

From the Desk of Robert A. Pruznick, CEO

**Installation of Newly-Elected Arc Board to be Held June 22
During Traditional Membership Meeting.**

All Members, Staff, and Friends of The Arc are Invited.

Democracy at Work in Washington DC and Washington NJ
Deliberation and debate is the way you stir the soul of our democracy.” Jesse Jackson



In April, as customary, we participated in the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington D.C. sponsored by The Arc of the United States. Over the last several years we have included the President of “the Go-Getters” - our self-advocacy group – in our local contingent. Pictured in the center of the photo above, Karen Marshall, has become quite comfortable in the hallowed halls of American democracy, commendably conveying to our elected officials her perspective on federal programs that affect people with intellectual and developmental disabilities– in this case the honorable Congressman for the seventh New Jersey District, Leonard Lance. So when our national representative votes on these complicated federal matters he is truly informed about their impact on everyone he represents. This type of political participation is a key to good government at the highest level.

Karen is also a newly elected member of The Arc, Warren’s governing board. Over fifty members attended the first contested election in the agency’s history on May 27th and their active involvement in the democratic process in “Little Washington” was just as essential to Karen’s well-being and to her status as a complete advocate. Her successful candidacy and that of the fourteen other newly elected officers and directors was a tribute to the strong grassroots heritage of our 62 year old association. Despite the often “messy” nature of democracy, an evening of deliberation and debate produced a rationally derived good outcome that solidified the agency’s corporate integrity for the future.

On the evening of June 22, 2016 Karen and the rest of the incoming board members will be officially installed at a ceremony here at The Arc Warren’s headquarters in Washington. Please join us at 6 pm to celebrate our precious exercise of democracy, conducted on both the national and the local level.

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Welcome to The Arc's Newly-Elected Board of Directors

It gives us great pleasure to recognize those educational, professional, and community leaders who have stepped up to lead The Arc of Warren County into a new era of governance of this outstanding organization that provides service and support to more than 1,100 people whose lives are touched by intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Many thanks to Officers Ellen Haussner, president; Rosaria Baldino, 1st vice president; Diane Bonelli, 2nd vice president; James Travis, treasurer; and Carolyn Wolf, secretary. Thanks, also, to Members at Large Gratia Burke, Milissa Dachsen, Donna Gruter, Erika Hill, Karen Marshall, Shawn McNerney, James Patterson, Ellen Smolko, Melanie Thiel, and Karen Woodcock.

Arc members, staff, and friends of The Arc are invited to join us for a special installation membership meeting on June 22 at 6 pm at The Arc offices. Light refreshments will be served. Come meet your new board members and wish them well in their new endeavors on behalf of the individuals and families we serve.

Please make a reservation by June 20 by calling 908-689-7525 so that we may adequately plan for refreshments. Thank you!