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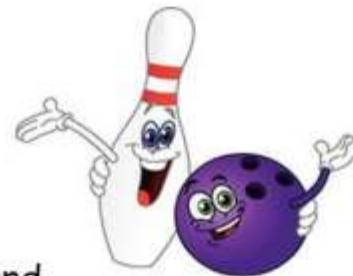
The Arc Downriver Bowling Fundraiser



Sunday, February 25, 2024
Bowling starts at 1:00 pm
(registration begins at 12:15 pm)
(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 so that we can accommodate you. You can also message us on the ArcDownriverOFFICIAL Facebook page. **Please let us know by Wednesday, February 21st. Thank you.**

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
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Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheArcDownriverOFFICIAL

Office Hours:
Monday - Thursday
9:30 am - 2:00 pm
Friday – Closed

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

The Arc Downriver Board of Directors

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Michael	Boice
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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.

Serving eighteen communities in the Downriver area for 65 years: Allen Park, Brownstown Township, Ecorse, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Lincoln Park, Melvindale, New Boston, River Rouge, Riverview, Rockwood, Romulus, Southgate, Taylor, Trenton, Woodhaven and Wyandotte.

Knights of Columbus Dance for Arc Downriver Members

Date: Sunday, February 18, 2024

Location: Wyandotte Knights of Columbus
3530 Biddle
Wyandotte, MI 48192

Time: 3:00 - 6:00 pm

There is no charge. The Knights of Columbus Council #1802 will be providing pizza, pop and dessert. **You MUST turn in your registration sheet below!!**

Please return your registration to The Arc Downriver Office by Thursday, February 8th. 125 person limit so do not delay. If you need to cancel after registering please contact the office so that another member can sign up, thank you!

Knights of Columbus Dance

Member Name _____

How many attending _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Please return to The Arc Downriver Office by Thursday, February 1st.

Sports News:

We are in need of completed raffle baskets and raffle basket items for our upcoming fundraisers. *Your assistance is greatly appreciated!*

- Gift Cards
- Lottery Scratch Off Tickets



•We are in need of volunteers, plungers and donations for the Polar Plunge on Saturday, February 17, 2024. See the SOMI website for fundraising ideas. Please see Brenda Zeqiri for more information.



Memorial Donation in Loving Memory of Robin Takacs

***Given by : Sherryl Faltum
Erin Burkett***

Memorial Donation in Loving Memory of Allan Meininger

***Given by: The Meininger Family and Friends
Raymond Meininger
Tom and Stephanie Nankervis
Claudia Sento
Bob and June Collins
John Balger
The Arc Downriver Memorial Fund***

Memorial Donation in Loving Memory of Doug Gourlay, Sr.

***Given by: Linda Hater and Joyce Kardel
The Arc Downriver Memorial Fund***



Thank you very much for your December Donations:

- ◆ **Our Monthly Donators: Craig Soubliere and Jean Dowis.**
- ◆ **Irene Coleman for her Art at The Arc Donation.**
- ◆ **Tricia Sabat for covering the cost of Sophia's Banquet Hall and donation to "The Downriver Community Band" on the Arc Downriver's behalf.**
- ◆ **William Richardson**
- ◆ **Michael Labut**
- ◆ **Pledging Foundation**

Art at the Arc News

***They are in need of volunteers to help with Wednesday night classes.
Please call the office if you are interested at (734) 283-0710.***

Art at the Arc is a therapeutic acrylic painting class. The 4-week sessions takes place at the Arkay Building (5:30 - 7:00 pm) and is taught by *Elroy Grandy*, one of Downriver's finest artists.

There is a \$25.00 fee per 4 week session.

- ♦ Artists 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. **Each class session is limited to 16 students this year**, make sure you register before each 4 week session.

Art at the Arc Class Registration for February 7, 14, 21, 28

\$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 (734-283-0710) or tell a staff member.

Thank you

ADVENTURE CLUB NEWS

Adventure Club is on Thursday, January 11th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

DOORS OPEN AT 4:45! Please do not arrive for Adventure Club before 4:45 pm. Thank you!!

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

Thursday Night Activities

It's Game Night!

The Adventure Club is in need of donations such as single serve snacks & bottled water or single serve pop. They also really need volunteers to help! Call the office at 734-283-0710.

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.



2023 Advocacy, Dances, Christmas Concert and Fun through The Arc Downriver!!



**Our Monthly Dance is Saturday, January 20
6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Arkay Building on Eureka**

**The cost of pizza for this dance is \$2.00.
Entry is free.**

Please RSVP by calling or emailing the office and leaving a message. You will be automatically added to the dance list. Pizza is ordered a head of time.

You can bring your own pop, water or coffee to the dance.
Bottled water will be available.

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 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.

There will not be a monthly Dance in February due to the dance sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in Wyandotte on Sunday, February 18, 2024.



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!*

Santa Shop



January 2024

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 No Basketball Practice Office Closed	2	3 No Basketball Practice No Art Class	4	5 Fall Bowling 2:30-4:00 Indian Lanes Office Is Closed	6
7	8 Basketball Practice	9	10 Art at the Arc 5:30-7:00pm at the Arkay building Basketball Practice	11	12 Fall Bowling 2:30-4:00 Indian Lanes Office Is Closed	13
14	15 No Basketball Practice	16	17 Art at the Arc 5:30-7:00pm at the Arkay building Basketball Practice	18	19 Fall Bowling 2:30-4:00 Indian Lanes Office Is Closed	20 Area Basketball Games at Franklin High School Dance 6-8pm at the Arkay Building MUST RSVP! 734-283-0710 or arcriver@sbcglobal.net
21	22 Basketball Practice	23	24 Art at the Arc 5:30-7:00pm at the Arkay building Basketball Practice	25	26 Office Is Closed	27
28	29 Basketball Practice	30	31 No Basketball Practice			

***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 as soon as possible! Thank you!

Please note that being a member of another Arc does not mean you are a member of the Arc Downriver. Your updated Membership is required and must be up to date to be able to participate in the following: Dances, Sports Programs, Arc Downriver events, Adventure Club, Art at the Arc or receive your requested mailed newsletter.

Thomas	Abela	2/28/2024
Margaret	Anders	2/28/2024
Donald	Barber	7/31/2023
Andrew	Baron	2/28/2024
Rebecca	Benavides	4/30/2023
Jeffrey	Bertolino	8/31/2023
Tina	Boichot	1/31/2023
Jirard	Bond	8/31/2023
Michael	Bozymowski	1/31/2023
Eileen	Brandt	2/28/2024
BreAnna	Bray	5/31/2023
James	Buber	2/28/2024
Melanie	Case	1/31/2023
William	Cloutier	10/31/2023
Pansy	Coleman	2/28/2024
Dennis	Cullinan	12/31/2023
Robert	Deason	12/31/2023
Samuel	Delorey	2/28/2024
Joseph	Doherty	2/28/2024
Derrick	Donaldson	12/31/2023
Desiree	Estrada	12/31/2023
Susan	Finerty	2/28/2024
Janice	Finley	2/28/2024
Harold	Foley	2/28/2024
John	Gentis	12/31/2023
Bill	Gies	1/31/2024
Dennis	Glinski	2/28/2024
Cindy	Gourlay	10/31/2023
Carlos	Gutierrez	7/31/2023
Natalie	Halko	10/31/2023
Lisa	Hall	10/31/2023
Trevor	Hamm	3/31/2023
Brittany	Harris	3/31/2023
Debbie	Harris	2/28/2024
Patti	Heitchue	11/30/2023
Michael	Herbst	2/28/2024
Laurie	Hernandez	8/31/2023



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Ben	Honeycutt	2/28/2024
Johnny	Huebner	12/31/2023
Lori	Huntington	9/30/2023
Jessica	Hutchison	4/30/2023
Daryl	Jamieson	5/31/2023
Carla	Janiga	2/28/2024
Peggy	Jernigan	2/28/2024
Emmanual	Jimmenez	11/30/2023
Rachel	Jones	2/28/2024
Linda	Junod	10/31/2023
Dave	Klotz	2/28/2024
Lora	Latendresse	1/31/2024
Rachel	Lessard	7/31/2023
Karen	Lucy	8/31/2023
Rosemary	Mayville	2/28/2024
Isabella	McManus	3/31/2023
Shirley	Mead	2/28/2024
Amy	Nael	3/31/2023
Aaron	Oberg	2/28/2024
Lilly Nicole	Parker	2/28/2024
Dontae	Patton	2/28/2024
Kelly	Patz	1/31/2024
Tamra	Perkins	9/30/2023
Brian	Pullum	1/31/2024
William	Ray	1/31/2024
Shane	Rickard	1/31/2024
Christine	Robb	2/28/2024
Ruth	Rose	10/31/2023
Maria	Rosiak	1/31/2024
Nicholas	Russell	10/31/2023
Rebecca	Salinas	4/30/2023
Hailey	Sieloff	1/31/2024
Peter	Sparkes Home	1/31/2024
Thomas	Stone	9/30/2023
Daniel	Swisz	8/31/2023
John	VanCanneyt	1/31/2024

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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MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2024:

- ◆ **Polar Plunge 2024: Saturday, February 17 at Belleville Yacht Club**
- ◆ **District Basketball: Saturday or Sunday, March 2 or 3, no confirmed location as of yet.**
- ◆ **2024 Area Bowling: Saturday, March 30 at Plaza Lanes in Plymouth.**
- ◆ **Bowling Banquet - April 10 at Crystal Gardens. Watch February Newsletter**
- ◆ **Art at The Arc Closing Ceremony at the Park Restaurant - Friday, April 19**
- ◆ **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - April 21 at the Knights of Columbus, Wyandotte**
- ◆ **2024 Spring Games: Friday May 10 at Livonia Franklin High School**
- ◆ **2024 Formal Dance - Thursday, May 16**



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