

RED WAGON

News



## Congratulations!

Keith Bishop, a 32 year old artist in the ARC Gateway Adult Enrichment Program at the Pollak Training Center has received notice that his Christmas card has won the Able Trust Christmas Card Contest!

His card was submitted by Buddy Ocker, Program Coordinator of AE.



The Able Trust is in production of the card and will be sending it out early all over the State. Besides the recognition, Keith Bishop will receive a check for \$150 for his art work.

**Congratulations, Keith!**

## December 2011 Calendar

Dec 1-21, 2011 Holiday Plant and Gift Shop is Open on Fairfield Drive  
Hours: Mon—Sat 8 am—7 pm;  
Sun noon –5 pm  
Volunteers needed. Call 438-5577

- 1 Wreaths of Joy Gala
- 2,3 St. Christopher's Episcopal Church Christmas Caravan
- 4 Zelica Grotto Christmas Party 5-7 pm Grotto Hall
- 7 Residential Committee Meeting 5 pm Admin. Board room
- 8 AKtion Club Meeting 8 am Piccadilly Deli Only meeting
- 8 New Opportunities Committee Mtg. 11:30 a.m. Admin. board room
- 10 Downtown Christmas Parade
- 13 TREE OF LIGHTS TREE LIGHTING 7 pm PTC outside (weather permitting)
- 17 Fiesta Barbershop Chorus Presents "Our Gift to Pensacola"
- 23 ARC Closed for Christmas Eve
- 26 ARC Closed for Christmas Day

### Next Year JANUARY, 2012

- 2 All day programs Closed for New Years Day Holiday
- 4 No Residential Committee Meeting
- 16 Martin Luther King Holiday

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## A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR WREATH DONORS!

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# Tree of Lights - December 13, 2011

## TREE OF LIGHTS DONATIONS

### IN HONOR OF:

- ◆ John Ambersley, Erin McLain, Jared Morgan & Cameron Northup by Richard & Linda Doelker
- ◆ Kathy Breeden, Amy Noble & Maria Shannon by Dr. Smith, Julie & Nicholas
- ◆ Dix Darby & Donna Fassett by John & Cathy Winters
- ◆ Donna Fassett by Ocia & Carolyn Polk
- ◆ Mary McAlpine for being there for us & Shelly Roberts for all the sunshine you bring to our lives by Michael & Cass West

### TO THANK

- ◆ Chapman Group Home Staff, Senior Adult Program & Bettebelle Libke by Ocia & Carolyn Polk

### IN MEMORY OF:

- ◆ Colonel Charles Chisholm & Brian Chisholm by Shirley Chisholm
- ◆ Susan Griffin, My Precious Daughter by Mom
- ◆ Jimmy Huffines & Keith Wyatt by Betty Huffines
- ◆ Earl Polk by Ocia & Carolyn Polk
- ◆ Annie McLeod, The Wyatt Family & Bill Rosenberger by John & Cathy Winters



Honor, Thank, Recognize or Remember  
someone special this holiday season  
by purchasing a light for \$10 to be placed  
on the ARC Gateway Tree of Lights and then

Join ARC Gateway for a special evening  
of remembrance & recognition as we celebrate  
*12th Anniversary of the ARC Tree of Lights*  
*Tuesday, December 13, 2011 @ 7 p.m.*  
*Pollak Training Center*  
outside weather permitting  
(on the corner of Fairfield & N. Tenth Avenue)

*Carols, by the ARC Choir,  
will fill the air!*

*The new Star on the tree was donated the MacPhail Family  
In Memory of "Mary MacPhail—the Light of Their lives"*

**\$10 minimum per light    Please Respond by December 9, 2010**

I would like to help by "Lighting the Way"

My contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for \_\_\_\_\_ light(s)

Please make checks payable to ARC Gateway

3932 N. Tenth Ave., Pensacola, FL 32503

Please designate category:

\_\_\_ In Honor/Recognition of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

To thank: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send an acknowledgment of my donation and an invitation to the Tree Lighting

Ceremony to: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

From: (Your name as you would like it to appear on the acknowledgment)

## Legislative Reception

By Donna Fassett, Executive Director

On Nov 18th, Arc Gateway hosted a legislative reception and delegation meeting at the home of one of our members, Lewis and Belle Bear (ARC Foundation President).

At that reception, ARC Gateway did an excellent job of laying out our top concerns for the legislative session. Every member of our legislative delegation, including incoming Senate President Don Gaetz, was in attendance. Mike Wiggins & Lee Magaha Co-Chairs of the Government Committee, clearly spelled out our needs and concerns. They also stressed the fact that our District (District 1) is the lowest funded District in the State of Florida and we should be held harmless of any additional funding cuts.

### Concerns and Issues presented were:

- ◆ The long waitlist for services is inadequately funded to meet health, safety and basic rights of people with developmental disabilities. We ask that no additional funding cuts are made to the already devastated Medicaid Waiver System be made.
- ◆ The Agency for Persons with Disabilities should look internally at their operations and leadership. The proposed reductions offered by the state does not show a reduction of the own operations and expenditures. Providers have carefully conducted internal audits to increase their efficiencies. We feel it is time for the state to do the same.
- ◆ Regarding adult day training (ADT) - Most people are familiar with the services at the ARC Plant Nursery, Pollak Industries or the Training Center where assembly work and secure document shredding are performed. These programs provide adults with a safe environment during the day so families can work or get the respite they need. If ADT services are dropped by Medicaid as core services, families will have to either quit their jobs, which only adds to the state's unemployment crisis, or have their family placed out of their home or in an institution. We strongly urged that ADT be kept as a core service.



Back row: Pat Young, Lewis Bear, Belle Bear, Debra Linton.  
Front: Donna Fassett, Michele Poole.



Debra Linton, E.D. Arc FL; Senator Don Gaetz; & Michele Poole, President of Arc FL.



Donna Fassett, Carol Ford, Representative Clay Ford and Debra Linton



Mike Wiggins, Lee Magaha Jr. & Donna Fassett present the issues.



### **Fiesta Barbershop Chorus Presents**

Join the **FIESTA BARBERSHOP CHORUS** on Saturday, December 17, 7 p.m. @ Gateway Church of Christ on Brent Lane. Ring in the holidays and Celebrate the Christmas season in song and story! Admission is a donation of food for the Manna Food Pantries and/or money to ARC Gateway which will all help those less fortunate in our community have a wonderful Christmas.

Manna urgently needs to refill their shelves with: canned vegetables, canned fruits and canned soup. A donation will help ARC Gateway continue to serve 750 children and adults with developmental disabilities in our community!

Special Guests will be "Bellissimo" a Handbell quartet and Danny Lyons, Jessica Conner, Keri and Phil Igney, will light up the night with their renditions of "What Child is This", "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen", of course "Jingle Bells" and the "Carolers' Hoedown"! The Chorus and our quartets will sing about the meaning of Christmas, our favorite things and the wonder of a "Silent Night"! Don't miss this glorious night and your chance to help Pensacola be a better place.

## **ZELICA GROTTO 54TH ANNUAL PARTY**

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 4  
5 pm-7 pm**

**Grotto Hall  
900 S. "K" St.**

**Listen &  
Dance to the  
sounds of  
"Reunion  
Band"**

**Meet Santa**

**Food, drinks &  
gifts provided  
by Zelica  
Grotto**



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# **A VERY SPECIAL EVENT** ARC Gateway and KIWANIS CLUB OF BIG LAGOON PARTICIPATES IN ARC FUN DAY

By Eileen Brotherton,  
Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon, & Janet McIndewar, ARC Gateway Recreation Coordinator

Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon members along with members of the West Florida High Key Club, Jim Bailey Builders Club, and Big Lagoon State Park Rangers recently put on the "Second Annual" ARC Fun Day for the Pensacola AKtion Club and ARC guests at the Big Lagoon State Park. There was a Nature Walk and a Nature Scavenger Hunt that took them through the Park escorted by Kiwanians, Key Club members, Builder's Club members and Park Rangers. The Nature walk also included 24 Beanie Babies placed in paper bags along the sidewalk behind the Governor's Pavilion. As they walked past a bag, the escorts would look inside, pull out the animal and the ARC guests had to tell the escorts if that animal belonged in Big Lagoon. (there were some that did not belong).

Another activity for the ARC guests was to make pinecone bird feeders; and they especially liked the small touch tank where they could see some of the water creatures. Giovanni Micki, made balloon sculptures which the AKtion Club members really enjoyed. When all the fun activities were over, the Kiwanians served a picnic lunch with hot dogs and hamburgers cooked on the grill and were served with all the trimmings, much to the delight of the 62 ARC guests in attendance. The ARC members had smiles on their faces as they boarded the busses to return home; a well done goes to the Kiwanians, Key Club and Builders Club members who attended and assisted in the races, cooking and serving and to the Big Lagoon Park Rangers for their hospitality and assistance. This program is just another example of how the Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon is making a difference in Northwest Florida, changing the world for the better, one child and one community at a time.



## ARC Holiday Plant & Gift Shop

The Holiday Plant & Gift Shop has some great things to offer! No gimmicks, no cyber days, just everyday is a Holiday with great prices!

The Christmas Trees are right in front of the Gift Shop on Fairfield Drive and prices range from \$40-\$70! Beautiful single, double and baskets of poinsettias adorn the shop along with unique Christmas gift items, novelties, art and ceramic work. **Shop hours are: Mon-Sat 8am—5 pm Sun 12 noon—5 pm**

All proceeds from the shop benefit the programs and services provided by ARC Gateway.

*The shop is staffed with volunteers through the season and we can always use your help. If you have time to help out, please call Dawn at 438-5577 to volunteer in the coming weeks.*



### A Few Samples of Wreaths of Joy Donations!





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pick up! Call Jean at 438-5577 for information.**



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