe’s enthusiasm, sense of humor and adventurous nature was an inspiration to many.

The foundation continues his legacy by supporting organizations, such as

Camp MOE, and by helping families who have a child diagnosed with cancer, along with the hospitals that treat these children.

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Miles 4 Moe Walk & Bike Race on Sept. 22nd. The event will begin and end in Torrington’s Coe Park.

To learn how you can help change the lives of local children, visit Miles 4 Moe: www.miles4moefoundation.org



Probuc - LARC Auction

October 20th, Noon, Coe Park Civic Center

Throughout the past 43 years, the Probuc Club raised over \$300,000 to help local individuals with physical and developmental disabilities.

LARC is proud to join forces on this year’s annual auction.

If you would like to donate a gift to be used as

an auction item, please call 860-482-9364.

We hope to see you at the Auction on October 20th at noon in Coe Park!

Concert for Sight

July 13th, 2 PM, Harwinton Fairgrounds

The Lions Club of Harwinton presents the annual Concert for Sight on Saturday July 13th at the Harwinton Fairgrounds. The concert will feature tribute bands to The Rolling Stones and The Beatles.

Thanks to the generosity of the Harwinton Lions, \$5 from every ticket sold by LARC will benefit the programs and services we provide to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Advance tickets are \$25 (children under 12 are free) and are available at LARC (314 Main Street, Torrington).

Bring your chairs, blankets, picnic, family and friends for an evening of great music and good times!

Thank You!

Thanks to the generosity of all who supported LARC’s Festival of Trees, over 170 individuals attended a Spring Dinner Dance held at the Torrington Elks. It was a fabulous evening of dining, dancing, and enjoying each other’s company.



The Festival of Trees Committee is busy planning the Summer Pizza Picnic, to be held on August 13th, at Action Wildlife.



Please mark your calendars for the 12th Annual Festival of Trees which will kickoff with a Preview Party on Tuesday, November 26th. The Festival will run through Sunday, December 8th at Valerie Manor in Torrington.

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:

99 Restaurant - August 20
Cristy's Restaurant - September 24

Shopping:

West Farms Mall - September 9

Theatre:

Shrek, Warner Theatre - July 28

Coe Park Concerts:

Country Music - July 19
"Corvettes"- August 16

Sporting Events:

Torrington Titans - July 21
Basketball Hall of Fame - August 3

Tennis Tournament - August 17
Mini Golf & Dinner - Sept. 6
CT Sun Basketball - Sept. 15

Special Events:

Action Wildlife - July 20
Hot Air Balloon Festival - Aug. 23
Air Show - August 24
Terryville Fair - August 25
Big E (Evening) - Sept. 17
Bristol Mum Parade - Sept. 22
Big E (Weekend) - Sept. 28

Monthly Activities:

(Contact Robin for Details)
Craft Night

Movie Nights
Bingo
Friday Night Fun

Summer Sports:

(Contact Robin for Details)
Bocce Team
Weekly Bowling Team



A recent Social Enrichment trip to NYC

Junk that Junker and Benefit LARC

It is time to finally let go of your old car? It may not be running, but your car is still valuable to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

LARC can take your old vehicle as a donation and turn it into cash to directly help those we support on a daily basis

in our residential, day support, vocational, and recreational programs.

We accept cars, vans, trucks, recreational vehicles, and boats with trailers, in any condition.

The process is easy. Donors need to provide the year, make and model of the vehicle, and

have the title and lien in hand. We will take care of the rest, including arranging for a convenient time to pick up or tow your vehicle and sending you all of the necessary IRS paperwork.

LARC partners with The Arc and Melwood Charity Car Donation center, a nonprofit organization, to

manage the vehicle donation program. Since 1963, Melwood has provided job training and employment for over 2,000 individuals with disabilities.

To get started, please contact Christina Emery, Director of Development at 860-482-9364 or email cemery@litchfieldarc.org.



When you include charities in your estate planning, you can leave a legacy and make a difference in the future lives of others. By remembering LARC in your will or estate plan, you will help us to empower individuals with disabilities for generations to come.

For a complimentary booklet, [How to Make a Will that Works](#), please call 860-482-9364.



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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.

LARC Annual Meeting: A Celebration of Special Olympic Athletes



Larry Cassella and Travis Stolle, Special Olympics Athlete in Powerlifting



Special Olympics Coach, Ellen Kirsch, being introduced by Robin Pedone



Rebecca Lamoin, Special Olympics Athlete in Bowling, and Larry Cassella



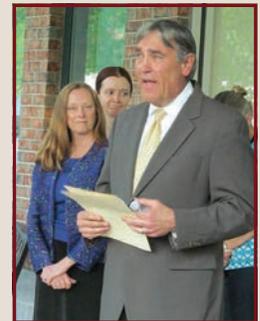
Past President, Ann Bowen, is thanked by President James Steck, for her service to LARC



Jamie Louchen and Bart Cole, Special Olympics Unified Athletes in Bocce



Jennifer McLellan, Special Olympics Athlete in Bocce



Larry Cassella dedicating benches in memory of those who worked and were supported by LARC