

"When all is said and done, more is said than done." ~ unknown

Let's make a difference and change the world by actually doing something. No more words - let's act. One way is to visit our local politicians and people running in the upcoming election to discover what their viewpoints are for people with disabilities. Inform them of needed changes for people with disabilities. The election is coming soon. Your vote is needed! Visit, <https://cqrcengage.com/thearc>, for the most current information on key issues affecting people with disabilities. Call The Arc if you want to register to vote.

Bus Trip

The trip for the beach is finally finalized! Our apologies, it took longer to get the best rate for a hotel than we had planned. **The date is October 23 and 24th (Tuesday and Wednesday).** The weather in October is typically still gorgeous and beach bathing is still enjoyed.

We will be staying at the Berkley Hotel, which is beachfront. Literally, you walk out the hotel door and are only 25 steps to the boardwalk. This location was selected because it offers the best all-around attractions for whatever your 'beach style' may be. Asbury Park has made a total transformation in the last 10 years and is a very modern, popular, eclectic beach. Yet, a half-mile walk on the board walk from the hotel will lead you to Ocean Grove. This is a Victorian style non-commercial town that has quaint shops and reminds one of days gone by.

The Arc will pay for the bus fee and part of the hotel cost. Even so, this trip is going to be expensive and The Arc does not have the money to pay for everything this time because lack of members selling Penn State raffle tickets. The cost will be \$75 per person to attend this trip. Every Arc member **MUST** have a support staff or family member accompanied on this trip who is also charged the \$75 fee. **UPDATE: ONCE AGAIN THE ARC BOARD HAS STEPPED UP TO ASSIST MEMBERS.** We have started a go fund me page to help pay for members who cannot pay for their trip. Please do not let lack of funds stop you from signing up for the trip. Call the office if you want to go on the trip and we will discuss details. <https://www.gofundme.com/overnight-trip-to-the-beach?member=827178> is the link to the go fund me in case anyone is interested in donating for a member to attend the trip.

The Arc will not be responsible for medication distribution. Each room will have 2 queen beds in it so separate sleeping accommodations can meet the government licensing rule that many agencies abide by. Families receive a discount if more than 2 people attend and share the hotel room. Contact The Arc about the discount.

You must have sold all your Penn State tickets to be eligible to join in this festive trip. There are only 40 spots available (20 Arc members plus a companion or family member). Your name will be placed on the attendance list once you call The Arc at 946-1011 to reserve your seats. You will then have 72-hours (3 days) to bring the \$75 per person attending fee to The Arc (unless The Arc has worked out payment arrangements for those who cannot afford the trip). If The Arc doesn't receive your money within the required time, your name will be removed from the list. Once you bring your payment for the hotel to The Arc, we will provide further information on the departing time, things to do in the Asbury Park area, and more details.

We are looking forward to a fun trip! The beach certainly has a healing and restoring effect on many people. We encourage you to take advantage of this discounted opportunity.



The Arc Board of Directors truly care about the well being and future existence of The Arc of Blair County. They support many of the endeavors of The Arc and ask very little of members.



Another example of their commitment was the latest fundraiser, Sunday Funday, shown with photos at left. Without the fundraisers, The Arc could never offer the amount of programs taking place and especially could not advocate at no cost for the better of the community.



A reverse raffle was held with over \$7,000 in prize money given.

The Arc chorus performed at an outdoor festival. Many thanks to Darlene Wilt for organizing and the Altoona Bible Church for hosting. Everyone is so supportive of the group, who is really increasing their song selection. Everyone is welcome to join us for chorus, even if it is to tap your shoes and clap your hands. There is no requirement to sing. If you enjoy music, please stop by the first or third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.



Thank you to Michael Eardley, Donna Messner, Harry Gregg, Brandon Traficante, Becky Good and Meghan Irwin who planned and orchestrated the entire event. Also, thank you to our board members who sold the tickets!

Pictured above is Hunter Malone with the chorus directors, who we adore and who do such a great job, Pastor Evey Madison and Nadeen Newenberg.



We could not have accomplished this fundraiser without the volunteer efforts of Emily Albright, Jonah Brandt, Alauna Feathers, Julie Fischer and, of course, our lovely Connie Traficante.



Thank you to all who came out and supported us!

CLASS SCHEDULE for October 2018

Your main source to discover information is The Arc website, www.thearcblair.org. This is where everything is posted, including cancellations (posted after 4 p.m.). If not listed it means the class is still on.

Monday's: Craftin for Profit - Specialty Crafts and art projects. October Schedule is: October 1, 8, 15 at 3:00 pm; October 22nd and 29th at 6:00 p.m.

1st Monday - Cooking Class - 6:00 p.m. October 1 at 6:00 pm

2nd Monday: Craft Class with Ramona - 6:30 p.m., October 8. Regular monthly class with Ramona.

1st and 3rd Tuesday: Chorus Arc Angels - Tuesday's at 5:30, October 2 and 16th.

Wednesday's: Line Dancing - Wednesday's at 6:30 pm. Bring water.

Thursday's: Square Dancing - 6:15 pm Thursday Nights. Bring water.

All are welcome to any activity but must pay \$5 per class if not an Arc member.
This includes dance classes.

Halloween Dance

The date is set - is your costume?

Join us on Saturday, October 13 from 5:30 pm to 8:30 p.m.

The Arc chose the date early intentionally as our first trick of trick or treat! We took the date of Halloween, 31, and switched the numbers to 13. The last couple of years The Arc has had to compete with many other agencies and clubs wanting to hold Halloween parties the same weekend. This will give everyone a chance to test their costumes - a dress rehearsal - and start the festivities associated with fall a little early.

The dance will still feature a dinner and dancing. The game room will be open to shoot pool or basketball before the dancing starts. We will have a Halloween twist on 50/50 chances. You pay .50 cents for a ticket but we do not split it. The winner gets to keep all of it and not split any with The Arc!

For Arc members only who sold Penn State Raffle Tickets: There will be 3 prizes for the best homemade costumes (not store bought) and 2 prizes for the circle dance, but you can only win if you have a costume on (allowed to be a store bought one for this contest). Every Arc member dressed in some type of costume will receive a coupon for a free beverage so everyone goes home a winner. Again, you can only receive these prizes if you sold Penn State Raffle Tickets. It is unfair to the members who work hard to make sure The Arc stays in business to not reward their efforts.

All drawings and prizes awarded at 8:15 p.m. Must be present to win. **The admission cost to the dance is \$5.00** unless you are an Arc member who has sold Penn State Raffle Tickets.

The Arc is beginning and ending the dance at an earlier time. Many members were not able to enjoy the full experience because support staff often change shifts at 8:00 p.m. and would leave the party too early. We will test this time to see if it suits everyone better.

Start planning your costume since this is a costume party! Saturday, October 13, 5:30 to 8:30. Doors will not open until 5:00. Admission is free if you are a member in good standing and if you have sold your Penn State Raffle tickets. Otherwise, the **admission fee is \$5.00**.

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More square dance photos

The Hakuna Matatas (no worries) Square Dance Club welcomed Mayor Pacifico to The Arc. The mayor presented the group with a golden spike to the city and a proclamation. The spike is very cool and The Arc is searching for a clear showcase to display it in the hall so that everyone can view it. The photo at lower right is the original members of the club: Marita Forr, Christina Polito, Camey Wilt, Donnie Rabine, Leah Leiden and Carl Kiesewetter. The callers Tom Miller and Cory Geishauer are also in the photo. The mayor is featured in the middle photo below. Thank you to the volunteers who made this night possible and for everyone who contributed food or drink. Darlene Wilt, Betty Polito, Linda Beard and deserve a hug for their help!

