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THE PYRAMID



**Date: Saturday, February 18th**  
**Location: Belleville Yacht Club**  
**831 E. Huron River Drive**

10:00am - Plunge Check-In Opens & Pre-Plunge Party  
*Turn in cash & check donations, get your incentives, prepare to plunge!*

12:00pm - Plunge into Belleville Lake  
*Plungers will walk on the dock and jump into the hole cut by the dive team, who will be there to assist you out of the water. All spectators should remain on shore and on the restaurant patio.*

After - After-Splash Bash & Awards

Lunch is included for all plungers who raise \$100+. Drinks (& Lunch for spectators) available for purchase on-site.

*The Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Michigan event series is presented by: Law Enforcement TORCHRUN for Special Olympics Michigan.*

Click Link below for information and to register:

<https://www.classy.org/event/wayne-county-polar-plunge-2023/e440330>

**You can support the Arc Downriver for this event in the following ways: Be a plunger, Make a pledge to a Plunger, And/or Volunteer the day of the event. We are in need of items like Gift Cards for food, shopping, movies, etc., Event Tickets, Wine, Scratch Off and much more to create Raffle Baskets. If you are able to donate completed Raffle Baskets, that would be so very helpful.**

**Contact Brenda Zeqiri (313) 402-5621 or Beth at the office (734) 283-0710 with your donations or if you have any questions.**

## Mission Statement

To advocate for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, have cognitive impairments and their families by promoting choices, creating opportunities, and providing support needed to *fully participate* in the community.

**The Arc Downriver**  
1028 Oak Street  
Wyandotte, MI 48192

**Office Manager: Beth Klocek**

**Phone:** 734-283-0710

**Fax:** 734-283-9018

**Email:** [arcriver@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arcriver@sbcglobal.net)

**Website:** [www.downriverarc.org](http://www.downriverarc.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/  
TheArcDownriverOFFICIAL](http://www.facebook.com/TheArcDownriverOFFICIAL)

**Office Hours:**  
Tuesday - Friday (**See Calendar**)  
9:30 am - 2:00 pm

*Please call before coming to the office to make sure that someone is at the office to assist you, thank you!!*

Proudly serving children and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities since 1954.

Affiliated with The Arc of the U.S. and The Arc of Michigan.

A member agency of



**PLEASE NOTE**

If your name is missing from the birthday list, it may be because you may not have given us the information. If you wish to be on the list, contact the office at 734-283-0710.



# JANUARY

### The Arc Downriver Board of Directors

#### OFFICERS

President: Brenda Zeqiri  
Vice President : Linda Junod  
Treasurer: Kevin Martin  
Secretary: Carla March

#### DIRECTORS 2021-2023

James Hamric / Kathy Smalley / Crystal Jennings

#### Past BOD President

Dennis Glinski

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kevin McGuckin

#### Advocates:

Working to fulfill the mission in accordance with the Arc of the United States, advocating for individuals who are intellectual developmentally disabilities and/or cognitively impaired and their families by promoting choices, creating opportunities and providing support needed to fully participate in the community.

Tina	Boichot
Derrick	Donaldson
Amy	Douglas
Brandon	Ford
Trevor	Hamm
Mariah	Henderson
Robert	Jarvis
Eric	Junod
Joseph	Keller
Tyler	Lucking
Elizabeth	Ottenbreit
Barb	Pegouske
Tamra	Perkins
Philip	Piasecki
Louie	Smalley
Diana	Wayrynen
Dennis	Weber
Thomas	Wendl, Jr.

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# The Arc Downriver Bowling Fundraiser



Sunday, February 5, 2023  
Bowling starts at 1:00 pm  
(registration begins at 12:00pm)  
(Please pay at the door)

at  
**Indian Lanes**  
4500 13th Street, Wyandotte  
734-283-4700

- The cost is \$20 per bowler  
**(CASH ONLY)**
- Includes: 2 games of  
bowling, shoes, hotdog,  
chips and a pop.



We will have 50/50 raffle and  
raffle Baskets

*Come out to join in the fun and help us raise  
funds for the Arc Downriver Sports Program.*

If you have a party of 4 or more, please call or email the Arc Downriver office at (734) 283-0710 or [arcriver@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arcriver@sbcglobal.net) so that we can accommodate you. You can also message us on the ArcDownriverOFFICIAL Facebook page. **Please let us know by Wednesday, January 25th. Thank you.**



**Our Monthly Dance is  
Saturday, January 21st  
6:00 - 8:00 pm  
at the Arkay Building.**

***YOU MUST RSVP by calling the office at 734-283-0710  
to let us know you will be attending.***

If you would like to purchase pizza, there will be a \$2.00 fee at the door. You can bring your own pop/soda, water or coffee to the dance. We will only be serving bottled water with your purchased pizza.

You **MUST** be a member to attend. Your friends **MUST** also be a member to attend. We welcome their support of the Arc Downriver.

If your membership has expired, please contact the office at 734-283-0710 or go to our website at [downriverarc.org](http://downriverarc.org) to fill out the form and pay on line.

**If you haven't already done so, please fill out a new emergency card and a new Consumer Policy Form. There will be copies at the door.**



## **FOR CANCELLED EVENTS DURING BAD WEATHER:**

***As soon as a decision is made to cancel an event or activity for any reason, the cancellation will be posted on Facebook. If Schools are cancelled due to weather, Arc Downriver events and office will also be cancelled or closed.***

As we enter this snowy season of the year, please check our Facebook/OFFICIAL page for cancellations. For SPORTS an email or text from the Coach will go out if an event has been cancelled due to weather. If you require a phone call let your Coach or Brenda Zeqiri know so that you can be contacted.

# Adventure Club News

**Adventure Club is Thursday, January 12th from 5:00 - 7:30 pm.**

Located at the Arkay Building, 15221 Eureka in Southgate next to the Olive Garden.

## Thursday Activities

- ◆ **Bingo Night**
- ◆ **If you can, please bring a snack or drink to share.**



The Adventure Club is in need of donations such as hand sanitizer, single serve snacks, paper plates, cups & bottled water.

See Megan for more information.

*Thank you!*

Participants in Adventure Club, Art at the Arc, and the dances **MUST:**

- have a *current* Arc Downriver membership
- have a *signed* Consumer Activity Policy and emergency on file.

If **YOU** need to renew your membership, sign the new Consumer Activity Policy or update your Emergency Card, please see Megan.

## Art at the Arc




Art at the Arc is a therapeutic acrylic painting class.

The 4-week sessions takes place during Adventure Club hours (5:30-7:00 pm) and is taught by *Elroy Grande*, one of Downriver's finest artists. **There is a \$25.00 Fee per month.**

- ◆ **Artist's please note that the first Wednesday of each month begins a new art session. Please pay during class, not at the Arc Downriver office, on or before each session so that we may plan accordingly as classes fill up quickly.**

*Artwork completed throughout the year will be displayed, when we have the Opening Reception for the Art at The Arc Exhibit.*

## February Art at the Arc Class Registration (February 1, 8, 15, 22)



**\$25 Fee is Non-Refundable and Non-Transferable**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Staff Initials \_\_\_\_\_

Art at The Arc staff would really appreciate it if all art students pay for their monthly art class fee during Art Class hours not at the office. If for some reason you are unable to do this, and have paid at the Arc Downriver office, please bring your receipt on the evening the class begins so the staff will know that you have paid for that class and can add your name to the list of students. If you can not pay, but would like to participate contact the office (734-783-1656) or tell a staff member.

*Thank you*

## *Memorial Donations for Christopher Anderson*



*Stephanie and Tom Nankervis  
The Berger Family  
Collie Hooper-Yan  
Samuel Keown  
Deborah and Bob Litwinski  
Amy Litwinski  
Mr. and Mrs. Lou Petrucco  
Joyce Turin*

## *Memorial Donations for Stanley Doroshewitz*

*Erin Chickowski  
Katherine Seale*



*Thank you for your December Donations:*

- ◆ **Sabat Family**
- ◆ **Jean Dowis and Craig Soubliere**
- ◆ **Dennis Glinski**
- ◆ **Jim Dickinson and Family**
- ◆ **Mr. and Mrs. Richardson**
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus, Wyandotte**
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus, Grosse Ile**
- ◆ **Knights of Columbus, Riverview**
- ◆ **William Ray and Family**
- ◆ **Auto Club Group through Blackbaud Giving Fund**
- ◆ **Eugene Rose**
- ◆ **Patrick Calder**
- ◆ **George Chirillo**





## Please help the Arc Downriver Achieve for the future of our Members

To help us reduce expenses and meet our Organization's mission we are in need of the items listed below. Should you have any of these items that are new and would like to donate them to our organization, please drop off at the Arc Downriver at 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 or contact the office at (734) 283-0710. With your donation and continued support of any item on this list, you are helping us fulfill our mission of providing programs, services and advocacy for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities:

### Items for Fundraising and Programs:

***Fundraising is our main source of income for our organization so any and all donations are greatly appreciated.***

- Little Caesar Gift Cards, Food Gift Cards, Shopping Gift Cards, etc.
- Tickets to Sporting Events
- Tickets to Entertainment/Cultural Events
- Sports Memorabilia
- Bottle Water
- Monetary Donation (cash, check or on our website at [www.downriverarc.org](http://www.downriverarc.org))

### Hygiene Closet at the Arc Downriver Office:

- Tooth Brushes
- Toothpaste
- New Combs and Brushes
- Shampoo/Conditioner (men & women)
- Soap & Body Washes (men & women)
- Deodorant (men & women)
- Laundry Detergent
- Hand Sanitizer
- Underwear (men & women sizes large and up)
- Socks (men and women)

wish list



**The Advocates at The Arc Downriver** would really like to offer presentations and trainings to self-advocates, family members, education staff, agency staff and community members, but we simply do not have the funds to do so. The trainings/presentations would be on topics that relate to education (IEPs, suspensions, behavior interventions, etc.), independent living (how to obtain housing, recreation, access community supports, etc.), health issues (CPR Training, seizure training, etc.) and more! Lori and Linda would *love* to be able to share some of their knowledge, answer your questions and provide support.

***Please consider donating!*** If you would like to support this endeavor through a donation, please write ***for ADVOCACY Trainings*** in the memo line of your check and mail it to: The Arc Downriver, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192. *Thank You!*

# A Few Highlights Of Fun From 2022



May the magic and the wonder of the holiday season stay with you throughout the coming year

HAPPY NEW YEAR








# January 2023

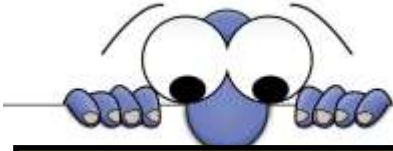


**PLEASE NOTE:** Photos and/or video may be taken at all of the Arc Downriver sponsored events (sports, art, etc.). These images may be used in print and/or electronic media. IF you would prefer that your image NOT be used, please contact the Arc Downriver office.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 	2 No Basketball Practice  Office is Closed	3	4 No Basketball Practice  Art at the Arc 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the Arkay building.	5  Office Closed	6 Fall Bowling Indian Lanes 2:30- 4pm Arrive early	7	
8	9 Basketball 6:30pm or 7:30pm  Office is Closed	10	11 Basketball 6:30pm or 7:30pm  Art at the Arc 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the Arkay building.	12 Adventure Club 5-7:30pm  Bingo Night Bring snack or drink to share.	13 Fall Bowling Indian Lanes 2:30- 4pm Arrive early	14 Arc Downriver Basketball Team Fun Day at Woodhaven High School	
15	16 Basketball 6:30pm and 7:30pm  Office is Closed	17	18 Basketball 6:30pm or 7:30pm  Art at the Arc 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the Arkay building	19	20 Fall Bowling Indian Lanes 2:30- 4pm Arrive early	21 Dance Arkay Building 6-8pm <b>MUST RSVP!</b>	
22	23 Basketball 6:30pm and 7:30pm  Office is Closed	24	25 Basketball 6:30pm or 7:30pm  Art at the Arc 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the Arkay building.	26	27	28	
29	30 Basketball 6:30pm and 7:30pm  Office is Closed	31	 <b>The Arc</b> Downriver				<b>1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192 (734) 283-0710 arcriver@sbcglobal.net</b>  <b>PLEASE CALL TO THE OFFICE BEFORE ARRIVING TO MAKE SURE SOMEONE IS THERE TO ASSIST YOU! Thank you!!</b>

**\*Participants in Adventure Club, Art at the Arc and the dances MUST be current Arc Downriver members, have a signed Consumer Activity Policy on file, and have a current Emergency Card on file. If you have not updated your Emergency Card lately, renewed your membership or signed the new Consumer Activity Policy, please see the staff.**

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***A Friendly Reminder: It's Time to Renew!  
Please help the Arc Downriver continue it's mission.  
WE NEED YOU!***

Please renew your membership by mail, bring to the office or pay on-line at [downriverarc.org](http://downriverarc.org) as soon as possible! Thank you!

Please note that your Membership is required and must be up to date to participate in the following: Dances, Sports, the Arc Downriver events, Art at the Arc or receive your requested mailed newsletter.

Thomas	Abela	2/28/2023
Sarah	Amato	12/31/2022
Margaret	Anders	2/28/2023
Patricia	Barrett	9/30/2022
Katy	Bentley	3/31/2022
Howard	Bodenmiller	8/31/2022
Tina	Boichot	1/31/2023
Michael	Bozymowski	1/31/2023
Eileen	Brandt	6/30/2022
Robin Ann	Brunke	7/31/2022
James	Buber	8/31/2022
Melanie	Case	1/31/2023
Pansy	Coleman	2/28/2023
Sonya	Cook	7/31/2022
April	Davey	11/30/2022
Terey	DeLisle	11/30/2022
Samuel	Delorey	6/30/2022
Patricia	Dionisi	6/30/2022
Joseph	Doherty	8/31/2022
Janice	Finley	2/28/2023
Harold	Foley	2/28/2023
Dennis	Glinski	2/28/2023
Debbie	Harris	10/31/2022
Michael	Herbst	2/28/2023
Jeffrey	Hoehner	9/30/2022
Ben	Honeycutt	2/28/2023
Johnny	Huebner	12/31/2022
Carla	Janiga	7/31/2022
Dave	Klotz	2/28/2023
Dan	Koszewski	10/31/2022
Jarret	Kronell-Becker	12/31/2022
Robert	Labadie	8/31/2022
Russell	LaForet	1/31/2022
Rachel	LaVigne	7/31/2022
Rosemary	Mayville	2/28/2023
Edna	McKeen-Grimm	8/31/2022
Shirley	Mead	2/28/2023
Jimmy	Mondro	1/31/2022
Rosemary	Mondro	1/31/2022
Luke	Munro	7/31/2022

Judith	Page	12/30/2022
Nicole	Parker	2/28/2023
Paulette	Pashenee	9/30/2022
Teresa	Podbielski	7/31/2022
William	Ray	1/31/2023
Ellen	Rees	11/30/2022
Karen	Reitz	8/31/2022
Shane	Rickard	8/31/2022
Christine	Robb	2/28/2023
Matthew	Rogers	9/30/2022
Dominic	Rosati	12/31/2022
Maria	Rosiak	10/31/2022
Ashley	Schulte	2/28/2022
Kristie	Senik	3/31/2022
Peter	Sparkes	11/30/2022
Mike	Sullivan	12/31/2022
Christopher	Taylor	8/31/2022
Edward	Tilk	7/31/2022
Dennis	Weber	10/31/2022
Lisa	Wojnar	2/28/2023
Chris	Zaguroli	7/31/2022

**Expired Organizations:**

Anderson Home	9/30/2022
Buchanan Manor	11/30/2022
Devonshire Home	10/31/2022

***Please renew your membership to support the many programs and services offered by **The Arc Downriver!** Fill out the membership form in the newsletter and drop it off or mail it to **The Arc Downriver, 1028 Oak Street, Wyandotte, MI 48192.*****

We could use another voice...yours. Please decide to help others. Join the Arc movement.

**\_\_\_\_NEW MEMBERSHIP OR \_\_\_\_RENEWAL APPLICATION**

Type of Membership (check one): \_\_\_\_ Individual \_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_ Group Home

**INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP — Please fill out this section**

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Participant's Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one of the following boxes:

Self-Advocate

Professional in the Field of Developmental Disabilities

Self-Determination Home

Parent/Relative of Person with Developmental Disabilities

**GROUP HOMES — Please fill out this section.**

Group Home Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Group Home Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Residents \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the group home residents below along with their birthday. Use an additional page if needed.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Fee (\$30 for individual, family, or group home) – **non-refundable**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Donation

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed

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United Way  
Community Services

A yellow sticky note pinned to a white background with two red pushpins at the top. The text on the note is as follows:

**Your membership**  
(renewal or NEW) and  
**donations** are what  
allow the Arc Downriver  
to *continue advocating*  
*for people with intel-*  
*lectual and/or devel-*  
*opmental disabilities*  
to be *fully included* in  
*every aspect of their*  
*lives.*

**WE NEED YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP AND  
SUPPORT!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

**Bowling Fundraiser - Sunday, February 5th at Indian Lanes 12-3pm**

**Polar Plunge - Saturday, February 18th 10am - 3pm**

**Bowling and Basketball Party - Saturday, April 15th at Elks Flat Rock**

**Bowling Fundraiser - Sunday, April 23rd at Indian Lanes 12-3pm**



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