

Eulogy for a Tenacious Advocate for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Maximillian “Max” Maurice Eble Spann Sr. 1928-2017

Robert A. Pruznick, CEO

“Tenacity is essential for accomplishment in anything you do. Without drive, determination and a strong-willed attitude, one’s level of success at many endeavors will be limited in scope.” Gabriella Marigold Lindsay

Fortuitously, my return home to launch a career with The Arc, Warren coincided with the arrival of Max Spann and family on our local scene. Relocating from central New Jersey, he had just purchased an old dairy farm along the Musconetcong River where he expected to keep his agricultural heritage alive. At the same time Max transplanted his highly successful real estate/auctioneer business to Clinton.



Vivacious and ambitious, Max soon rose above the crowd in his adopted environment. From the beginning I learned that challenges brought out the best in him. I was most impressed by his perfectly executed historical restoration project, since I too was renovating an old stone home along the same waterway. I thought I had taken on an impossible task until I learned how dilapidated his property had been when he gave me a tour of the finished product. Apparently, when he started rebuilding he had to remove a cow carcass from the middle of the old farm house! Despite tremendous impediments he managed in short order to transform his disaster into an heirloom fit for *Colonial Homes* magazine.

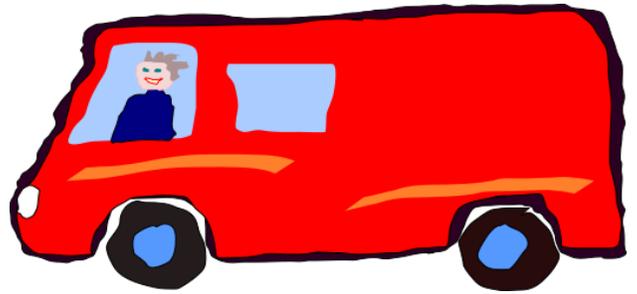
Based on the activist reputation he had earned with the Somerset Chapter, I was hopeful that he might duplicate his charitable achievements in our neck of the woods. When Max and his wife Jean decided to send their daughter Elizabeth to Camp Warren, a long term connection was forged. Later in the 1980’s this relationship was cemented when Elizabeth became a resident of our Belvidere Group Home. He quickly brought his passion for The Arc movement to bear in Warren. Max orchestrated a capital campaign to convert our day camp into an overnight facility. By 1989, we dedicated the Max & Jean Spann multipurpose building as the centerpiece of this development endeavor. Today Max’s vision for our bucolic 35 acres in Knowlton Township has been fully realized.

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IN PHOTO, Mr. Spann is joined by his wife, Jean, left, and The Arc’s Bonnie Hill at the Rossi Family of Trees event in 2015.

Lift Van Available for Sale

A lift van (1999 Ford E150) with app. 135,000 miles on it, previously used by our Family Support program, is available for sale by calling The Arc at 908-689-7525. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact The Arc.



A Sad Farewell to a Longtime Member and Friend, Max Spann, continued from front

I witnessed Max in action on the statewide level as well when he represented our corner of New Jersey on The Arc of New Jersey's Board of Directors. He was incisive when presented with roadblocks to progress and adroit in rallying elected officials and business leaders to advance our cause. In short he was a can-do champion of The Arc and the people we serve.

I have always been impressed by the values of farmers. Their indomitable optimism, relentless work ethic and problem solving skill is unparalleled in any other profession. As "patrons of husbandry" they cultivate and nurture our sources of life by amplifying wholesome plant and animal life. The compassionate instincts required by this profession usually spill over into human sphere. Max demonstrated this loving orientation most notably in response to the needs of those born with intellectual disabilities. And he matched this emotional commitment with a pragmatic tenacity that achieved superb results. The positive force of his advocacy will be missed. Hopefully, he inspires others to follow his prodigious example.

Arc Recreation Enjoyed a Busy, Healthy Summer of 2017



Arc Recreation Enjoyed a Busy Summer

Arc volunteer coach Scott Gately, top right photo, kept the Arc Road Runners going through the summer, as did Camp Warren staff in additional photos top and bottom. From swimming to field games and more, Camp Warren was the scene of great fun and exercise for our campers, as well as invaluable respite for their families.

Thanks to all for making this a great summer!

JOIN US SEPTEMBER 16, 2017
MEADOW BREEZE PARK
10AM-1PM



Get Fit & Raise Funds for The Arc's Recreation Services!

STEP UP FOR THE ARC WALKATHON & DANCE PARTY 2017

Raise funds for The Arc's Recreation Services while having a great time with your friends strolling through beautiful Meadow Breeze Park. This year's event will also include a DJ, dancing and prizes. You can help us provide and maintain our year-round Recreation Programs such as, Healthy Life Club, Social Club, Bowling, Open Swim and many more. Join us after the walk for some light fare and good conversation amongst new and old friends.

You will also be a part of a state-wide "Step Up for The Arc" walkathon effort that has brought thousands of people together to support The Arc in every county in New Jersey.

What better way to let people know all of the great things The Arc means to you and your family?
Be sure to join us on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

\$10 Fee Per Walker or \$15 Walker with T-Shirt
***Raise \$50 or more and the walk fee will be waived.**

Can't make it on September 16th? You can still help by donating at the below link and sharing with your friends!

<http://www.arcwarren.org/arc-foundation/support-the-arc/>
Click Donate-List Purpose as Walkathon

Contact Meghan Moyer at 908-689-7525
Ext. 256 For a brochure or more information.

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CAREGIVERS CONFERENCE



CAREGIVING ACROSS THE LIFESPAN: MORE TOOLS FOR YOUR JOURNEY

Join United Way Caregivers Coalition for its fourth annual conference in Warren County. This free event for caregivers is filled with presentations and resources that will provide critical information that can help caregivers take care of themselves while also caring for their loved ones. The conference also allows opportunities for caregivers to connect with one another.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, September 9, 2017
9:00am – 1:00pm
Merrill Creek Visitor's Center
34 Merrill Creek Rd., Washington, NJ
<http://merrillcreek.com/contact-us/map/>

WORKSHOPS

- Signs and Symptoms of Caregiver Burnout, Presented by James Seng, St. Luke's University Health Network
- Coping with Behavior Changes in Alzheimer's Disease, Presented by Laura Hawkins, Alzheimer's New Jersey
- Legal Documents 101: Durable & Medical POA's, Living Wills & POLST, Guardianship and Special Needs Trusts, Presented by Nancy Reading, Attorney at Law

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND SPACE IS LIMITED!

E-mail Robin.Ennis@UnitedWayNNJ.org or call 973-993-1160 x305 or register online at <https://secure.unitedwaynnj.org/CaregiversWarren2017>

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Grand Harvest Wine & Music Festival Sept.24th



Be sure to join us on Sunday, September 24 from noon to 5 pm at Rutherford Hall, 1686 Rt.517, Allamuchy for the 10th annual Grand Harvest Wine & Music Festival. This popular wine tasting event is for the benefit of The Arc of Warren County and NORWESCAP and features award-winning wines from Brook Hollow Winery, Villa Milagro Winery, Four Sisters Winery, and Cava Winery & Vineyard.

Music all afternoon by The BanjoDoodles, Steve Kirchuk Band, Grace Jensen, Pentley Holes, and Electric Gumbo and delicious local foods from Michele's Bistro, Celestine Catering, Harper's Bagel & Bake Shop, and Ernie and Dom's. Craft and merchandise vendors round out the action, with special items from The Arc's Serendipity Classic Gift Shop in Washington.

SAVE \$5 on your tickets by ordering online before Sept.20: grandharvestwinefestival.com

Vendors are welcome to join us. See the website for vendor app. and sponsor information. Field seating and VIP Tent with sponsorship. Preferred parking on-site at \$20; free bus shuttle service from near-by Panther Valley Mall on Route 517. For more info, please call the Foundation Office at 908-689-7525.



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(877) 277-2270

The Arc participates in an outstanding vehicle donation program that not only makes it easy to dispose of unwanted cars, motorcycles, boats, and RVs, but also provides a quality education and training program for individuals with disabilities. We would like to thank the following people for thinking of us:

Carolyn Wolf, Alessandra Gallo, Kuldeep Ghalawat, David Vogt, Jodie Pryor, Roger Hill, Joan S. Colb, Ellen Haussner, Devon Fox, Michael Bonelli, Gabriel Castellanos, Melanie Heembrock-Lubkiewicz. Your generous and kind donations are greatly appreciated!

For more information about this program, call The Arc at 908-689-7525 x212 or **877-ARC-CARO**.

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The Arc Foundation to Hold Golf Classic

Register now for the 22nd annual Golf Classic for The Arc to be held Mon., Aug.28 at Hawk Pointe Golf Club, Washington.

This popular outing is sponsored by Nisivoccia LLP and features outstanding Hole in One prizes from Rossi Chevrolet Buick GMC and John Johnson Dodge Chrysler Jeep RAM. Registration begins at 11 am with shotgun start at 12:30 pm. Registration is just \$180 per player and is all-inclusive. Many of you will remember that Jim Travis of SASCO Insurance Services and Arc board member hit a hole in one last year sponsored by Rossi Chevrolet Buick GMC, resulting in a \$10,000 prize for The Arc and one for himself. Let's do it again!!!

For registration and more information, please call the Foundation Office at 908-689-7525 x212 or visit: arcwarren.org. (In photo below, Jim, left, is shown with Arc CEO Bob Pruznick and Michael Rossi.

