

My Final Column Robert A. Pruznick

“All things must pass – all things must pass away” - George Harrison 1970

The conclusion of my 36 year labor of love came quietly in mid-April as I formally stepped down as the Chief Executive Officer of The Arc. It has been a great privilege to build and lead the Warren County Chapter of this phenomenally successful national movement of families and professionals. Together we have raised public awareness of intellectual and developmental disabilities while producing community based support programs that are the envy of the social work field. I am leaving behind a highly competent and sophisticated agency that will maintain our gold standards for advocacy and services. I am totally confident that the administrative structure that we have created will meet any current and all future challenges. Because of the capabilities and character of our exceptional staff members, I fully expect The Arc, Warren to thrive in my absence.



It is hard to convey my bittersweet feelings of immensely satisfying accomplishment that accompanies this farewell moment. From the day Kerry Wolf hired me to open Asbury, the first agency group home, I felt that I had found a beautiful home. I believe that Providence had led me to a perfect environment in which to utilize my lengthy academic background in the psychology of religion. In many ways The Arc is a faith community. We have succeeded in our sacred mission of cherishing all lives and nurturing human potential. We have provided powerful testimony to the efficacious work of the divine in this world. And by ministering to the needs of people with cognitive limitations and helping their resilient parents, we have simultaneously gathered an army of allies who share our values and our passion.

For 28 years I have been amazed by the miracle that is WRNJ's Radiothon as it reliably fostered widespread understanding, acceptance and solidarity with our goals. This year I was thrilled to see that the final tally for this last event on my watch resulted in a record number of donations. This evidence reinforces my certainty that we have indeed changed our corner of the world for the better.

I have always told my employees who were departing the agency that their compassionate and caring contributions had made them a member of The Arc, Warren extended family and as such they would always be welcomed back. As I move on to other professional pursuits, that hopefully will include teaching on a college level, I will also be perpetually loyal to the family that embraced my wife Kathy and I when we returned home in 1981. We have always felt that we belonged to a very special group of laborers in the Lord's vineyard. The Arc has provided me with a tremendously meaningful and most pleasant career as well as a beautiful life.

“The play is done; the curtain drops, slow falling to the prompter's bell: A moment yet the actor stops, And looks around to say farewell. It is an irksome word and task; And when he's laughed and said his say, He shows, as he removes the mask, A face that's anything but gay.” – William Makepeace Thackeray

Membership Meeting and Election of Officers Set for June 11

Please note the following slate of officers will be presented for vote on June 11 at 6 pm at The Arc offices, 319 W. Washington Avenue, Washington (third floor board room):

Diane Bonelli, President

Karen Woodcock, First Vice President

Lisa DeMarco, Second Vice President

Jay Shulman, Treasurer

Virginia Vogt, Secretary

Those wishing to cast a vote must be members in good standing, as per The Arc's by-laws. Specifically, one must have made a donation of \$25 or more, either via a membership mailing, fundraising event, or outright donation, within the past 12 months. If you have any questions regarding your eligibility, please contact Erin Stritch at The Arc **prior to June 11** at 908-689-7525.

28th WRNJ Radiothon Hits a High Mark!



Great excitement was in the air on April 6 when the 28th WRNJ Radiothon for The Arc was held in the showroom of Rt.46 Hyundai, Hackettstown. VIPs (Very Involved People) wandered in throughout the day to help us reach — and mightily surpass — our \$50,000 goal. By day's end, we'd reached \$56,000 and currently stand at just under \$70,000. Proceeds stay in Warren County to support Arc programs for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and help fund valuable respite programs for their families.

Many people are to thank for this huge success, particularly Norman Worth and Larry Tighe of WRNJ Radio for their continued commitment to The Arc; CJ Meyer and staff at Rt.46 Hyundai for their hospitality; Mama's Restaurant & Café Baci for providing an amazing luncheon for our volunteers; Arc staff who manned the computers for instant updates; and the outstanding people who both pledged and got those pledges for us.

Radiothon continues to be a remarkable vehicle for getting our message out to the community and for giving those community members a meaningful method of directly helping their friends and neighbors who live with disabilities. From all of us at The Arc, **THANK YOU ALL** for your love and support!

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JULY 14TH 2018

LIBERTY, NJ

SPRINT TRIATHLON

8:00AM

0.5 SWIM - 15 Mile BIKE - 3 Mile RUN

\$85 for Individuals

\$50 per person per teams of 3

Price increase April 1st, 2018

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Liberty/TRIMountainLake>

Search TRI Mountain Lake on Facebook

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The Arc of Warren
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service to persons
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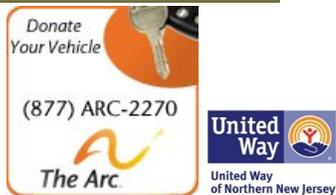
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The Arc Triathlon Set for July 14

Looking for a well-run sporting event that will let you enjoy the views of Mountain Lake during a run, bike, and swim event this summer? Look no further than the Tri Mountain Lake Sprint Triathlon to be held July 14 (see page 3). Now in its third year, the Triathlon has a dedicated base and is organized by Dana Baffuto and Josh Huber of DASH Multisport in Belvidere to benefit The Arc's recreation services.

Volunteers and sponsors are needed. Please contact the Foundation Office at 908-689-7525 for more information.