

RED WAGON *News*



New Opp!

Carol Beede, Administrative Assistant

As part of being a member of the New Opportunities Committee, you have all kinds of places to go and people to see! January 27th, Larry Northup, Donna Fassett, Mike Wiggins & Carol Hicks managed to take a road trip to check out Bill Brown's amazing pine straw operation in Molino. Bill has every piece of equipment necessary to plant, harvest and bale long-leaf pine needles. His many acres of farm land has developed into an operation unrivaled in the area. "Why



Left to right: Larry Northup, Bill Brown, Donna Fassett, Mike Wiggins & Carol Hicks.

wo ul d anyone go to these measures to bale p i n e straw?", you ask. Let me explain... P i n e needles are used in flower beds as a ground cover for landscaping and helps insulate the soil from temperature fluctuations. It will not move with heavy rains and is great on hills/slopes because the needles interlock after spreading and keep the straw from moving. Pine straw "mulch" has none of the problems of a hardwood mulch and termites do not like it! Pine straw around the base of trees or other plants is very effective in protecting their root systems from the cold too. Bill's "forest" of long-needle pine trees produce the thickest needle with the heaviest wax coating resulting in extreme durability. Longleaf pine straw is scarce but, ARC Gateway will be selling bales of longleaf pine straw at the Plant & Garden Shop on Fairfield Drive, thanks to Bill Brown.

**Thank you Bill for proving a
"NEW OPP" for ARC Gateway!**

FEBRUARY 2012 CALENDAR

1 **RESIDENTIAL COM.**
MEETING 5 pm Admin.

Tootsie

- 3 **TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**
@ Walmart Creighton Road
9 am—6 pm Need volunteers
- 7 **MEMBERSHIP COM.**
MEETING 11:30 am Admin.
- 10 **ARC MARDI GRAS**
PARADE Tenth Ave 11 am
- 10 **VALENTINE DANCE @**
Warrington Elks Lodge
6:30-8:30 pm
- 15 **ARC Foundation Meeting**
12 noon Admin. Bldg.
- 21 **Recreation Committee Mtg.**
Bayview Center 4 pm
- 28 **ARC Board Meeting** 5 pm
Admin.

MARCH EVENTS

- 2,3 **TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE**
BARNES MARKETS Pace
& Ninth Avenues
- 16 **INSERVICE DAY**—all day
programs closed
- 16 **St. Pat's Dance Warrington**
Elks 6:30-8:30 pm
- 21 **Foundation Meeting** 12 noon
- 27 **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**
MTG. & BOARD MEETING
COMBINED Nomination &

COMMITTEE MINUTES & NOTES

New Opportunities Committee has been very busy and very creative. At the last meeting in January, the Committee brainstormed about ideas for new work at Pollak Industries. Because the building industry and the economy has slowed, we need new business to utilize our wood shop and concrete operations. Several great ideas are being followed up on and we'll have more news for you next month for sure!

Nominating Committee—will present the proposed slate of 2012-13 Board Members at the February 27 Board meeting and presented to the membership at the March 27th General Membership Meeting for nomination and election. The new Board will be inducted at the Annual Meeting in April.

Membership Committee Notes—The Committee is getting ready for their busiest season—The kick-off of the 2012 Membership Drive, the March General Membership (which will be held with the March 27 Board of Directors Meeting) and of course the Annual Meeting & Dinner scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at New World Landing.

Residential Committee—Meetings will resume on *February 1st at 5 p.m.* for the Residential Committee. There is one opening in a men's group home that needs a referral and placement. Some upcoming changes in funding will be reviewed at the next meeting. Hope you can be there.

Recreation Committee—encourages all ARC members to come to the events! The Bingo party was great fun in January and we're looking forward to the Valentine's Dance on Feb 10 at the Warrington Elks.



Government Committee—Many thanks to Janet Holley at the Escambia County Tax Collector's Office and Stan Collie the Santa Rosa Tax Collector for helping Committee members, Mike Wiggins, Ronnie Hawthorne & Ellen Vinson a chance to meet with you about The Arc of Florida License Renewal and Registration Check-off Program.

The 2010 Legislature passed language which allowed The Arc of Florida (wording varies by counties—The Arc of Florida or Developmental Disabilities) to be added as a charity to receive designated donations on Driver's License Renewals and Vehicle Registration Forms. These donations can simply be made at the time of renewal by checking off, "The Arc of Florida" on the forms and adding at least a dollar or more to the payment of the fees. License renewals can be completed on line and the donation to The Arc of Florida can be made on-line also. 75% of the donations received will be sent back to the local chapters to be used for direct services for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. 25% of the donation is used by Arc of Florida to assist in providing access to training opportunities for individuals with disabilities, as well as their family or the staff members who work with them.

Please remember to check-off "The Arc of Florida developmental disabilities when registering your car or renewing your license!



The "Sweetest" Time of Year

Angela Kuhlmann, ARC Gateway Foundation,
Events & Communications Manager

Every year ARC Gateway partners with the Knights of Columbus Councils in this area to collect money while handing out TOOTSIE ROLLS!

Year after year, the Knights donate anywhere from \$8,000 - \$10,000 to ARC! This year, we will miss dearly our "main tootsie" - Bobby Tronu who is no longer with us to lead the way. But, David DeNadal promises to do his best to make sure everyone is out in force!

It's time to take our posts at WalMart and the Barnes stores and we're asking you to volunteer for a shift(s) to help the Knights make this a big collection year!

Our first priority is to fill our commitment on February 5! 9 a.m.—6 p.m. in two hour shifts. Then the first weekend in March—**March 2 & 3** we will be at the Barnes Stores on Pace Boulevard and Ninth Avenue from 9 a.m.—6 p.m.

To volunteer for any shift, please call Brandy Woodall at 434-2638 x 227.

As always, **THANK YOU for being SWEET ON ARC GATEWAY along with the Knights of Columbus Councils!**

Donate your old vehicle and help me start my new life.

The Arc of Florida

www.arcflorida.org

DONATE YOUR CAR & MAKE A DONATION TO ARC GATEWAY!

Vehicles for Charity is a donation program where vehicle owners can now turn their unwanted but usable vehicles into a valuable donation that benefits people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community.

The process is simple, call 1-866-702-1651 to speak to a Vehicles for Charity representative **or visit www.arcflorida.org**. Unwanted but usable vehicles accepted include cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, RVs, etc. Some restrictions apply. Indicate that you would like to donate your vehicle to The Arc of Florida.

Working with local, state, and national partners, The Arc of Florida advocates for your local chapter—ARC Gateway in terms of public policies and providing high quality supports for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

The vehicle is usually picked up in 3-5 days at the donor's convenience. Please provide a clean title and make sure the vehicle has no major damage. A receipt for the donation will be sent as a follow-up in the mail which can be used for tax purposes. The Arc of Florida will call you in the following days to confirm that you would like your donation to support ARC Gateway!

In Memory of Justin Langham

by His Friends and Co-Workers

Justin Langham, friend, Pollak Industries co-worker, AKtion Club Member, and Civitan Club Member, lost his life on January 7th in a pedestrian/traffic accident. Justin who lived on Langley Avenue was trying to cross the road to go home.

He was a long time, dedicated member of the Pensacola AKtion Club. He won the 'Member of the Year' award in 2006 because he never missed a meeting, arrived early to help set up the tables and always volunteered to help out when needed. Justin served as the



Pictured front: Lauren Willoughby, Justin Langham, Jamie Tilson.
Back Row: David Stafford, Sup. of Elections & Michelle Montayne.

chairperson for AKtion Club's in 2007 on the membership committee. In 2008, he was elected Vice President of AKtion Club and then elected President in 2010. Justin was friendly and kind to all AKtion Club members and always had a positive attitude. He will be missed by all his Kiwanian friends.

At Pollak Industries, Justin had a lot of friends and activities. He was a bowling league member and a member at Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church. At PI, he was known as a man who loved his job and was very conscientious about doing it. He was a sharp dresser and particularly fond of nice watches. Justin was a party animal, loved parties and dancing and especially the Halloween party, when we could expect him to go all out in costume.

Justin was a hugger and showed care and concern for other people. He was patient with people and forgiving of faults. As one person put it, "You met him, you loved him."



Best Buddies: Jamie Tilson & Justin Langham.



Pollak Industries is looking for Mardi Gras beads

Please bring beads that we can recycle to Pollak Industries on 2313 Truman Ave. or drop off at ONE OF THE MANY BEAD BOXES PLACED IN STORES, BANKS, & ARC locations. Thanks for helping ARC Gateway and our environment by recycling!

Kent's Special Delivery!



A big thank you to Bobby Rice & "Kent's Special Events" for their fantastic donation of new party supplies to ARC Gateway! We have something for every occasion as well as thank you cards, announcements, and any special occasion items you can imagine!

Watch for our upcoming news about a special sale on April 14th at the Fairgrounds!

THE PILOT CLUB PRESENTS



Auction for Autism
Sat., Feb. 11, 2012
Five Flags Speedway - Pensacola
10am-12pm - Auction



NASCAR
memorabilia

Pancake Festival
Sat., Mar 3, 2012
Cokesbury Methodist
Church (9th Ave)
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GETTING READY FOR APRIL & THE ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER!

Take a moment and help recognize someone you know who makes an outstanding contribution to ARC Gateway. Winners in each category for the Annual Awards are presented at the Annual Meeting (*confirmed for Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at New World Landing*).

Lucy Petree Outstanding Services Award

W.D. Pollak Friendship Award

Pearl Nelson Advocacy Award

"I Believe Award" (for a person served)

Educator of the Year Award

Employer of the Year Award

ARC Foundation Award

Please submit all nominations to Carol Beede before March 31, 2012

Send to ARC Gateway 3932 N. Tenth Ave. Pensacola, FL 32503

or email cbeede@arc-gateway.org.



Special Olympics Mardi Gras Fun Run and Walk

Participate in the 5k Run/Walk individually, or with family and friends as a team. Give your team a "Krewe" name, designate team colors or costumes, and just have fun with it!

At the finish line, reward yourself with great food, beer and plenty of fun activities to entertain your "Krewe"!

Saturday Feb. 11th 2012 - 12:00pm - 3:00pm
Osceola Golf Course - 300 Tonawanda Dr. Pensacola
 (Located off Mobile Hwy and near Wal-Mart)

- This is not a timed or scored race, IT'S A FUN RUN, Prizes will be awarded to top 5 Male/Female finishers and to top fundraiser
 - Every participant gets a free event T-shirt and complimentary food and drink at the finish line
- All proceeds benefit your local Special Olympics athletes so you can feel good knowing that your minimum \$20 donation supports a great cause
- Raffle to WIN a two-night stay at Beau Rivage in Biloxi, two-night stay in New Orleans with Highpointe Hotel Group and many more great prizes!

1000am Pre-Party at Chief's Restaurant in the Osceola Clubhouse
 Enjoy free hors d'oeuvres and \$5 Bottomless Bloody Mary's

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The ARC Gateway 2012 Mardi Gras Parade Feb 10th

The Krewe of LaFitte will roll on Tenth Ave. at 11 a.m to throw us some beads & help us dance in the street!




The Valentine's Dance: Friday, Feb- ruary 10, 2012 Warrington Elks Lodge, 727 So. 72nd Avenue on the corner of Hwy 98 6:30 - 8:30 pm



Fiesta Barbershop Chorus 60's concert. February 25, 2012, 7:00 p.m. Washington High School Auditorium



St. Pat's Dance: March 16, 2012 Warrington Elks Lodge, 727 So. 72nd Ave. 6:30 - 8:30 PM.



The Senior Follies: March 18, 2012, 2 pm, Sunday Matinee.

WSRE Jean & Paul Amos Performing Arts Studio. Tickets must be reserved, but are free for consumers and a caregiver (donated by the Senior Follies Inc.) Call for reservations, 432-3490 or 434-2638.



Remember

When...

...the average
annual salary
was \$6,540

... the average cost of
a new car was \$2,650

... the average cost of a new house was
\$13,600

... a gallon of gas cost 31 cents

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**February 25, 2012,
7:00 p.m.**

**Washington H.S,
Auditorium**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CALL: 850-937-6873
www.FiestaChorus.com**



THE IMPACT BEGINS!

Thanks to the 2011 Pensacola Bay
IMPACT 100 grant, the ARC Accounting De-
partment is on it's way to installing a new
software that will help with timekeeping,
scheduling, personnel, and payroll.

The new software, MITC, will also benefit
the adult day programs with transportation
check ins, their billing, time studies, payroll,
etc.

While implementing this new software is
time consuming, the hours and hours that are
spent on paperwork will be reduced to almost
nothing for all ARC staff.

Increasing and improving our efficiencies,
and streamlining operations is our goal, so
more direct care service can IMPACT the
people we serve.

Seventh Annual Student Transition Conference

"For professionals who work with students
with disabilities"

DISABILITY AS DIVERSITY

FEBRUARY 16, 2012

University of West Florida

Conference Center

8:30am - 3:00pm

Registration Cost: \$20.00

(meal included)

Check In: 7:00am - 8:30am

**Registration link: [http://uwf.edu/sdrc/
transitions/2012/index.cfm](http://uwf.edu/sdrc/transitions/2012/index.cfm)**

The University of West Florida's Student Transi-
tion Conference is the premier conference in west
Florida and south Alabama for professionals who
work with persons with disabilities. Join us for our
7th annual conference to learn about new initia-
tives in the field of disability services. Network
with other professionals, and hear about state and
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