

“A bird sitting on a tree is never afraid of the branch breaking for her trust is not on the branch, but on her own wings. Always believe in yourself.” ~ unknown

Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner!

Another Penn State Ticket Fundraiser has come to an end. A very sincere thank you to the members who recognized how important fundraising is to an agency such as The Arc who does not receive any government dollars to remain afloat.

Only about half of the members sold tickets, putting a strain on other members to sell more (and putting programs and trips at risk of being cancelled). Our top sellers were the Casey family, plus Luke Hullihen and Emma Shaw, who were invited to draw the winning tickets. We appreciate you trying to sell as many tickets as possible.

Winners were drawn at the Craftin for Profit class on Monday, August 20, 2018. Luke Hullihen really gave the wheel some spins, as evidenced by the photos.

Congratulations to the winners! Have fun at the game and Fight on State!



Winners:

Appalachian State - won by Rinehart and Susan Replogle, sold by Rochelle Replogle and drawn by Luke Hullihen, ticket number 1540.

Kent State - Dane Harrold sold by Harrold family and drawn by Luke Hullihen, ticket number 0869.

Michigan State - Michael Kawa sold by David Schwaim and drawn by Luke Hullihen, ticket number 1661.

Iowa - Renee Anderko, sold by Dave and Cathy Rose, drawn by Emma Shaw, ticket number 1596.

Wisconsin - June Cooney, sold by Tom Cooney, drawn by Emma Shaw, ticket number 0465.

Maryland - Ramona Brubaker, sold by Barb Cole, drawn by Emma Shaw, ticket number 0444.



Luke Hullihen shook the barrel every which way to give everyone a fair chance at the PSU tickets. Luke and Emma Shaw, the members who sold the most tickets, closed their eyes as they drew the tickets, with Deb Suder holding the barrel and observing.

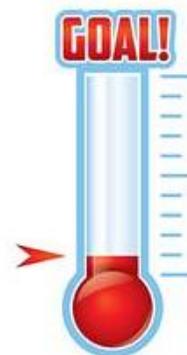
Five-Thousand Dollar Goal

We are off to a nice start. Several people have realized the importance of sustaining The Arc for many decades to come and have made contributions to the Central Pa. Community Foundation Trust Fund.

The Arc has had a very generous offer of a \$5,000 donation to establish a trust fund if The Arc can secure the remaining \$5,000 over the next 6 months. The Board of Directors has voted to establish a community foundation trust with the expectation the fund will continue to grow through the stock market.

The interest from the trust could then be used to assist families and self advocates with needs such as housing expenses, moving, educational seminars, etc.,

Any amount can be contributed but all donations should be sent to The Arc earmarked "Trust Fund". Thank you to those who have started to move the thermometer line up the ladder. A complete listing of contributors will appear later.



CLASS SCHEDULE for September 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.
September Schedule is: September 10th and 17th at 3:00 pm;
September 24th at 6:00 p.m.

1st Monday - Cooking Class - 6:00 p.m. Usually the first Monday of each month but due to Labor Day will be held on Monday, September 17th at 6:00 p.m.

2nd Monday: Craft Class with Ramona – 6:30 p.m.,
September 10. Regular monthly class with Ramona.

1st and 3rd Tuesday: Chorus Arc Angels - Tuesday's at 5:30,
September 4th and 18th.

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

Thursday's: Square Dancing – 6:15 pm Thursday Nights.
Bring water. Special Night September 20th. See inside newsletter for details.

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

BON JOVI is Coming!

Well, not really. But they could be if people decide to dress as a rock group theme for the annual, HUGE, BLOWOUT PARTY OF THE YEAR!

HALLOWEEN DANCE

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

The Arc chose the date early intentionally. 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 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 suits everyone better.

The dance will still feature a full dinner, prizes and lots of other fun things to do. More details in the next newsletter. In the meantime, start planning your costume since this is a costume party!

CRAFTIN' FOR PROFIT UPDATE...

Director's Take

The Craftin' for Profit class is one of the best programs that I have witnessed at The Arc in the many years that I have been Executive Director. I am so excited at the varied skills being taught, the depth and the creativity of the projects, and the advance techniques being used.

Students have become familiar with professional tools and sharp instruments. Simple things are shown, like connecting power tools to shop vacs so dust doesn't fly around the room, that are so helpful to learn.

The instructor, Cortny Himes, truly allows for individualism and does not 'do for' participants but rather lets them explore at their pace and at their individual ability. Parents and support staff have fully accepted that this is an independent class and really remain hands off, never intervening and many times just dropping off a participant.

Anyone walking into the class would view it as more of a drop in art and construction studio. Everyone is working on different projects at their own pace, walking to different stations that they may need, and coming and going as necessary. The entire atmosphere is one of encouragement.

I had high hopes for this exploration of self discovery and possible self employment, and the class is more than I had aspired to. There is a feeling of empowerment and it is wonderful to see the capabilities of the participants. Classes such as the cooking class at The Arc, which continues to build upon skills and the education level is increasing each year, and the Craftin' for Profit class, has made me realize that all programs throughout the system and through all agencies should have more expectations of people with disabilities and definitely less of a 'let me help you' attitude. In fact, I believe a few parents are even beginning to realize that their child can do far more than what they had realized. Sometimes we get so caught up through years of worry in 'doing for' that we forget people 'can do'.

I expect more independent and educational programs will be forthcoming at The Arc. If you are interested in trying Craftin' for Profit, we meet the first two Monday's of the month at 3 p.m. and the last two Monday's of the month at 6 p.m. All are welcome.



Additional instructors occasionally teach classes. Thanks to Janice Moist who returned during our flower and garden segment to teach flower wreath designs.



Achieve with us.

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THE MAYOR IS VISITING Celebration Planned

The Arc of Blair County is excited to announce that Altoona Mayor Matt Pacifico will be visiting The Arc on Thursday, September 20, to dance with the Hakuna Matatas. The mayor is a very important position. The mayor is the one in every town and city who is charged with making sure everything runs smoothly. Some people think of a mayor as the mother or father of the city - always knowing what takes place and where everyone is supposed to be.

This year, proudly, Callers Cory Geishouser and Tom Miller will celebrate 13 years since the Hakuna Matatas square dance club was formed at The Arc of Blair County. In honor of that feat, and in honor of September being National Square Dance Month, Mayor Pacifico is going to present the group with a Golden Spike to the city. The Golden Spike is a symbol of the railroad history in Altoona and the spikes used on the rails. It is a significant honor to receive a spike.

All square dancers from the past to the present are encouraged to attend and wear the square dance clothing and attire that has been distributed through the years. A sign-up sheet will be circulated each Thursday asking dancers to bring a food dish.

Woo-hoo! Let's celebrate the success of the Hakuna Matatas and welcome Mayor Pacifico Arc Style!

CHORUS NAILED IT AGAIN!

Once again The Arc Angels chorus outdid themselves in a stellar performance at Garvey Manor. The group sang everything from gospel to Disney to 70's folk music. The residents at Garvey could be seen singing along to the songs. Members of the choir walked throughout the room greeting Garvey Manor residents and conversing with them. Unfortunately, there is a strict no picture policy at Garvey Manor so no photos of The Arc Angels interacting with residents can be displayed. The photos below do not do justice to members of the choir who were very animated, dancing and clapping to the songs.

Thank you, Marita Forr, for setting this gig up for us. Our choir directors, Nadeen Nerenberg and Pastor Evey Madison, keep raising the bar and the group keeps achieving each pinnacle. We are so proud of you and the service you provide bringing joy and entertainment to the community. Please contact The Arc at 946-1011 if you know of places the chorus can perform.



Members of Arc Angels Chorus below are: front row - Kathy Long, Cheryl Lepore, Amy Faris, Colleen Weis. Back Row - Hope Neff, Marita Forr, Camy Wilt, Director Pastor Evey Madison, Director Nadeen Nerenberg, Hunter Malone, Brandon Beauchamp and John Townsend



Marita Forr, left, is introduced by Garvey Manor staff. Marita volunteers at Garvey Manor.

WHO WANTS TO GO TO THE BEACH?

Yes, you heard it folks. The bus trip is going to be an overnight stay at the beach! There are still a lot of details to finalize but the trip is a weekday in October. October's weather is still warm enough to enjoy walking on the beach and maybe even warm enough to swim. We are planning contingency agendas to do in case of rain. Thankfully, October is one of the months with the least amount of rainfall.

The Arc still did not have confirmation from hotels as of the writing of this newsletter. All details for the trip will be posted on The Arc website once finalized. When you visit the website, www.thearcblair.org, there is a blue box towards the top of the page. Once details are finalized, the blue box will have a banner announcing the bus trip and within the blue box will be a link to a letter that can be opened with all of the details listed.

Details that we do know as of the writing of this newsletter:

1. Only members who sold Penn State Raffle tickets are eligible to sign up to attend the bus trip
2. Every member must be accompanied by another person - a support staff member, a parent, etc. The Arc will not assume responsibility for someone alone in a hotel room.
3. This will be a first to come in with a security deposit, first to reserve a spot. Only one bus will be taken. Once the bus is full, no more reservations will be accepted.
4. A security deposit, per person, cash or money order only, will be required to hold or reserve a seat on the bus. If you arrive the day of the trip, your security deposit will be returned to you that day. If you miss the bus or do not show, The Arc will retain the money.
5. The Arc will cover the cost of the bus and part of the hotel cost. Pending the response from the hotel, a small stipend may be assigned per person. All food and souvenirs will be the responsibility of each person attending.
6. Your membership to The Arc needs to have been current through 8/1/2018. Any expired memberships will not be authorized to attend the trip. Remember, it is a privilege to be a member of The Arc of Blair County where so much is provided for you and other people do the majority of the fundraising to provide all the programs. But still, membership has responsibilities such as keeping memberships current and occasionally fundraising to support the agency (Penn State Raffle Tickets).

PLEASE do not call The Arc inquiring as to what is taking place. We will let you know as soon as we know via The Arc website. Once posted, if you have questions, then feel free to call the office.

One of the ways The Arc is able to offer bus trips and so many activities is through the many fundraisers we do on behalf of the members. The Board of Directors is currently selling chances. See board members Christina Polito or Garran Burget to pick yours up!

Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity at your shot of winning \$2,500 or more!! This festive night is Sunday of Labor Day weekend so you do not need to wake up early the next day. Plenty of food, drinks and entertainment. all you can eat/drink. Been to other drawings? Not the same as ours! Come check it out.

Contact The Arc at 946-1011 for a ticket.

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Did we mention every 10th ball drawn wins \$100?

What could you do with some extra cash?

SAMPLE NOT FOR SALE


The Arc of Blair County Presents
SUNDAY FUNDAY!
at Park Hills Country Club
Sunday, September 2nd, 2018
Doors open at 5:30pm • Dinner at 6:00pm • Drawing at 7pm

200 tickets sold • The official registration & financial information of the Arc of Blair County may be obtained from the PA Dept. of State by calling toll free within PA. (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Drawing	
First Ball Drawn	\$200
Every 10th Ball Drawn	\$100
196 Ball Drawn	\$1000
197 Ball Drawn	\$1000
198 Ball Drawn	\$1250
199 Ball Drawn	\$1250
200 Ball Drawn	\$2500

Donation \$100 Per Ticket

1 Ticket admits two adults

Split No Split

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