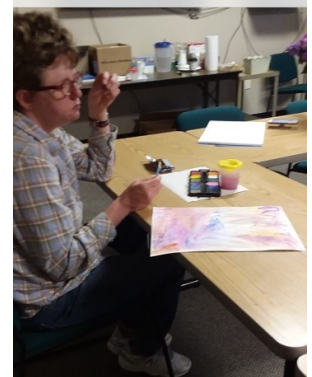




## SOCIAL RECREATION EVENTS



Each month the *Mon-Arc of Monroe* sponsors a dance for the adults. The dances are held at Monroe County Community College, except for the summer picnic in June and the Christmas dance in December, which are held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church parking lot and the Knights of Columbus Hall, respectively. The dances continue to be a big hit, drawing approximately 100-130 people each month. We provide a DJ at each dance which adds so much to the evening.

We want to send a big **THANK YOU** to the Monroe Bank & Trust Enlist Volunteer program for providing popcorn at most of our meetings. Also, we have had members volunteer to provide treats. Mostly we provide cookies or snacks for the dancers. On occasions, we offer crafts or photo booths are available.

In April, we began sponsoring two 4-week art classes held on Wednesday and Saturday. Art therapist Beth Hensley instructs the participants in various art media. Those who attend are enjoying this new opportunity. We have received two grants to enhance our Social Recreation programs and will be exploring these and other opportunities to offer.

*... the most  
fun under  
the sun!*



## Here to serve you ...

**Staff Members:** Sondra Nocella-Thorn, *Executive Director*  
Wanda McCann, *Rep Payee*  
Jennette Williams, Jim Imhoff, *Office Assistants*

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**Marge Burnett**  
*Past President*

Board meetings are held on  
the 2nd Tuesday of every month  
at 6 p.m. at the MON-ARC office.

## Have you seen our website lately?

**[www.monarcofmonroe.org](http://www.monarcofmonroe.org)**

The team has worked very hard to update our website. Please check it out. There is information about our upcoming events and meeting dates. You can also view photos from our latest dances and other events.



## Meet Board Member *Roxie Boll*

**Tell us about your early years:** I was born in Ida; my Dad was in the service and I did not meet him until I was one! We moved to Dundee. I have 3 sisters; two of them also worked for the Monroe County Intermediate School District. When I was 23 years old, my son, Chuck, was born with disabilities ... it was life changing.

**Family life:** We have two daughters, who are both married. They attended Wayne State and Eastern Michigan Universities. Each has two children.

**Education and work experience:** I graduated from Dundee High School. I worked as an aide at the Monroe County I.S.D. for 26 years and also worked at Dundee Daycare for 5 years.

**Hobbies:** I do things at my church and like to help people out.

**What about the ARC keeps you motivated?** The true love I receive from people with disabilities, the great friendships I make with everyone I meet who volunteers for ARC.

**Future goals?** Help out for a better life for ALL people with disabilities.

**What else do you want people to know about you?** I hope to help out whoever needs my help, to have fun all my life, and to believe in God and trust Him.

**Our Mission:** The **MON-ARC of Monroe, Inc.**, promotes the general welfare of all persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families through advocacy, counseling, education and community/program services.

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:



Initially, our organization's name was Monarc, an acronym for Monroe County Association for Retarded Children. The name changed several times, and eventually, we became **The Mon-Arc of Monroe**. Perhaps it wasn't thought of initially, but the connection to a Monarch butterfly is entirely appropriate for this organization. Monarch butterflies are magical and cherished. They represent rebirth, transformation, creativity, endless potential, vibrant joy, change, ascension, and an ability to experience the wonder of life. They teach people how to seize individual opportunities for growth and metamorphosis.

I believe we at this organization have gone through a rebirth and growth. In the last couple of years, we have increased our membership from a mere 16 to more than 100. In the state of Michigan, we are one the few Arc organizations that publish a newsletter. Some offer a bi-monthly newsletter, and a few are just by e-mail. To keep our members informed, we publish a quarterly newsletter, maintain a website and a current Facebook page. Our Social Recreation committee received grants to ensure we continue our monthly dances which offer various venues, refreshments, and crafts, and have recently started art classes for our adults. During this summer we will be focusing on expanding Sensory Friendly days at local Monroe businesses.

We are the payee representative for 135 people and as the end of the school year winds down and our IEP schedule slowly wanes, I am looking forward to attending and reporting on The State's ARC Public Policy Seminar that I will be attending on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We are making great strides but imagine if we think of the monarch butterfly and use it as a symbol to create our movement of growth with endless potential, we can provide more for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Monroe County.

In the weeks ahead, we will be calling our members to see how they can join us in The Mon-Arc Movement. Please consider helping with your time, creativity or monetary donation. I would love to hear any ideas that the membership may have so that we may run a successful fundraising campaign. Please write in or call the office with your ideas

Sincerely,  
*Sondra Thorn*  
Executive Director  
Mon-Arc Monroe, Inc.

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### IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP...

<b>June 15</b>	Summer outside dance at Prince of Peace parking lot in Ida
<b>June 22</b>	State Arc Public Policy Seminar in Lansing
<b>July</b>	NO DANCE
<b>July 4</b>	Independence Day – Mon-Arc office is closed
<b>July 10</b>	Board meeting – 6 p.m. at the Arc office
<b>August 14</b>	Board meeting – 6 p.m. at the Arc office
<b>August 24</b>	Monthly dance at the Community College





## Upcoming Events

■ **Friday, June 15 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**  
**OUTSIDE PICNIC**

## DANCES:

■ **NO DANCE IN JULY**

- **Friday, August 24 at M.C.C.C.**
- **Friday, September 21 at M.C.C.C.**
- **Friday, October 26 at M.C.C.C.**  
HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE
- **Friday, November 16 at M.C.C.C.**

Dances will be held at the usual time:  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



## Take a Good Look at ABLE EYES

Did you know there is a non-profit organization called *Able Eyes* that has 360 Videos/ Virtual Tours of businesses and organizations? It gives you an “inside” look before you even set foot inside. That is one part of *Able Eyes*.

The other part is **video modeling** where you can see how to fold a shirt, brush your teeth, ride the school bus (just to name a few). When you get a few spare moments, please check them out:

**<http://www.ableeyes.org/>**

Stefanie Craft, executive director, and Cathy Blatnik, program director, are “*Able Eyes SUPERFANS*” which means they are part of a select group that helps the executive director, Meegan Winters, spread the message far and wide of how awesome *Able Eyes* is. It’s FREE to access their website!

## Mark your calendar for the 3rd “Giving Back to Monroe” Fundraiser on Sept. 28th!

CHS Group and Mon-Arc are joining forces to raise money to provide Christmas for people within our community. All funds will go to people with developmental and intellectual disabilities who would not have a Christmas without our help.

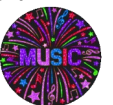
Join us for good food, music, and the chance to buy some Christmas gifts of your own. Also, if you are able, we would appreciate any donations for the auction.

Buy tickets or drop off donations at **CHS Group - 113 or 115 E. Front Street** in downtown Monroe. Call Laura or Stacey at **734.240.0185**.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER - \$15

Includes rolls, drink & dessert

**SILENT AUCTION**  
**50/50 DRAWING**  
**MUSIC**



**Knights of Columbus Hall**

202 E. Front Street, Monroe

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 28**  
**5 TO 9 P.M.**





**MEMBERSHIP MATTERS:** As a member, you are helping to make positive changes for people with disabilities and their families. You strengthen **The Arc's** voice at the legislature when **The Arc** speaks on your behalf. Your involvement makes a difference.

**YOU BENEFIT, TOO!**

- Enjoy listening to your child when s/he comes home from a dance or an art class, happily discussing what a great time everyone had.

- Receive up-to-date information on what's happening in the world of intellectual and developmental disabilities, including local, state and national information.

- Be the first to receive updates about upcoming events and news.

- Receive automatic membership in **The Arc Michigan** and **The Arc US**.

## MEMORIAL DONATIONS

*In Memory of*

*Michael Pipis ...*

*Roxie Boll*

*Pam Clark*

*Ethel Heiss*

*Connie Janus*

*Elaine Mink*

*Sue Pickens*

*Joyce Potter*

*Mary Ann Reed*

*Marilyn Sanderlin*

*Jimmie Semones*

*Mary Waszak*

*Cheryl Woelmer*

*In Memory of*

*Sr. Mary Pipis ...*

*Roxie Boll*

*Connie Janus*

*Jimmie Semones*

*Mary Waszak*



***Please let us know ...***

If you hear of the passing of an Arc member or consumer, please let us know. Help us honor the memories of our friends and support one another through difficult times.

Call the office at **734.241.5881** or send an e-mail to:

**[arcmonroe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arcmonroe@sbcglobal.net)**



## Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Ted D. Kerr III, Pastor

***A Very Special Thank You to ...***

### ■ **Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**

A special Thank You to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
for the donation of \$ 207.27.

### ■ **Monroe County Community College**

for hosting our monthly dances!



**Join our e-mail list and be first to hear about:**

- Presentations/events
- Press releases
- Changes or cancellations of events
- Newsletter, if you sign up
- Fundraisers
- Local, state and national current events

Call the office at **734.241.5881** or e-mail us at  
**arcmonroe@shcglobal.net** to add your name to our e-mail list.



**We appreciate our new  
and renewal members!**

#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

Carol Lenox

#### **RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS:**

Bink & Roxie Boll

Michael Brown

Dave & Marge Burnett

Maureen Dempsey

Michael Dempsey

Carol Miletti

Larry & Sue Pickens

Jimmie Semones

Jeffery Stoll

Jerry & Faye Stromberger

Fran Toth

Please consider a membership  
donation to a consumer,  
parent or interested  
individual or organization.

**SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE  
HONORED OTHERS  
BY BUYING THEM  
A YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP  
IN OUR ORGANIZATION!**



For people with intellectual  
and developmental disabilities

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

### PLEASE PRINT:

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (Cell): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all the apply:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian	<input type="checkbox"/> Developmentally Challenged Person
<input type="checkbox"/> Sibling/Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Education/Professional Staff	
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Organization
<input type="checkbox"/> ARC Staff/Board Member	

### Membership in the MON-ARC for one year:

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Family Membership	\$ 25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Person with Developmental Challenges	\$ 10.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Membership	\$ 50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Contribution to <b>MON-ARC</b>	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold Membership	\$ 100.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$ 200.00	<b>My total gift to MON-ARC (Tax Deductible)</b>	\$ _____

Send to **MON-ARC; 6021 Parkside Drive: Monroe, MI 48161.**

### For Office Use Only:

Date Rec: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Rec: \_\_\_\_\_ Ck. # \_\_\_\_\_ Recorded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Mem. Comm. \_\_\_\_\_