

Arc Quinebaug Valley lauds The 1952 Society

WOODSTOCK — To commemorate The Arc Quinebaug Valley's founding year, The 1952 Society recognizes donors who have exceeded a contribution of \$1,952 since April 2012.

On Friday, May 5th, The Arc Quinebaug Valley publicly presented new members being inducted into the 1952 Society with certificates and 1952 pins at the Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Night Celebration. This memorable event was held at The Mansion at Bald Hill Conference Center.

"Our agency appreciates the generosity of The

1952 Society. With their support, The Arc is able to thrive and provide a successful and bright future for the individuals we serve by continuously enhancing programs and services," said Susan Desrosiers, The Arc Quinebaug Valley Executive Director.

Businesses and Foundations present at the celebration that were inducted into the 1952 Society included Charter Oak Federal Credit Union, Jewett City Savings Bank Foundation, Inc. and Quinebaug Valley Regional Rotaract Club.

1952 Society members that were unable to attend the induction,

but should be recognized for their generous contributions and dedication to The Arc, include Bailey's Team for Autism, Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut, East Commerce Solutions, Inc., Dr. Roland Lupien, Thompson Lions Club, Weiss & Hale Financial and Westview Healthcare Center.

"The 1952 Society truly makes a difference in the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are forever grateful for their kindness and determination in supporting The Arc." Said Desrosiers.



Courtesy photo

Pictured Above: Crystal Simonson-The Arc Community Outreach Coordinator & Rotaract Member, Jaclyn Thurlow-Rotaract Secretary, Sue Desrosiers-The Arc Executive Director, Mallory Moreau-The Arc Director of Education & Training and Rotaract President, & Andrew Morrison-Rotaract Vice President.

Relay for Life at Brooklyn Fairgrounds

BROOKLYN — Relay East, Plainfield, and Relay Northeast, formally Woodstock, have joined to become one Relay For Life Northeastern Connecticut with a new location this weekend, May 20-21. Relay For Life NECT will now be held at the Brooklyn Fairgrounds, a smaller venue which brings back the closeness of Relay family among the teams.

Survivor registration, for those not yet registered, will begin at 10 a.m. At 10:55 the presentation of flags by Mayotte-Viens American Legion Post No. 13 to honor Armed Forces Day with the National Anthem sung by Killingly High School Chorus. This will be followed by opening ceremonies with Event Lead Tammy Wakefield welcoming all Relay participants. The Survivor committee decided to select a teen survi-

vor and two adult survivors who are husband and wife. The teen survivor Ambassador is Vasileios Politis, VP to those who know him. The adult Ambassadors are Scott and Annie Derosier. Ambassadors will share their stories and this will be followed by a song for Survivors as they walk the traditional Survivor Lap and a song for the Survivors, followed by lunch in the Survivor tent.

There will be a gear store where Relay related items will be sold and, of course, great food. Basket drawings, with something for everyone, will be a new addition this year. Events for weekend are

Children's corner opens at noon with a bounce house, face painting, photo booth, caricatures, balloon animals, drawings, tire throw,

ring toss, balloon pop, basketball game, frisbee knockdown and skeet ball.

The cost for these events will be posted at Relay and all money raised is for the Relay event. Caregivers Lap including family and friends, Sponsor Recognition Lap, Kid's Bubble Lap, Tobacco Survivors Lap, Patriotic Lap to honor all who have served or are serving. Team and decorated T-shirt Parade with prizes for best team costumes for our local theme and best T-shirts, Bikers Lap in memory of one of our long time Relayers, Fireman and First Responders Lap.

The celebration which has the most effect on everyone is the Luminary Ceremony at 9

p.m. Luminary bags will line the track. Names of all those on the bags will either be read or displayed followed by the reverse lap which is a lap of total silence. This lap honors all those who have lost the battle with cancer, those currently fighting and those who have won the battle.

Other activities include a pound auction at 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, where bidding on a pound of something, sight unseen, is reason for joy an disappointment. The Relay Café will have activities for everyone. Sunday activities begin at 2 a.m. with a cake walk, musical chairs with a twist. There will be a Crack of Dawn/Crack The Mirror

Beauty Pageant.

At 9 a.m. Linda Colangelo will sing the inspiring "You Raise Me Up" which will be followed by an Ecumenical Service with Rev. Jonathan Scott, ending with Colangelo singing "Wind Beneath My Wings". The second Pound Auction will be followed by closing ceremonies ending at approximately 11:00.

We invite everyone from the Northeast corner to join us for Opening ceremonies, the entertainment and the celebration to honor our survivors. Our Army of Hope will walk regardless of the weather because cancer doesn't quit because of weather.

Danielson Rotary announces scholarship winners

DANIELSON — The Danielson Rotary Club recently announced its 2017 scholarship recipients. They winners are: Erin Kieltyka, who attends Killingly High School and lives in Brooklyn. Kieltyka plans to attend St. John's University in New York. Kendyll Smith, who attends Woodstock Academy, and lives in Brooklyn. Smith plans to attend Clark University. Cory Ouillette, who attends Ellis Technical High School, and lives in Dayville. Ouillette plans to attend Quinebaug Valley Community College. Cameron Chahanovich, who attends Killingly High School, and lives in Dayville. Chahanovich plans to attend Syracuse University. To qualify for this scholarship the applicant must: 1. reside in or attend school in Killingly or Brooklyn. 2. Must be a high school senior planning to attend college in the fall of 2017. 3. Be a student currently matriculated in at least one course at QVCC. The Rotary Club said it was very proud to award our scholarships to these very deserving young men and women this year.

DKW wound care clinic expands hours

PUTNAM — The Wound Care Clinic at Day Kimball Hospital has expanded its hours in order to accommodate more patients, due to increasing demand for the service. The Wound Care Clinic now offers appointments on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Wound Care Clinic provides specialized treatment to help heal postsurgical wounds, wounds that won't heal due to chronic conditions like diabetes or poor circulation, and wounds caused by pressure points or trauma. The Clinic takes an integrated approach focused on preventing recurrence by coordinating appropriate follow-up care with physical therapy, nutrition counseling, diabetes management and other medical services.

Treatment is provided by specially trained and certified wound care nurses under the supervision of specially trained physicians. Treatments include state-of-the-art advanced wound care with special dressing applications, the application of topical pharmaceutical compounds, negative pressure wound therapy (a therapeutic technique using a vacuum dressing), pulsed lavage (mechanical hydrotherapy to irrigate wounds), total con-

tact casting (to treat diabetic foot ulcers) and surgical and non-surgical debridement (removal of dead, damaged or infected tissue).

Dr. R. David McCallum, MD, a general surgeon with Day Kimball Medical Group with specialized training in wound care, is the Clinic's medical director.

"As we've seen a rise in chronic conditions like diabetes and poor circulation, we've also seen an increased need for treatment of chronic wounds," Dr. McCallum said. "The complications from chronic wounds that won't heal - whether they're from a chronic condition, surgery or trauma - can be quite serious, so it's vital that people who have these wounds receive the proper care."

Dr. McCallum says that the specialized therapies provided by the clinic, in combination with the supportive follow-up services to help prevent recurrence, results in patients who've struggled with chronic wounds seeing significant improvement if not total resolution of their wounds and the discomfort they cause.

"That goes a long way toward improving people's quality of life, as well as their overall health," Dr. McCallum said.

Jolyne Giles, an RN with Wound Care Certification (WCC) and an Ostomy Management Specialist (OMS), is the Clinic's operations coordinator.

"The volume of patients we're treating at the Wound Care Clinic has nearly tripled over the last six years and that trend is not slowing down," Giles said. "This increase in the clinic's hours will go a long way toward allowing us to continue seeing our current patients as well as additional new patients moving forward."

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