Friends of WCDC Newsletter

March 2019

Cathy's Corner

Please come & join the fun at Finnegan's Wake on Saturday March 9th at Seacret's in OC & support the clients & programs of WCDC.. This is Friends biggest event of the year & we need our WCDC family to support our efforts & have a great time at the same time. The clients and agency need us to support them and this is the perfect opportunity to do so with a smile, laughter and a bit of green. We hope to see you there!

History of St. Patrick

Patrick, whose birth name was Maewyn was born in Britain to wealthy parents some time at the end of the 4th Century. At 16 yrs, he was captured by a group of Irish raiders who attacked the family estate & imprisoned. Lonely & afraid he turned to religion for solace & became a Christian. It is believed that Patrick began to dream of converting the Irish people to Christianity. After 6 yrs, Patrick escaped, walked 200 miles to the Irish coast & traveling back to Britain where he was visited by an angel who told him to return to Ireland as a missionary. After 15 years of study Patrick was ordained, returned to Ireland to minister to Christians living in Ireland & converting others. Patrick died on March 17, 460 AD

Friends & WCDC Activities

March 9 – FINNEGAN"S WAKE @ Seacret's 5:00 – 9:00 PM

March 11 – Friends Monthly Mtg. 6 PM

March 15 –I HOP Fundraiser for WCDC Aktion Club

March 20 – March Birthday Celebration – Noon
WCDC Board of Directors mtg. – 6 PM

March 21 – Rock your Socks Day

May you live a long life
Full of gladness and health,
With a pocket full of gold
As the least of your wealth.
May the dreams you hold dearest
Be those which come true,
The kindness you spread,
Keep returning to you.,

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A message from our Executive Director

Congratulations!

Nick Haglich

Our very own Nick Haglich, the Rock and Roll King of Snow Hill, received a Worcester County Arts Council grant to help underwrite his performance at the Snow Hill First Friday events on March 1st. Congrats to Nick. Keep on Rockin'

WCDC Aktion Club

Valentine's Day Red & Black Social

On Thursday February 14th, the WCDC Aktion Club sponsored the valentine's Day Red & Black Social in the WCDC Cafeteria. Members of Friends & the Kiwanis Club of OC & OP were on hand to assist with refreshments & take a spin around the dance floor.
Everyone had a GREAT time.

Troy & Sandra Dazzle the room with all the latest dance moves

Tony was dressed in red & wore a smile while he kept perfect timing to the music

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Robin & Brandon smile as they listen to the movin' & Groovin' music

Katie & Caroline wore smiles that lit up the room with happiness
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February Birthdays

Pictured: Libby Davis, Jack & Mary Ferry, Chauncey Corbin, Thomas Denny, Garrett Byerly, Troy Croom, Diane & David Howard & Eric Jenkins

March Birthdays

March 4 – Charlene Brittingham
March 5 – Danny Miller
March 5 – Trevon Schockley
March 5 – Kendra Surin
March 7 - Raythel Manuel
March 8 – Carroll Wiley
March 10 – Nicketta Coston
March 13 – Kim Schalk
March 15 – Danielle Stalling
March 16 Nicole Dobelstein
March 17 – Doris Eikenburg
March 20 - Patricia Sturgis
March 21 - Tamela Taylor
March 21 – Steven Davis
March 21 – Michelle M
March 24 – Tonika Sledge
March 25 – Geneva Banks Abbott
March 25 – Bruce Clark
March 28 – Anne Gaylor
March 29 – Denise Alogna

Happy

Birthday

7th Annual

Finnegan's Wake

Saturday, March 9, 2019

Seacrets® - Morley Hall

5:00 - 9:00 PM

OC Pipes & Drums

Featuring

Folk Heroes

Happy Hour Drink Prices

Irish Menu

Silent Auction

Doors open @ 4:30 PM

Donation $20

Staff & Clients $5.00

All proceeds benefit 'Friends of WCDC'

Worcester County Developmental Center

Provides opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities

WCDC & Friends are non-profit charitable organizations

For more information call Cathy 570-956-4721

Finnegan's Wake 2019

Event Sponsors

Robert W. Nock Insurance Agency
Cheers of Berlin Beer * Wine * Spirits
Gallagher Insurance Co.

Entertainment Sponsors

Apple Discount Drugs
Avery Hall Insurance Group
Burbage Funeral Home
Malvern Collision Services
Vicki Tillery, Robin Dannelly & John Falcone

Come one
Come All!

Please remember to support our wonderful sponsors ☘

Some Fun Facts about a Leprechaun & a Shamrock

The Leprechaun has been described as Ireland' national fairy. Its ancient origins are from a great Euro-Celtic sun god named Lugh, which is pronounced luck. Leprechauns are rarely more than two feet tall & look like little old men. They are shoemakers by trade, & are easily identified by the shamrock in their hat band & the tiny shoemaker's hammer in their belt. It is said that you can sometimes track a leprechaun by following the tap-tap-tap of his hammer.

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The term Shamrock is derived from the Irish word 'semrog' which translates to 'little clover' & is a common name for the 3 leaf clovers native to Ireland. The ancient Celtic priests looked at the Shamrock as a sacred plant that was potent against malevolent spirits because it had 3 leaves which symbolize the Holy Trinity or The Father, The Son & The Holy Soirit. In the 5th century, St Patrick used the shamrock in converting the pagan popularity to Christianity. In the 19th century the Shamrock became a symbol of Irish identity. The 4 leaf clover represents faith, hope love & luck and is a mutation of the Shamrock, occurring in 1 of every 10,000 clovers.

Date: March 15th 2019

Time: ALL DAY beginning at 6:30am until Midnight

Where: 11328 Samuel Bowen Blvd

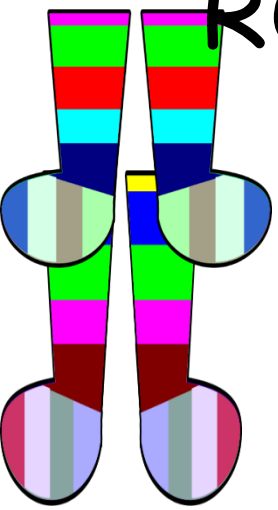
This is a fundraiser for Worcester County Developmental Centers Aktion Club Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club

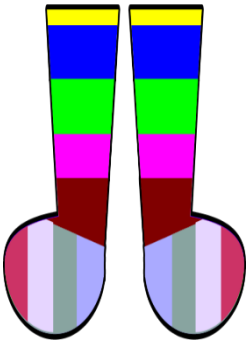
YOU MUST BRING THIS FLYER with you to the restaurant anytime on March 15th and the Aktion Club will get 10% of the cost of your meal.

"Come hungry. Leave Happy!"

WCDC
Working Toward a Brighter Future

ROCK YOUR SOCKS





on Thursday March 21st!!!!!

For

World Down Syndrome Day

Please Join WCDC on Thursday March 21 as we strive to create a single global voice advocating for the rights, inclusion and wellbeing of our friends with Down Syndrome in our community and in the world! Post your picture to WCDC Facebook page and use #Rockyoursocks #WCDCWDSD

NO SOCKS?
NO PROBLEM!!
WEAR YELLOW AND BLUE AS THOSE COLORS REPRESENT DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS

Get Creative #Rockyoursocks 21 is the lucky number of the day; create something with your friends & Family that signifies the number 21. Bring it in on the day!!

Welcome New Staff Members

Welcome Aboard

New staff members began their employment at WCDC.
We wish you lots of luck and hope that your new position brings you lots of happiness and joy.

Elissa Jackson,
Anita Whittington
Damar Drummond
Tiffany Cook

Nicketta Coston
Magid Osman
Jordan Timmons
Joy Block

Christa Fletcher
Tierra Gailliard
Lanay Thomas
Jalinda Rounds
Landa Wright

Friends of WCDC

The purpose of Friends of WCDC shall be to see that the needs of people who live with a disability are made known to the community and that these needs are being met. The members of Friends of WCDC shall be advocates for the individuals who live with a disability within the community and are participants in the programs of the Worcester County Developmental Center. Friends of WCDC shall provide support and assistance to WCDC whenever possible.

Friends of WCDC Needs You!!

* Meetings are every 2nd Monday of the month in the WCDC cafeteria
* Meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and last one hour
* Yearly dues are $5.00
* New members are welcome at any time. Your talents and ideas are needed
* All our projects are fun filled
* All our efforts support the clients and programs of WCDC

2018 – 2019 Officers – Friends of WCDC

President – Cathy Gallagher
Vice President – Mary Ferry
Secretary – April Davis Treasurer –Jack Ferry, Sr.

Friends of WCDC
Membership Slip

Name_____

Address_____

Phone # _____ **Cell**_____

E Mail _____

Please return to Jack Ferry @ WCDC or mail to : **Cathy Gallagher**
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