

The Arc

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Serving people with developmental disabilities since 1963

FALL 2009 NEWSLETTER



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER



The theme for this dance is Homecoming--dress up--
King and Queen will be crowned

DANCING & MUSIC BY SAFE SOUNDS & DJ LEONARD
Laura Encenrode, our new advocate, will be introduced

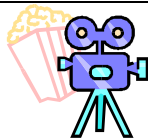
Wednesday, October 14, 2009

6 p.m. ASSUMPTION CENTER 21800 Marter, St. Clair Shores

\$8 for Adults, \$5 for Children (12 & under), Children under 4: free

RSVP: To Laura Kellett at **505-3695** by **October 8 (with number attending)**

Menu: Chicken Marsala, Italian Meatballs, vegetable, salad, chicken nuggets, dessert



The Arc GPHW **MOVIE NIGHT**

Free for people with developmental disabilities, their family & friends

Wednesday, November 4, at 6:30 p.m.

Movie to be announced by postcard to members or call (313)505-3695
Okulski Family Theater at Windmill Pointe Park

Reservations still available for Raise the Roof cabaret



One year ago we saw the introduction of Full Circle with the hope that a store would eventually be established creating new employment opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.

That dream has come true with the opening of the store at 15300 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Park. Congratulations to current and past Board members of The Arc GP/HW, the Grosse Pointe Public Schools and especially to **Mary Fodell** who, in memory of a very special classroom assistant, **Nancy Salassa**, created this special place. Please visit. Saturdays are fun with all of the shoppers at the open air market.

Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 12 to 4 p.m.
Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you have gently used upscale clothes please **donate** to Full Circle. If you are looking for unique clothing at bargain prices visit Full Circle.

Caregiver List

Our new President, Karen Grobbel would like to compile a caregiver list. If you would like to be on it or know someone she could add to the list please email her at klginternet@sbcglobal.net



Knocking Out Autism-a bowling fundraiser

Where? The Garden Bowl, 4120 Woodward, Detroit

When? September 27, 2009 from 2pm to 4pm

This is a bowling fundraiser presented by Connecting the Missing Pieces. Please call (313) 515-4317 for information. Tickets are \$25 per person.

Spread the Word to End the Word Fact Sheet

Spread the Word to End the Word is an effort to raise the consciousness of society about the dehumanizing and hurtful effects of the word "retard(ed)" and encourage people to pledge to stop using the R-word. The campaign, created by youth, is intended to engage schools, organizations and communities to rally and pledge their support at www.r-word.org. The effort is spearheaded by college students Soeren Palumbo (Notre Dame 2011) and Tim Shriver (Yale 2011), and led by young people and Special Olympics athletes across the country. Celebrity activist John C. McGinley of the hit show "Scrubs" is a spokesperson for the campaign.

Respectful and inclusive language is essential to the movement for the dignity and humanity of people with intellectual disabilities. However, much of society does not recognize the hurtful, dehumanizing and exclusive effects of the word "retard(ed)." It is time to address the minority slur "retard" and raise the consciousness of society to its hurtful effects.

Visit www.r-word.org to learn how you can **Spread the Word to End the Word**.

The "R" Word

It is time to "Spread the Word to End the Word," to make people stop and think about their hurtful and disparaging use of the word "retard." Most people don't think of this word as hate speech, but that's exactly what it feels like to millions of people with intellectual disabilities, their families and friends. Using "retard" as a term of derision is just as cruel and offensive as any other slur.

The "R" word is no joke. Its usage is associated with a history of institutionalization, genocide, forced sterilization, segregation, and being regarded as "less than human." Additionally, more than any other group, people with intellectual disabilities continue to experience record unemployment, significant physical, mental and sexual abuse, and limited rights.

The "R" word was born of oppression -- not until 1975, with the passage of P.L. 94-142 were people with intellectual disabilities -- ID -- even allowed to receive a public education. For many years, people with ID lived as slaves in large, state and privately run institutions where they were made to work, without compensation, at tasks such as farming, gardening, cooking, cleaning and "taking care of" other residents who could not care for themselves.

While the Ku Klux Klan may not have specifically targeted people with ID, people with ID were the victims of the Eugenics Movement, which permeated society, scientific establishments and state and federal government.

Between 1907 and 1963, more than 64,000 people with disabilities were forcibly sterilized under the auspices of eugenic legislation in the United States. The Nazi architects of the "final solution" honed their skills by practicing first on people with disabilities.

While the word "kidnapping" may not apply, countless numbers of people with ID were taken away from their families and communities and admitted to large public institutions. These institutions could rightfully be described as state-sanctioned ghettos.

People with ID continue to be the victims of violence. Current data on abuse and neglect of people with ID highlights the seriousness of this issue. This, in a nutshell, is the reason that people take offense at the use of the "R" word.

Rod Patterson, Pontiac (Published on Pantagraph.com)

What can you do? *Stop using the r word *Tell others why they shouldn't use the r word *Go to <http://www.r-word.org/> and take the pledge to stop using the r word *Tell your friends to take the pledge

G.P. COMMUNITY EDUCATION
SWIMMING AND DANCING (FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS)

Visit their web-site at www.gpschools.org/di_communityed.htm or call (313) 432-3880



ADVOCACY SERVICES

Our chapter has contracted with The Arc of Western Wayne and ARC Services of Macomb for advocacy services. Their chapters have paid staff to help members navigate the various services available to people with developmental disabilities. ARC Services of Macomb will assist our members with issues related to special education and Western Wayne will assist with issues related to receiving services from Wayne County Community Mental Health, social security, respite care, and other services related to living in our community. To access these services, you must contact:

Deb Moffat

debmoffat@yahoo.com

Karen Grobbel

klginternet@sbcglobal.net or

Diane Zedan

dzedan@domcast.net

We will review the situation, determine the need for paid advocacy and then make the referral to the appropriate agency.

Job Training Scholarships

To encourage more local businesses to hire students with developmental disabilities, The Arc GP/HW created job training scholarships. Employers who hire such students will be reimbursed up to \$250 for wages paid during the training period. **IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WOULD CONSIDER HIRING A STUDENT WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, CONTACT THE GROSSE POINTE NORTH TRANSITION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT (313) 432-3301 or 432-3298.**

RESPIRE REIMBURSEMENT

The Arc GPHW offers a Respite Reimbursement Program to reimburse our members a percentage of their respite costs. Members may select family, friends, sitters, aides or nurses to provide the respite care, depending on the needs of the family. The care may include such things as a weekend away, an occasional evening out, or even the use of an aide to help bathe an adult family member who has developmental disabilities. We will also reimburse for care given outside the home at a respite care facility. This is **not** a

financial need-based program – **it is a benefit of your membership** in The Arc GP//HW. If you are interested in learning more or applying for the program, please contact Diane Zedan at dzedan@comcast.net. You will be mailed an application for 2009 respite reimbursement and will receive more information at that time. The Board of Directors of The Arc GP//HW reserves the right to review and amend this program at any time.

F.R.I.E.N.D. Events

The Foundation for Exceptional Children's F.R.I.E.N.D. Club is open to teens and adults with developmental disabilities. Activities are planned each month by a recreational therapist and Foundation staff. Supervised outings include trips to sporting events, a camp weekend, concerts, dances, weekend trips and community events. Club members are dropped off at the Foundation and taken by bus to the events. Please email debmoffat@yahoo.com to sign up for the club and for further information. 16 Lakeshore Road in the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

Oct. 11 Westview Apple Orchard
Oct. 30 Halloween Dance

New Social Network/Blog for GP//HW



Anyone can join.

<http://gpspecialeducation.ning.com/>

Helpful Group

The Google Group "Washtenaw County Special Education Information (WCSEI)" seems to provide helpful information. To access this group, go to: <http://groups.google.com/group/WCSEI>
To email the owner, send to: familysupport@wash.k12.mi.us

CONSIDER A DONATION

The Arc Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods is devoted to improving the lives of local people with developmental disabilities and their families. Our chapter is affiliated with the national and state Arcs whose members believe that people with developmental disabilities are valued citizens who should fully participate in community life.

For nearly forty-five years, our chapter has provided or supported housing, advocacy, recreation, employment, transportation, and social activities for our neighbors with disabilities. We have a **Respite Reimbursement Program** to give caregivers a needed break. We have also created the **H.E.L.P Grant** program to provide funds to members for therapy, recreation or specialized equipment. We offer **Job Training Scholarships** to encourage employers to hire people with disabilities. We also provide **Conference Grants** to help members pay for educational conferences. **Advocacy Services** aid members in dealing with legal & bureaucratic issues. The Arc Grosse Pointe/Harper Woods owns two homes in our area which provide **housing** for several people with cognitive impairments. We have recreational offerings such as **social nights, dinner dances** and **movie nights**. We also support many groups such as the local Special Olympics teams, specialized Scout troops, The Foundation for Exceptional Children, the F.R.I.E.N.D. Club, public school extra-curricular programs such as weekend camping trips and many more. To make a donation, please make your check payable to **The Arc GP//HW** and mail to PO Box 36130, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236.

Donation amount _____

Complete Address _____

Telephone number (optional)

E-mail address (optional)

The Arc GP/HW is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Donations are tax deductible. Donations of \$250 or more will be acknowledged with a tax receipt.



Are you a mom of a Special Needs Child? Are you in need of a Moms Night Out?

Welcome to **Grosse Pointe Connected Moms - GPCM**

Once a month, moms, whose children attend the Grosse Pointe Public School System, gather at local area restaurants for a good time out! **Please join us for dinner and fun company!**

We meet the first week of the month and rotate days to accommodate schedules.

Please contact Susan Mills to RSVP: litljake@comcast.net or (313) 640-1068

Here are our next evening GPCM meeting spots for 2009-2010:

There may be coupons available in local newspapers for some of our choices

Wednesday, October 7th 6:45 pm	La Cina , 17201 Mack, Detroit
Thursday, November 5th 6:45 pm	Cadieux Café , 4300 Cadieux, Detroit
Friday, December 4th 6:45 pm	Blue Pointe , 17131 E Warren, Detroit
Tuesday, January 5th 6:45 pm	Sy Thai Shore , 23519 Nine Mack Dr, SCS
Wednesday, February 3rd 6:45 pm	Mack Daddy's , 18584 Mack, GPF
Thursday, April 2nd 6:45 pm	Panera Bread , 17150 Kercheval, GP
Friday, May 4th 6:45 pm	Gelato Cafe , 375 Fisher, GPF

New This Year GPCM Morning Breakfast - coffee or tea, just for me

If you find a little free time after dropping kids off at school, please meet us for coffee on the **third Wednesday** of the month at **Mack Ave Diner**, 19841 Mack, GPW at **9:00 am**. Please RSVP to Susan: litljake@comcast.net or Jan: pointerpase@gmail.com

Our days rotate to accommodate all interested moms at some point. We usually meet during the first week of the month.

Autism Speaks Walk is October 11th



The Autism Speaks Walk is on October 11, 2009 at 12 pm at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Visit: <http://www.walknowforautism.org/faf/home> for further information

Note: Use an Arc GP/HW Advocacy Grant to pay for your attendance at this conference!!

2009 Michigan Rehabilitation Conference

Outstanding keynote speakers and special events! Trade Show with over 70 exhibitors
Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids October 21-23

- Sessions include:**
- Social Networking and Community Inclusion;
 - Creating Services for People with Autism;
 - Self Directed Services;
 - Micro Enterprise Development;
 - Michigan Merit Curriculum and Students with Disabilities
 - National Service as a Bridge to Employment;
 - Sexuality and Disability;
 - Successful Job Development in Spite of the Economy; and many, many more.

The keynote speaker is **Elmer Cerano**, the Executive Director of Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service. Mr. Cerano has had a distinguished career spanning more than twenty years as an advocate for people with disabilities.

ADVOCACY GRANTS NOW TO BE CALLED CONFERENCE GRANTS

The name of our grants for attending conferences will be changed to "Conference Grants". This will help avoid confusion with our new Advocacy Services (see above). Our chapter helps members defray the costs of attending **workshops or conferences**. We offer grants of up to \$200 each to members to assist them with conference fees and hotel costs. After the attending a conference using an Advocacy Grant, the member should provide a short written statement sharing what they learned so that other members may benefit from the conference. If you know of an upcoming workshop and would like to apply for a grant, please call Diane Zedan at (313) 881-1461 or email dzedan@comcast.net

As with all of our programs, The Arc GP/HW Board reserves the right to make any changes or to discontinue this program at any time.

Michigan Disability Rights Coalition (MDRC)

This group advocates for the rights of people with disabilities. Sign up for their action alerts. Visit: <http://www.copower.org/mdrc/MDRC.htm>

Practical Advice

Toilet Training Children with Special Needs

A useful article appears at the following website: http://www.kennedykrieger.org/pdf/news/ped_news/2006/12-06.pdf

THE ARC GROSSE POINTE/HARPER WOODS CALENDAR – 2009/2010

Date	Time	Activity	Location
BORAD MEETINGS:			
Wednesday, October 7, 2009	7 p.m.	Board Meeting	Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in the Library
Wednesday, November 11, 2009	7 p.m.	Board Meeting	Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in the Library
December	N/A	No Board Meeting	N/A
Wednesday, January 13, 2010	7 p.m.	Board Meeting	Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in the Library
Wednesday, February 10, 2010	7 p.m.	Board Meeting	Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in the Library
Wednesday, March 10, 2010	7 p.m.	Board Meeting	Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in the Library
Wednesday, April 14, 2010 (Tentative Date) President to book	6 p.m.	Annual Meeting— Board Nominations & Dinner Dance	Assumption Cultural Center
Wednesday, May 12, 2010	7 p.m.	Board Meeting	Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in the Library
Wednesday, June 2, 2010	7 p.m.	Board Meeting	Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in the Library
July	N/A	No Board Meeting	N/A
August	N/A	No Board Meeting	N/A
OTHER EVENTS:			
Wednesday, October 14, 2009	6 p.m.	Dinner Dance	Assumption Cultural Center
February 2010 - Date TBD	TBD	Parent Social Night/Guest Speaker	Location TBD as it varies— last year at The Hill Seafood and Chop House.
Friday, March 12, 2010 (Tentative Date)	6 p.m.	St. Patrick's Day Dance	Neighborhood Club
November 4, 2009	6 p.m.	Movie Night. Admission Free.	Okulski Family Theatre at Windmill Pointe Park in Grosse Pointe Park.
May Date:TBD			

- Board Meetings are generally held the second Wednesday of the month 7 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church in the Library located on Lakeshore Road (next to the War Memorial. Exception is the June Board meeting is the first Wednesday of the month due to high school graduation conflicts.
- No Board Meetings the month of December, July, and August. Additionally, October and April due to dinner dances typically held at The Assumption Cultural Center. However April dinner dance is our Annual Meeting in which Board nominations and elections take place.

Glasses for People with Down Syndrome

Specially fitted glasses for people with Down Syndrome may be found at the following locations:

Advance Vision 32090 23 Mile Road Chesterfield, MI 48047 586-725-5847

Children's Eye Wear 42700 Garfield Rd. #200 Clinton Township, MI 48038 586-532-3390

Forest Place Optical 449 S. Harvey Plymouth, MI 48170 734-455-3340

Millman-Derr Center For Eye Care 375 Barclay Circle Rochester Hills, MI 48307 248-852-3636

For more information and additional locations, visit www.SPECS4US.com or call 1.800.586.1885.

A Roller Coaster to Acceptance of a Son's Autism

When my husband and I were told that our son Jonah's autism was "untreatable," we made up our minds to prove the experts wrong. That was 22 years ago. We were young and energetic, and the developmental gap between 3-year-old Jonah and his peers, while obvious, was not glaring. With no other children to care for at the time, we made helping Jonah the focus of our lives. Every exchange would become a lesson, every experience a tutorial.

Jonah cared most about food (and still does), so I'd go to the grocery store with a list and an agenda, hoping to use that passion to teach him essential concepts. I would follow his gaze and point out colors (red apple) and shapes (round cookie). When he turned away from such lessons, despite our most animated efforts, we tried everything else we could think of. Nothing was too difficult or too expensive. We gave him vitamins and restricted his diet. We introduced communication boards and arranged sensory integration therapy. We had him wear headphones to normalize his hearing and tried other snake-oil treatments no thinking person would consider.

But each hope was followed by disappointment. We might as well have been chasing butterflies with a torn net. By the time Jonah reached his teens, we were worn out and frustrated, not very far from where we'd started. We faced the specter of hopelessness and a plethora of unanswerable questions.

How different was Jonah from other children with autism? Would he have been better off had we not tried all that we did? Or would getting off the interventional roller coaster mean that we had given up? Though we had been desperately trying to teach him, we had to concede that Jonah was no student. What we wanted him to do had little to do with what he did. If he didn't want to do something, he would drop to the ground and refuse to budge.

So we decided to back off and began taking cues from him. We did the same activities as in the past, but without a checklist of goals. Until then, he had never been able to enjoy the sensory pleasures of his beloved food magazines without our subjecting him to a monologue about what he was looking at. Now he was finally free to enjoy things for their own sake.

Not long ago, I came across a basement copy of "Cinderella." It reminded me of a time when he was 5, when I last tried to read it to him. Well, not read, exactly; Jonah has always had a low tolerance for traditional reading, and stories must be sung or recited rhythmically. As I sang "Cinderella," he rolled on the floor, seemingly oblivious to the story. Still, I clung to the idea that I might be able to engage him, so I left a sentence for him to complete.

"The clock struck 12," I sang off key, "and Cinderella ran down the palace steps, leaving behind a glass"

He continued rolling while I waited to hear him say "slipper."

At last he finished the sentence for me. "Of milk," he said.

I smiled, and I'm smiling still. For Jonah had made a student of his teacher. I would never again be able to read or think of "Cinderella" without seeing a tumbler of milk on the palace steps.

Jonah turned 25 last fall, and when I look at him I can't help wondering if the past years weren't some heaven-directed scheme meant to humble us and teach us the value of acceptance. Understanding that we couldn't change him had changed us. His future, for the most part, is set — in a nearby home with a caring staff — and I am grateful that he has some of the same things I want for my other two children: love, safety, physical comfort and access to favorite activities.

He remains a man of very few words. But though it took us years, we have finally learned that there was something to hear in his silence.

By Annie Lubliner Lehmann in the NY Times. Annie Lubliner Lehmann, a writer in Michigan, is the author of "The Accidental Teacher: Life Lessons From My Silent Son." www.nytimes.com/2009/04/07/health/07case.html

Board Directory – 2009/2010

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GPHW COMMUNITY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

This team has over 40 athletes participating in regional and state competitions. The athletes have a blast practicing, competing and socializing. A fundraiser last May drew over 500 people. The Fall/Winter teams are forming now. These teams are for people of any age who have developmental disabilities. (Must be 8 years old to compete but younger children may practice with the teams.) Please contact Chris Beck for further information. chris_beck@gensler.com

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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1st time member renewal please note information has changed

Dues are \$20. Send check along with this application to the above address.

Last Name (include title: Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss, Dr.) _____

First Name(s) of Adult Head(s) of Household _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone (home) _____ **(cell)** _____

E-mail address _____

First name of family member with a developmental disability _____

Birth year of family member with a developmental disability _____

Developmental Disability(ies) _____

We would like to have be listed in The Arc GP/HW directory to facilitate connections between members. If we want certain pieces of information omitted from our listing, we have written here what we want omitted:

We do not wish to be included in a directory of The Arc GP/HW.

We would like to receive information regarding individuals with disabilities electronically to our e-mail address.

Membership includes National, State & Local Chapter newsletters and notification of local events and activities.

DIRECTORY OF PROGRAMS FROM PAST NEWSLETTERS

ADVOCACY www.arc.org and click on Action Center or www.arcmi.org

ARC UNITED STATES CAR DONATION PROGRAM Donors can contact The Arc directly at 800-433-5255 ext. 5460 or 5452. You may also visit www.donateacar.com, click on "Donation form" and designate The Arc United States for your donation.

AUTISM SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN The Society offers workshops for parents. Call (800)223-6722 or visit www.autism-mi.org

CALENDAR Band of Angels has created an 18-month developmental milestone calendar for babies with Down Syndrome. There are beautiful photographs and pages for parents to customize. www.bandofangels.com or call (800) 963-2237.

C.C. PLUS DANCE & EXERCISE CLASSES C.C. Plus offers a dance and exercise class called My Chance to Dance for children and adults with physical and/or developmental disabilities. Barnes School, Wed. 7-8 p.m., \$5 Drop in or \$36/8weeks

DANCES SPONSORED BY THE ARC OF WARREN The Arc of Warren sponsors dances for young adults and adults every third Friday. The dances are from 7 - 9:30 p.m. at Warren Woods School on 12 Mile west of Schoenherr Call Kim Sandles at (313) 839-5333 for

EQUIPMENT CLOSET The Foundation for Exceptional Children has equipment to loan including: pediatric walkers, large pogon type strollers, feeding chairs, special plates and spoon cuffs. Items may be borrowed for long or short term use. Call Deb Moffat at 885-8660.

FAR CONSERVATORY (Fun, Arts, Recreation) 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham (248) 646-3347 <http://comnet.org/far/index.html> FAR provides creative arts therapy and recreation for children and adults with mental, physical and/or emotional impairments.

FAMILIES EXPLORING DOWN SYNDROME A Macomb County group with many activities & events. They have a very informative newsletter. Call (586)997-7607 for further information.

THE FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE The Friendship Circle extends a helping hand to families with children with special needs, involving them in a full range of social programs. They offer life skills classes, therapy, sports nights, sibling activities, teen programs & more. 6892 West Maple Rd., West Bloomfield www.friendshipcircle.org (248) 788-7878

GPHW COMMUNITY SPECIAL OLYMPICS These teams are for people of any age who have developmental disabilities. Contact Chris Beck : chris_beck@gensler.com

H.O.P.E. CENTER AT BEAUMONT HOSPITAL Teaches parents techniques for intensive behavioral intervention for children 3 to 6 years old who have autism spectrum disorders. 248 691-4744

JACK'S PLACE FOR AUTISM AT OAKLAND UNIVERSITY offers support to families through: Resource referrals, Family counseling, Recreational opportunities, Seminars and workshops. (248)370-2424 or www.oakland.edu/jacksplace

JUDSON CENTER'S AUTISM CONNECTIONS offers a wide range of educational, therapeutic and support services designed to assist individuals with autism, their families and their communities. www.judsoncenter.org/services/autism.html or call 248-549-4339 ext. 101.

MICHIGAN TRANSITION SERVICES ASSOCIATION provides leadership, promotes preparation, and keeps community partners aware of current issues and trends in transition services for students receiving special education services. www.michigantsa.com.

MIRACLE LEAGUE OF MICHIGAN The Miracle League provides people with mental or physical challenges an opportunity to play baseball as a team member in an organized league. The group has created a specialized baseball field in Southfield. Visit www.michiganmiracle.org or call (248) 506-4604 to learn more about this worthwhile league.

NATIONAL DOWN SYNDROME CONGRESS For information: www.ndscenter.org

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB: "KIDS AT THE CLUB" The Neighborhood Club offers various programs for children, teens & adults with developmental disabilities including piano lessons, bowling, yoga, dance, rowing, recreation therapy, swimming, classic games, computer, summer programs & more. 17150 Waterloo, Grosse Pointe (313) 885-4600 www.neighborhoodclub.com

P. A. A. T. S. Services Harper Woods and all Grosse Pointes by transporting to medical appointments, beauty appointments, shopping, and social events. Fee for each way is determined by distance traveled. Prefers 2 - 3 days advanced notice. Service hours - 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (313) 344-2580

SPECIALKIDS, INC Many therapeutic and recreational programs. www.specialkids.us

ST. CLAIR SHORES PARKS & REC SUMMER DAY CAMP for people with disabilities, over age 5. (586)445-5350

SWIMMING Grosse Pointe Community Ed. Call 432-3880 or ww.gpk12.mi.us/commed/index.htm

STERLING HEIGHTS PARKS & RECREATION Sterling Heights Parks & Rec offers a Special Recreation Program to meet the leisure needs and interests of individuals with disabilities. Call (586)446-2704 for their detailed catalog of activities called the Sterling Special.

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ALL MEMBERS--DUES NOTICE

All members please return the **form** from this newsletter with your dues payment of **\$20** plus any donation. This will ensure that you continue to receive the benefits of membership.