

NEW HORIZONS

NOVEMBER–DECEMBER 2014



Mourning the Loss of a Devoted Father and Ardent Advocate



“When a great man dies, for years the light he leaves behind him, lies on the paths of men.”

[Henry Wadsworth Longfellow](#)

The extended family that we call The Arc/Warren County Chapter has been a source of abundant joyful fellowship over the years. The rich social fabric that is the signature of our movement, has without question, been the most rewarding aspect of my career here. However, the greater one's circle of dear friends grows, the greater one's exposure to the pain of grief increases. And consequently I find myself writing too many laments in this column. But I cannot let the sudden passing of Dr. Frank Wolf go by without paying adequate homage to a principal architect of our local success.

Frank had been a prominent figure in my hometown of Phillipsburg – a respected orthopedic surgeon and an extremely engaged and productive citizen – well before his life expanded immeasurably in response to the birth of his youngest child Christopher in May of 1970. While his wife Carolyn became immersed in the evolution of our small but mighty rural chapter, Frank diversified the Wolf family impact by getting involved in our vocational spin-off corporation, Abilities of Northwest Jersey. Under his adept guidance our sister agency rapidly grew into a comprehensive counterpart: operating a large sheltered workshop and several day activity programs and offering job coaching and transition services from school to work. As fate would dictate, Dr. Wolf assumed a perennial leadership position and was just beginning his forty first year as President of Abilities' Board of Directors when he succumbed to the universal inertia of age in his 85th year.

A brilliant, excellently educated man, who gained a quiet *savoir faire* from world travels, Frank never lost his attachments to his roots in a working class town and always prided himself on his practical proletarian skills and his physical stamina.

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS WONDERFUL HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER!

This yearly event, sponsored by Ed and Patti Sue Rossi and family, has proven to be a very popular holiday event, offering wonderful food and beverages, entertainment, and even better company!

Tickets are just \$40 per person and may be purchased online at: arcwarren.org or by calling Rossi Chevrolet Buick Olds at 908-689-0224.

Enjoy a showroom filled with beautifully decorated Christmas trees, each one more breathtaking than the next. Vote for your favorite!

It's a holiday experience you'll want to share with friends, family, and co-workers!

Call today to make sure you don't miss this spectacular holiday celebration!

Camp Warren Available for Rental Opportunities

Speaking of the holidays, did you know Camp Warren is a great place to host your own holiday party? With acres to hike in the brisk winter air and the Spann Building's warm, comfy—and spacious—all-purpose room and commercial kitchen, Camp Warren is a perfect spot for that big family or office gathering too large for home or office.

There's plenty of parking, too. Nestled in the woodsy beauty of Knowlton Twp., Camp Warren might be the answer to your holiday hosting plans! Call the Recreation Office today for rates and available dates.



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He was a consummate family man who gave his utmost so that his children could blossom according to their talents. That Christopher has succeeded in life as well as his siblings (a physician, and attorney and a physical therapist) is a lasting tribute to Dr. Wolf's competence as a loving, nurturing father. Given the complexity of modern life, this is no small achievement.

On a personal note, I always considered myself fortunate to call Frank a friend – another kid who grew up on South Main Street, who will always be a bright symbol of all that is wholesome and outstanding about our blue collar “Burg”.

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THE ARC FOUNDATION

Along with shopping, wrapping, and enjoying the season's best offerings, it's also time to think about your end of year charitable giving.

A gift to The Arc Foundation in the form of cash, securities, insurance, or other means may help you realize a tax savings in April. Consult your tax advisor now to ensure your gift will meet all appropriate guidelines for charitable giving, and know that you are helping The Arc continue in its mission to provide the highest level of quality care and support to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Your support is more important now than ever.

In the new year, The Arc Foundation will offer a schedule of seminars meant to keep families apprised of legal, financial, and social news and changes affecting their member with a disability. If there is a specific topic of concern you wish to see addressed, please contact The Arc Foundation office at 908-689-7525.

We welcome your views and input. From all of us, have a safe and peaceful holiday season!