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*The Arc of the Gulf Coast*

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Happy Holidays To All Members:

As our year ends, a lot of things have been happening around the office.

We had the Christmas banquet on December 4th at Joe's Banquet Hall. The food was delicious, the atmosphere enjoyable, and meeting new friends was wonderful.

Awards were given to various supporters and everyone seemed to have a good time, although the weather tried to dampen things for us.

On December 12th we had a general membership meeting to select a nomination committee to make recommendation for the ballot for 2012 Board Members.

The board selected Carolyn Hamilton to represent them, and the members selected Virginia Eernisse and Serena Barnes.

These women came together and decided on the ballot, which we will be voting on at our March meeting.

#### Directors:

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| 1. President      | Eddie Perez    |
| 2. Vice-President | Don Stoeltje   |
| 3. Secretary      | Emily Tuck     |
| 4. Treasurer      | Loree Bruton   |
| 5. Past President | John Schneider |

#### Board Members:

- | <u>1 year term</u> | <u>2 year term</u>  |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Deanne David    | 5. Marcus Cook      |
| 2. Laurie Goforth  | 6. Carolyn Hamilton |
| 3. Joanne Sullivan | 7. Ricky Broussard  |
| 4. Teresa Petersen | 8. Ed Anderson      |

If you would like to run for one of these positions, please make sure to attend the March meeting, because the slate will not be voted on until that night. Nominations from the floor can be made that night.

In the New Year we will be looking for other ways to secure funding. If you have an idea about a fundraiser and want to help, please let us know. Emily will be working with me to develop some funding ideas through foundation grants. All ideas are warmly accepted.

Most of all I would like to thank all the volunteers, board, and members who have given so much this last year. Everyone worked together to keep the doors open and keep the Arc of the Gulf Coast operational. Without each of you giving so much of your time, we might not be functioning as well as we are.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*



Our deepest sympathy goes to the family of Ken Trumann.



Ken was a long-time member of the Arc of the Gulf Coast and a former President of the Arc Board of Directors.

He passed away a few days before Thanksgiving.

Our condolences go to Alisa Hall and her family.

Her father passed away peacefully the beginning of December.



Due to the turmoil this office was experiencing, I failed to put the following into the appropriate newsletter. I apologize for the oversight.



We want to express our belated condolences to John Schneider and his family.

His mother passed away in the fall.

## Workshops

There are many workshops this upcoming year. Some of them you can go to on stipend. Here is a list we have at our office.

**Basic Budgeting using the Moneywise curriculum** - sponsored by United Way of Brazoria

**Homebuyer/Financial Stability curriculum** - sponsored by the United Way of Brazoria

**19th Annual Inclusion Works! Conference**

*From Disability to Possibility...*

Austin, Texas

February 1-4, 2012

Regular Registration Closes at Midnight on December 24, 2011!

[http://www.thearcoftexas.org/site/DocServer/Inclusion\\_Works\\_Flyer\\_2012.pdf?docID=941](http://www.thearcoftexas.org/site/DocServer/Inclusion_Works_Flyer_2012.pdf?docID=941)

The **2012 Texas Statewide Independent Living Conference** will be held **April 22-24, 2012**, in downtown Dallas at the *Marriott City Center* hotel.

- **What:** 2012 Texas Statewide Independent Living Conference
- **Where:** 650 N. Pearl St., Dallas, Texas
- **When:** April 22-24
- **Cost:** \$125

## Recreation Suggestions

The long anticipated “**No Limits Recreation**”, an **Adaptive Recreation program in Pearland** which provides social and recreational services to youth and adults with physical or developmental disabilities, will begin in January.

The following are some program highlights: adaptive bowling, No Limits walking club and adaptive fishing.

No Limits Adaptive Recreation is also working on adding more programs throughout the winter/spring session, such as: adaptive advanced aquatics, wheelchair basketball, adaptive basketball and adaptive kayaking.

Registration is required for all program participants. Registration can be completed online or in person at the Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium.

For more information call 281-412-8900 or go to [www.pearlandparks.com](http://www.pearlandparks.com) (On the home page click on the Winter/Spring Leisure brochure on the right side of the page to view available programs - pg. 20.)

**Registration begins December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30am**

Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium  
4141 Bailey Road  
Pearland, TX 77584

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City of Pearland - Parks & Recreation  
281-412-8900 (office)  
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We contacted the **YMCAs and they all have inclusive programs**, so make sure to utilize their services.

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**Baseball Teams** will be announcing registration soon, so make sure if you want your child in this sport to call and ask about the **Challenger league**. This league is usually sponsored by the local youth baseball association.

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**Special Olympics**- if you have not signed up with a team, please contact Pam Hollaway and let her know you are interested. You can be a coach, fan or volunteer.

1300-A Bay Area Boulevard, Suite 228  
Houston, TX 77058  
281.282.6060  
281.282.6018 (fax)

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**Camps- It is time to start talking about summer camp.**

These camps fill up quickly, especially if you want a stipend to attend. If you are interested in attending a summer camp, we have a camp book at the office. Come by and get the information.

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**Funding Opportunities**

**Variety of Texas Application for Assistance**

Every month, Variety gives grants to families who have children with special needs!

We cannot think of a more important month to celebrate children than in December.

If you have a child with a special need, please complete our Application for Assistance.

You can request anything from financial help for therapy, money for a surgery that insurance will not cover, mobility equipment, including items such as: wheel chairs, gait trainers, walkers, strollers, etc.

**At Variety, the Children's Charity of Texas, we believe** that every child with special needs deserves the chance to reach their potential regardless of their physical or social limitations.

**We also believe**, that it is our responsibility to make that belief a reality for every child with special needs in Texas.

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Contributions make it possible for The Arc of the Gulf coast to provide information about, advocate for, and support to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. You can show your appreciation by mailing your contribution to The Arc of the Gulf Coast, P.O. Box 1484, Alvin, TX 77512

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\_\_\_ I am unable to send dues but would like to join.

I am a \_\_\_ Family Member, \_\_\_ Professional, \_\_\_ Concerned Person, \_\_\_ Self Advocate

