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# The Arc Advocate

June 2007



## Corvallis Women Recognized

Three Corvallis women received state-wide recognition for their contribution to the quality of life of individuals with developmental disabilities. *Andrea Mykrantz, Paula Novak and Sara Gelser* were honored on May 5 at the Annual Convention of The Arc of Oregon in Pendleton.

Andrea Mykrantz received the Volunteer of the Year Award for her work at The Arc Resale Corner in Corvallis where she has volunteered for ten years. Andrea is one of few people with disabilities to receive this award. She is grateful to her mentors.

Paula Novak received the Sarolta Nagy Memorial Award in recognition of her work for bicycle safety for her friends in Corvallis and for excellence in advocacy at the legislature.

Sara Gelser was honored with the prestigious Sylvia Mann Capper Memorial Award for her significant statewide work impacting the lives of people with developmental disabilities. In her first legislative session, Sara has been a sponsor of six house bills having to do with health care and education which advocate for the rights of people with disabilities.

The Arc Board 7:30 PM  
1st Thursday

Finance Committee 6:30 PM  
Arc Office  
1st Thursday

Membership Committee 9:00 AM  
Louise Teater's Home 1st  
Monday

Resale Committee 10:00 AM  
Arc Office  
3rd Monday

Public Policy 8:30 AM  
Arc Office  
3rd Thursday

Bingo Committee 11:30 AM  
Springfield  
4th Monday

## Birthday Party for All

Once again, "Arts for All," the inclusive arts equipment which has been locally championed by The Arc of Benton County's artist, Elizabeth Black, will in use at the City's 150th birthday party. Elizabeth and Brenda VanDevelder, Executive Director of daVinci Days, have coordinated a painting event in which The Arc of Benton County will provide the adaptive painting tools and daVinci Days will provide the tempera paints and a canvas laid out on the street. Party-goers will provide the artistry.

The completed canvas—painted by everyone in our community who wants to participate, regardless of age or ability—will be used as the backdrop for the daVinci Days main stage.

The party, in which the "Arts for All" event is one of many enjoyable activities, is Saturday June 2 in Central Park 2-5:30 PM in downtown Corvallis.

## Awards Banquet 2007 Winners

***Sally Kalal*** won the Direct Service Provider Award for a person whose employment has been devoted to direct care or instruction to individuals with developmental disabilities.

***Papa 's Pizza Parlor*** was given The Arc Ambassador Award for a business that has performed special service. Papa 's Pizza has been the Wednesday evening meeting place for Adaptive Families, a whole family support group. Its owners, Randy Wallachy and Mike Scheher, were present to receive the award, along with their employee, a beloved "referee, " Jenny Neville.

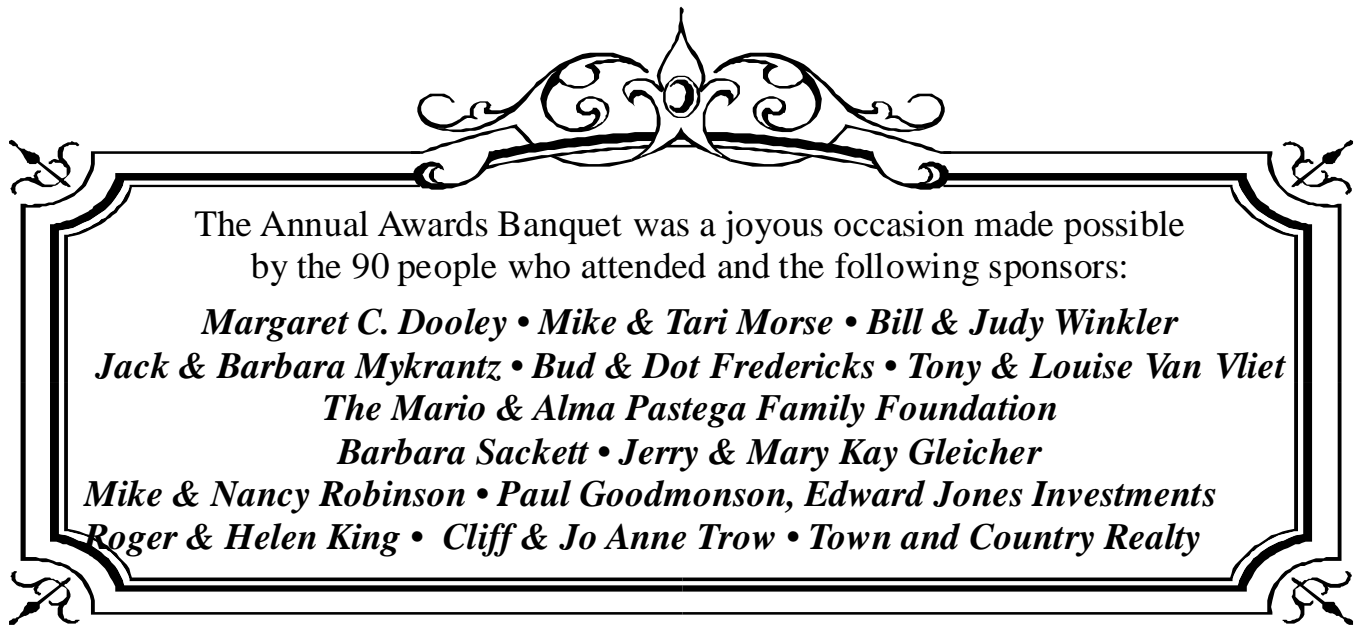
***Lou Ann Hendrix*** was awarded the Martha Mumford Volunteer of the Year Award for unpaid service. Lou Ann has generously given her time, know-how, and good cheer at The Arc Resale Center in Philomath and is a member of the Resale Committee.

***Beverly Larson*** was presented the Educator of the Year Award for contributions to individuals with disabilities in our schools. She is well-known throughout the community as the founder and Director of The Old Mill Center for Children and Families.

***Jon Tripp*** received the First Citizen Award for an individual with developmental disabilities who has shown exceptional personal growth and contribution to the community. Jon serves on the state Self Advocates as Leaders program as well as other advisory committees.

***Ray Shimabuku*** won a place on The Arc of Benton County Honor Roll for his sustained service to individuals with developmental disabilities. His name is engraved on the plaque which is on permanent display at The Arc of Benton County 's office.

***Margaret Brownhill*** received the Distinguished Service Award for consistent, outstanding years of service to the community as a volunteer and professional working for people with development disabilities.



*Special thanks to:*

Karen Staley, President of the Arc of Oregon,  
for induction of the 2007-08 Board of Directors  
Marcie Ingledue, Executive Director of the Arc of Oregon,  
for emceeding the evening  
Stargazer Premier Florist, 921 NW Circle Blvd., Corvallis,  
for centerpiece plants  
Bill Belknap, Convertible D.J., for music



Tribute was paid to Louise Teater  
by The Arc of Benton County and  
the Membership Committee for  
Louise 's active, steadfast involvement.  
( See back page for story. )

Judi Winkler introduces membership magnet, Louise Teater,  
at The Arc of Benton County 2007 Awards Banquet.

## **Your Story to Advocate for Your Needs**

The Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities sends out an urgent call for stories from families who may have had medical services, OT, PT, or speech therapy denied to their child due to a label, specifically mental retardation, pervasive developmental delay, developmental delay, or autism spectrum disorder. There may be a bill to address this issue, so real life stories are needed immediately. The Arc of Benton County can help put your spoken story into writing. Call the office for assistance 753- 1711. Or, send your story directly to Kathryn Weit of OCDD at [weit@ocdd.org](mailto:weit@ocdd.org). For further information Kathryn can be reached a 1- 800- 292- 4154.

COMING SOON

### **The Annual Vacation Church Workshop**

**For People with Developmental Disabilities**

**Sponsored by eight Corvallis Churches**

**June 18—22, 2007**

**Monday —Friday 7—9 pm**

**At St. Mary's Catholic Church in the school building**

**Starting in the 23rd Street Parking Lot**

**For more information, call Betty or Dean Olleman**

**752-3667**

## *Summertime Happenings*

*Conference on Direct Supports (formerly the DD Services)*  
**“What Matters Most”**

OSU Convention Center • July 23, 24, 25, 2007

Gathering the latest information and best practices for serving those with developmental disabilities. On July 25th Career Path in the DD community for potential and experienced staff.

*www.directsupports.com*

### Speech Camp, Summer 2007

*With Speech Pathologists Rosemary Ayres & Anne Hommes*

- Sessions begin Monday June 18 and end on Friday August 31.
- Two daily sessions: 9:00-11:00 and 11:15-1:15.
- Open to individuals age 2 and up.

All Stars, Inc., our group for teens and adults with developmental disabilities, will be scheduled after 1:30pm. Other special teen and adult groups such as Aspergers will be scheduled as interest for such a group is expressed. Let us know your needs. Telephone: 541-929-4568  
Email: rayres@alyrica.net.



### Upward Bound Camp

Overnight Camps • Day Camps • Respite Care

☀ For campers twelve years old and up with developmental disabilities.

☀ To provide opportunities for respite and growth outside the person's usual routine or habitat.

For info about schedules & fees: [ubc@open.org](mailto:ubc@open.org) or (503)897-2447 in Stayton, OR

## Reminders

**OSU Study:** Researchers are trying to learn more about how well people with intellectual disabilities answer questions about physical activity and how active they are during the week. For details and to find out about participating contact: Marquell Johnson (541)737-3402 or email: johnmarq@onid.orst.edu. **Gift certificate for participants.**

### Life Skills Class

Ongoing Mondays 4-5pm (except holidays)

Offered by the Benton County Developmental Disabilities Program

The current class topic is nutrition; other class topics will be:  
stress management • problem solving • relationships • becoming a couple •  
conversations skills • assertiveness • exercise • safety • addictions • sleep.

### *Spring Art Exhibit Opening*

The Arc of Benton County's Gallery opened its doors to 60 artists, guests, and friends on Friday evening, May 25th, to a successful new showing of work by artists in the ArtFocus and Art Careers programs. During the evening paintings, jewelry, and card reproductions of the paintings were sold.

Our doors at The Arc Gallery are open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. We welcome visitors to drop in at 1885 NW 9th Street.

### **Benton County Elected Officials**

*"...who help develop the infrastructure that keeps our residents safe and healthy"*

Annabelle Jaramillo, Commissioner Chair

Linda Modrell, Commissioner

Jay Dixon, Commissioner

John Haroldson, District Attorney

Diana Simpson, Sheriff

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Before summer arrives, bring us your resalable items from cleared out closets, cupboards, offices, basements, and garages. We resell furniture, clothing, books, household goods, boutique items, electronics, accessories, sports equipment...

The sales from our thrift stores support the work of The Arc of Benton County which operates programs in housing, recreation, education and advocacy for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.



Make your donations directly during store hours.

(See coupon below.)

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## *Request for Funds* The Louise Teater Membership Assistance Fund

The Membership Assistance Fund has been renamed in honor of long-time member Louise Teater, who continues to maintain and boost The Arc of Benton County's membership roster. The effectiveness of her efforts on the Membership Committee over the last 39 years is reflected in The Arc of Oregon award given to our chapter for the most members per population and the most new members this year. Now known as *The Louise Teater Membership Assistance Fund*, a contribution allows an individual or family to have a one-year gift membership to The Arc of Benton County. Without the generous donations to this particular fund these people would not be able to enjoy membership.

As you know, every membership strengthens our numbers and allows us to emphasize the importance of our message to legislators whose support we need. Through our newsletter "The Advocate" and our national organization's newsletter "Insight," members glean knowledge into current discussions on advocacy efforts and information on programs offered.

Both we and the recipients are grateful for this important fund. Please note "Louise Teater Membership Assistance Fund" on the memo line of your check.