



**The William M. BeDell Achievement & Resource Center**  
**Serving individuals with a disability since 1957**

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# Newsletter

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The ARC is a not for profit organization as stated under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code. Donations are tax deductible according to IRS standards

## Officers & Board Member Election

Recently, officers were elected for the ARC Board of Directors. The officers named are:

Nick Moehn	President
Jim Mihalich	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Shirley Wiedman	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Dorothy Ebbeler	Treasurer
Robert J. Walters	Secretary
Linda Aulabaugh	Past President

These officers will serve for a one year term beginning 1/1/2009.

The following individuals were elected for a three year term as a Board Member of the ARC:

Ed Cordes	Rocky Eveans
Jim Groesch	Kay Long
Julie McVey	Norma Showers
Robert J. Walters	Shirley Wiedman

Mark Kratschmer served on the Board of Directors for 10 years and recently resigned his position. Mark provided support and leadership for the ARC during his tenure on the Board.

Many of our Board Members have served for several years. The combined total of years of service for all board members is 261 years!

We thank all of these individuals for their willingness to serve as members of our Board of Directors.

## Our sympathy to the families of.....

**Thomas C. Jun, Jr.** Tom served on the ARC Board of Directors for 25 years. He was always a friend and supporter of the ARC.

**Jeanne Wiedman.** Jeanne attended the ARC programs, most recently the Adult Developmental Training program. Her mother, Shirley, has served on the Board of Directors for many years.

## ARC Benefit Dance one of the most successful ever!

The ARC Dance held November 1, 2008, was a great success! Everyone who attended loved the band, Mondinband. Jeff & Barbra Davis were co-chairs this year, and they did a great job. Thank you!

We have scheduled next year's dance for **November 7, 2009 at the Bethalto KC Hall.**

Mondinband will play again. Be sure to mark your calendars for the dance, you won't want to miss a great evening.

## Thank you....

to the individuals or organizations listed below whom recently made contributions to the ARC: Marie Odom-Green, Wellpoint Associate Giving, Patrick & Laura Shansey, Jeff and Dorothy Ebbeler, Energizer Matching Gifts, Kiwanis of Wood River Township, Helmkamp Construction, Ameren IP, Ameren CIPS, Junior Service Club of Edwardsville/Glen Carbon, Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Bogaski, Variety – the Children's Charity, Linda Harbaugh, Lolita Kincade, and Jeff Reynolds.

### Donations received to the Benefit Dance were:

Jeanne Abert, Donna Bailey, Andy & Suzanne BeDell, Dan Beiser, Margaret Beliveau, Charlotte Birdsong, Cornerstone Bank & Trust, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Curren, Jeff and Barbra Davis, Judith Dick, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Dow, K. H. Duncan, Roberta Dunnagan, Marjorie DuVivier, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Ebbeler, Rocky Eveans, Rick Faccin, First Community Bank of Godfrey, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Fischer, Mary Lou Fitzpatrick, Gateway Pension, William Haine, Deborah Hartung, Gloria Hazelwood, Mr. & Mrs. Larry Hartley, Pat Heitzig, Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Hook, Jourdain Roofing, Kane Mechanical, Bonnie Keller, Mr. & Mrs. Mark

Kratschmer, Thomas Layloff, Nancy Miller, Nick Moehn, Global Brass & Copper (Olin Corp.), Omnicare, Inc., Mr. & Mrs. Don Price, Bert Roberts, Sylvia Roberts, Roberts Ford, Scheffel & Company, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Schlueter, Mr. & Mrs. James Schrimpf, Schwartzkopf Printing, Mary Seitzinger, Serenity Title & Escrow, Shop N Save, Mr. & Mrs. Norman Showers, Marcella Taylor, Frank Vallino, Shirley Wiedman, Kathy Mattern, Dan Williams, Telsar Computer and LAN Services, and Mary Woodcock.

**Thank you** to the families of Barry Settles, Chrisanty BeDell, Jeanne Wiedman, Helen Mehilos, Marlin Crawford, Ethel Showers, Thomas C. Jun, Jr., Joan Platt, Harold Swinney and Marilyn Heaton. We have received donations in their memory or in their honor.

We are very appreciative of the generosity of these individuals, which helps us fulfill our mission:

*To provide the highest quality of services and programs to children and adults who have a developmental disability that reside in Madison County.*

## **Staff Recognition:**

The ARC recognizes their employees in several ways throughout the year:

Each month, a long list of dedicated employees who are eligible for the Perfect Attendance Award is posted. The following employees have enjoyed the Perfect Attendance Award:

**Pat Ogle, DT Secretary (she won twice!)**

**James Neely, Developmental Trainer**

**Nita Whitten, Fiscal Manager**

**Melissa Sherfy, Developmental Trainer**

**Donna Bailey, Family Support Program**

### **Facilitator**

**Linda Henry, Teacher Aide**

**Mike Mellenthin, Maintenance**

**Bob Walters, Jr., DT Material Handler**

**Elizabeth Johnson, Teacher Aide**

We also recognize Employee of the Month.

Employees of the Month are named by their peers based on their positive attitude, initiative, cooperativeness, compliance with requests and assignments, communication and dependability.

These employees have received the Employee of the Month Award during the past year: **Sue Dorris, Jessie Steward, Dave Harris, Jamie Partridge, Carla Crawford, Johanna Runion-Piper, Mary Tanner, Brad Gold, Courtney Driver, Terri**

**Hoormann, Terri Schulte, Jo Coleman, Carol Basden, Melissa Sherfy, Jean White, Joe Crawford, Joe Crawford, Daad Hariri, Cindy Kelley, Michelle Mathews and Dave Logan.**

Employees are also recognized for their years of service at 20, 25, 30 and 35 years. The following employees have won these awards:

**35 Years: Cheryl Blaha**

**30 years: Audrey Fithen, Cindy Lefferson, Jeanne Johnson**

**25 years: Gary Osborne, Terri Schulte, Dave Logan, Barb Basile, Stephani Meyer, Janice Tolliver, Donna Bailey, and Bob Hunt.**

**20 years: Jean Standefer, Darlene Cox, Wendy Holliday, Bill Lawson, Becky Jellen, Carol Basden, Becky Simmons, Vicki Gentry, Grace Daubman, Bob Walters, Jr., Donna Fogarty, Carolyn Howard, Joe Crawford, and Kathy Henderson.**

We value all these dedicated employees. Their combined years of service are 617 years!

## **School Activities**

To start, we are having a few really fun fundraisers for Prom. Classroom 7 is selling cookies one Friday each month. The students have a lot of fun making them. On November 19, we had a Thanksgiving lunch, also to raise money. This was a lot of fun also. Christmas is always a busy time, and we have a lot of activities for this season. As always, we are decorating a tree at Rock Springs Park, in Alton. The theme is "Sweet Tastes of Christmas." We are using recycled items to make sweet replicas of our favorite holiday treats. For example, we are making candy canes out of old wallpaper and lollipops out of lunch box lids. We have been working really hard on our decorations and are sure they will look great on our tree. Please remember to visit Rock Springs Park and vote for our tree! The top three trees win prizes. On December 22, Santa is coming to visit. He will be distributing the toys from the Toy Trolley, from Variety – the Children's Charity of St. Louis and having his picture taken with the students. Most of our students really look forward to Santa's visit. December 23 is the last day of school before Christmas break and the students only have to attend a half day (11:30 dismissal).