



Promoting Quality of Life for Persons with
Developmental and Related Disabilities

THE OZAUKEE COUNTY ARC, INC.

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Annual Banquet

Monday, June 1, 2009 Social - 6:00 p.m., Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Belgium Community Center, 548 Park St., Belgium

NEWS FROM PORTAL, INC.

Carole Stuebe, Executive Director

Portal Industries, Inc. was one of ten recipients of a \$30,000 grant from **Pathways to Independence**. (Twenty applications were submitted) The funding will be used to increase the agency's success with assisting people with developmental disabilities to become part of the workforce of Ozaukee County. The title of the project is "*Stepping Up, Stepping Out... Works for Me*".

The priority for this grant is to encourage and support community employment as the first and preferred option- one person at a time using the customized employment model. One of the primary goals is to support individuals currently working at the work center to transition to community based employment.

If you have any questions or would like more information about employment services, please contact Linda Stegemeyer, Program Manager at (262) 377-4410. If you would like more information specific to the grant, please feel free to contact Mary Survis, Project Coordinator or Carole Stuebe, Executive Director at (262) 377-4410.

OZAUKEE CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Cindy Helm

Fun activities are planned for the summer.

June 28, Sunday, 3 – 6 p.m.

Picnic at Welcome Home in Newburg

July, Circus Parade, info to follow

August 1, Saturday evening

Grafton Pool

For further information contact Cindy Helm (262) 376-9503 or Becky Glamm (262) 375-2606.

(Ozaukee Circle of Friends contd.)

New this summer!! We are trying to organize weekly get-togethers at different locations. Example: pool, picnic, music in the park etc. If you are interested contact, Cindy or Becky with your email address. We would like to send out weekly updates. Ideas are welcome.

ANNUAL BANQUET

A good attendance is expected for our annual installation banquet on Monday, June 1st. Officers for the upcoming year of OCArc who were elected at our April meeting are the following:

President - Cindy Helm
V. President - Karen Nadolski
Secretary - Laurie Williams
Treasurer - Duane Nadolski
Director - Marjorie Kreienbrink
Director – Ray Cary
Director (as Past President) - Lou Skibicki

They will be installed by the Executive Director of ARC Wisconsin, Jim Hoegemeier.

Also on the agenda is the awarding of the annual Mary Bowen Scholarship. See below for the names and details of the winners.

The Belgium Community Center always provides a delicious meal. OCArc members are happy to be able to share it with the many participants of special needs programs in Ozaukee County as well as the staff who work with them.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Note the plural – we have two scholarship winners this year. Our Scholarship Committee of Marjorie Kreienbrink and Gerry Kultgen were faced with the difficult task of choosing among five candidates with excellent credentials. Thus OCArc Board of Directors opted to award two scholarships in 2009. The two chosen by Marjorie and Gerry are Cindy Dasbach and Anna Vredenbregt.

Cindy is a Saukville resident who is pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Special Education. She is about to graduate from UW College On-line with an Associate Degree. Just some of her many activities include volunteering at Sunrise Preschool in Port Washington, starting a pet therapy group (visits Portal), and involving herself heavily in the building of Possibility Playground.

Anna is currently a student at Trinity International University in Deerfield, Illinois. After receiving a degree in Elementary Education, she plans to go on for a Master's Degree in Special Education at Cardinal Stritch. Her experiences with children, including some with disabilities, have been as a camp counselor, at Bible school, as a Sunday School teacher, and a therapeutic riding school (Helping Hands Healing Hooves). She has also done babysitting for children with developmental disabilities. At college she has worked with young adults who are physically and developmentally disabled.

PORTAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Ross Rintelman

The softball season started with practices being held on Tuesdays. Our first area competition will be at Wick field in Milwaukee on June 13, 2009

The district competition will start on July 18 at Wick Field. If we win both of our games we will be eligible for state.

State competition will be from August 7th to August 9 at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire.

I will let you know about the rest of the games and the teams we are going to play.

BALANCE, INC. REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Craig Modahl, Executive Director

This is the 33rd year for the Ozaukee County Special Summer Recreation Program. It will be the fourth year that Balance is managing the program on behalf of the county. Balance asks OCArc for a grant of \$3000 to help underwrite the cost of the program. About 24 children with developmental disabilities will participate in the program during the month of July.

OCArc has helped subsidize the cost of the program for many years. A short business meeting will be held on the banquet night, June 1 in order to vote on awarding Balance the grant for the 2009 summer rec program.

OCArc, Inc. Minutes April 6, 2009

These minutes have not been approved. They will be reviewed at the June 1 meeting.

President Lou Skibicki called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M., with 9 members and 1 guest present.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report for February was reviewed. Howard Mulloy moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Carol Stuebe, and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report as of March 24, 2009 shows total cash of \$40,661.75. We have \$11,671.40 in a checking account, a CD in the amount of \$12,171.05 with a rate of 2.23%, which will mature on August 17, 2009 and \$16,819.30 in a new Money Market Account that is currently paying a rate of 2.50%. Recent major transactions include paying \$1,000.00 for our annual fee to Arc Wisconsin. The proceeds from our CD that matured on March 18, 2009 plus \$5,000.00 from our checking account were transferred to our new MMA account. Laurie Williams moved to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Carol Stuebe, and approved by all.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Marjorie Kreienbrink was unable to attend the meeting, but had informed the Secretary that she has had 3 inquiries regarding the scholarship, but no applications. If an application is received and approved by the scholarship committee, they can invite the recipient and family to our banquet in June where the check will be presented.
2. We have had 2 grant requests for this quarter. One from Possibility Playground, and one from a Physical Therapist from the Random Lake School District. As a group we decided to hold off on these requests as we would like to use the funds allocated for this quarter for any scholarship applications that are received. Cindy Helm will contact the organizations and inform them their requests will be considered at a later date. Job Olympics and Interfaith Caregivers sent thank you notes for the money that was awarded to them.
3. We had a discussion regarding the annual banquet, which is held on the 1st Monday in June. As a group, we felt the attendance was lower last year than in previous years. Lou suggested inviting all participants and support staff to our banquet at no cost, and charging a \$10.00 fee for all other guests. Laurie moved to approve the suggestion, seconded by Cindy Helm, and after discussion, approved by the group. Howard Mulloy suggested e-mailing an invitation to everyone and contacting IGS, Balance, Portal, and other agencies so everyone is notified. Laurie will contact the Belgium Community Center, as this event has been held there previously, and everyone has had a good time. Laurie will also contact Don Burhop for music. Laurie will provide the details of the event to Karen Nadolski so she can include the information in her bi-monthly newsletter.
4. The Summer Recreation program should get their request in to us by the banquet, and then the officers will have a short meeting to approve the funding.
5. The slate of officers is listed on the newsletter:
 President: Cindy Helm
 V. President: Karen Nadolski
 Secretary: Laurie Williams
 Treasurer: Duane Nadolski
 Director: Marjorie Kreienbrink
 Director (as Past President): Lou Skibicki

This group nominated Ray Cary as a director. Howard Mulloy moved to approve the above slate of officers and Ray Cary as a Director. The motion was seconded by Gerry Kultgen, and approved by all. The officers will be sworn in at the June banquet.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Hoegemeier from the Arc Wisconsin was our guest speaker. He was able to share a lot of information about the Family Care Program. There are still hurdles and misinformation regarding the services and benefits available. He also handed out pamphlets about the IRIS program that is also sponsored by the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Bureau of Long Term Support. To get more information, you should contact the ADRC.

Carol Stuebe mentioned that Portal Industries was 1 of 20 applicants for a grant through Pathways, and Portal was 1 of 10 who received the Grant. It is a \$30,000.00 grant which assists people from sheltered workshops to transition to the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 P.M. by President Lou Skibicki.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie L. Williams
Secretary