

Recognition for a Life of Service

Carolyn Wolf Named Citizen of the Year by the
Phillipsburg Chamber of Commerce – May 20, 2015

From the Desk of Robert A. Pruznick, CEO



Carolyn Wolf with Bob Pruznick during the Phillipsburg Area Chamber of Commerce awards program in May. Mrs. Wolf was presented with the Chamber's Citizen of the Year award.

For more than fifty years, The Chamber of Commerce in Phillipsburg has conducted an annual awards dinner that shines a warm spotlight on the people who have shared their exemplary lives with that community. Since The Arc, Warren was founded there in 1954, it was a perfect location to properly laud the humanitarian career of the woman most responsible for our organization's success. On a perfect spring evening an entourage of Arc members gathered joyfully to celebrate the admirable woman we all know as "Kerry". I had the great privilege of providing the introduction which follows:

The daughter of three term Bethlehem mayor Earl Shaffer, Carolyn inherited a deep sense of civic responsibility. Educated at Cedar Crest College she gained not only a degree in Biology but also inspiration for women's leadership roles. When her son Christopher was born with Down syndrome in 1970 she quickly applied her talents and energy to the Warren County Unit of The Arc and assumed the presidency of this parent founded civil rights advocacy group. Not long after, she was hired as one of this nonprofit's early executive directors. Under her guidance, Project First Step, an early intervention program, was developed to provide infant stimulation, parent education and peer support to families. At a time when intellectual and developmental disability was still poorly understood in American society, this tertiary prevention program was a vital hand of help and hope to bewildered parents. Carolyn also recognized the need for professional family support services and residential programs for adults as a progressive alternate to institutional placement.

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Register Now for The Arc's 20th Annual Golf Classic August 17th!

We're marking the 20th year of The Arc's Golf Classic with a move to a beautiful new venue: The Panther Valley Golf & Country Club in Allamuchy, NJ! Owned and operated by the Mattar Family, the club boasts a Robert Trent Jones championship course with breathtaking views of the Warren countryside.

Arc board member John Costea, event chair, invites all interested players and sponsors to register early, as this event typically sells out early. Registration forms may be found on The Arc's website: www.arcwarren.org or by calling The Arc Foundation at 908-689-7525 x212.

Early Gold and Silver sponsors include Skag Commercial Mowers, Nisivoccia LLP, Fulton Bank of NJ, George Salamy, Pasta Grill by Enzo, and Hackettstown Regional Medical Center. Join them and help make this a great day for a great cause: The Arc of Warren County. Since 1954, offering quality service and support to children and adults with intellectual disabilities, and their families.

Hope to see you Aug. 17 at Panther Valley Golf & Country Club!



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Stepping down as CEO in 1985, Kerry returned to the board for a few years before coming back to the agency as Recreation Director. She had wisely involved Christopher in Special Olympics athletic competitions and included him in all manner of family leisure activities, so she was a natural candidate to apply these organizational skills on a broader scale. Carolyn served The Arc another twenty three years, training and coaching athletes and improving socialization skills, with great passion and innovation. Loving attention to Camp Warren was a hallmark of these productive years as the facility was converted from day to residential capacity. An annual cruise was also offered as Kerry sought to share her family's positive experiences with Chris with others.

During her Arc years Kerry was the Chairperson of the Warren County Human Services Advisory Council and the Transportation Advisory Council to insure that the needs of individuals with disabilities would not be forgotten. She also represented our county on the New Jersey Department of Education's Parent Advisory Council on the Handicapped.

As a long-term inhabitant of a historical South Main Street home, Kerry has also been active in serving the community she adopted through her marriage to Dr. Frank Wolf, a second generation physician. Kerry was especially dedicated to the Phillipsburg Free Public Library, assisting the process of developing our town library into a full service modern facility as a board member for five years. As part of the Warren Hospital Auxiliary and county Medical Society Alliance she worked diligently with other physician spouses to raise funds to meet local needs.

In conclusion, Carolyn Wolf has epitomized the role of engaged citizen. She has always applied her exceptional family values, wonderful intelligence and prodigious vitality to making Warren County and Phillipsburg in particular, a caring enlightened community.

Grand Harvest Wine & Music Festival Set for Sept.27th



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This is a family-friendly event with admission just \$25 age 21 and older. SAVE \$5 by purchasing your tickets online at: grandharvestwinefestival.com by Sept.20. Guests age 21 and older will receive a commemorative wine glass.

No pets, and no coolers/outside refreshments, please. Special reserved seating under the tent is available via the event website (Sponsor Opportunities) or by calling The Arc Foundation at 908-689-7525 x212 by Sept.20. Sponsor a musician! Sponsor a table! Just \$250 (includes eight tickets). Limited number of tables, altho field seating is plentiful. Bring your friends and make it a great day in the country tasting fine wines, craft beers, terrific food, and enjoying outstanding music all afternoon!

This event is held in partnership with The Arc, NORWESCAP, and WNTI Public Radio from Centenary College.

Please visit: grandharvestwinefestival.com for more information!

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