



Friends of WCDC Newsletter

February
2017

Cathy's Corner

The Best of Friends

Friendship is a Precious Gift,
It cannot be bought or sold;
But its value is far greater,
Than a mountain made of Gold.

For Gold is cold and lifeless,
It can neither see nor hear;
And in times of trouble,
It is powerless to cheer.

It has no ears to listen,
Nor heart to understand;
It cannot bring you comfort,
Or reach out a helping hand.

So when you ask God for a gift,
Be thankful if He sends....
Not diamonds, pearls or riches,
But the Love of Real True Friends.
Helen Steiner Rice



Friends & WCDC Activities

Feb 1 - Jewelry class w/ Sharon Doss -10 AM

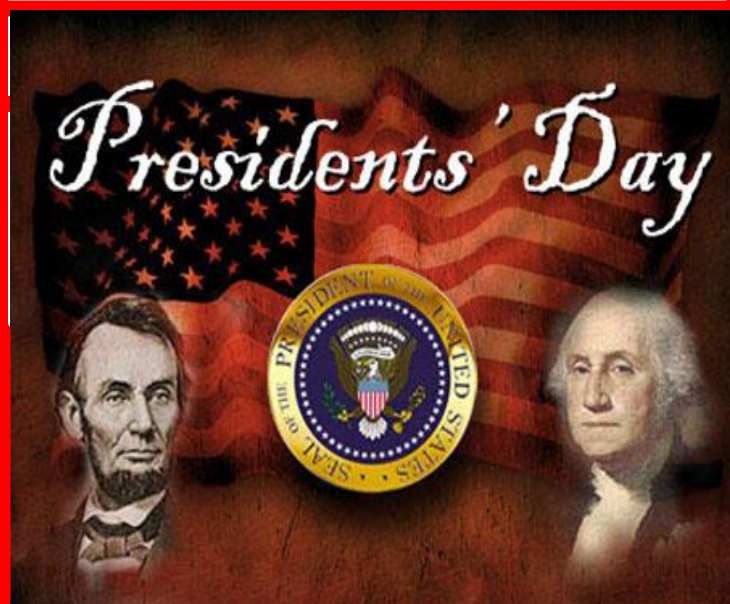
Feb 13 – Friends Monthly Meeting -6 PM

Feb 15 – February Birthday Party - Noon
Board of Directors Meeting – 6 PM

Feb 20- President's Day -Day Program Closed

Feb 22– Karaoke with Kyle McDaniel –10 AM

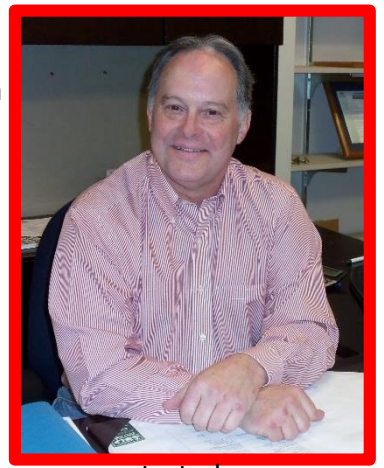
Feb 27 – Aktion Club Meeting – 9:30 AM



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From the Desk of Our Executive Director

Have you ever heard of an AKtion Club? AKtion is the only service club in the world that provides adults who live with a disability the opportunity to perform community service activities. There are more than 500 clubs and 12,000 members worldwide, and that number is about to increase by 12 as the AKtion Club of WDCD gets set to receive its charter.



Recently, Barbara Peletier, President, and Carolyn Dryzga, Immediate Past President, from the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines, visited WDCD, met with Day Program Director Tammy Timmons and her assistant Janelle Deshields and told them Kiwanis wanted to sponsor an AKtion Club of our clients. Tammy and Janelle were onboard, and the process was started.

Clients were asked if they would like to be a part of this new club, and 12 said they would. Those charter members are: David Allen, Gretchen Cooper, Rodney Copes, Melinda Cropper, Tracy Fields, Raythel Manuel, Allen Purnell, Julia Range, Valerie Reed, Donta Smith, Betty Sturgis and Olivia Tingle.

After the organizational meeting, a date was set for election of officers. The entire Day Program gathered in the cafeteria to listen to the slate of candidates give their speeches. Everyone voted and the results were tallied. The first set of officers elected to guide this newly formed group is: Donta Smith, President; Valerie Reed, Vice President; Tracy Fields, Secretary and David Allen, Treasurer.

AKtion Clubs have been around for more than 35 years. They were started as a project in Florida by a gentleman named Jake Swartout to enable adults who live with a disability the opportunity to use their talents to provide community service, just like the Kiwanis clubs.

In 2000, Kiwanis International voted to elevate AKtion from a project to a program with the same rights and supports as its other sponsored programs. There is a local connection to this. Our own best friend, Cathy Gallagher, was the Kiwanis International Chairperson for the committee that recommended making AKtion a program.

In addition to AKtion Clubs, other Kiwanis sponsored programs include K-Kids for elementary school children, Builders Clubs for middle school, Key Club for high school and Circle K for college students. AKtion has been the fastest growing segment of the Kiwanis organization.

AKtion strives to develop leadership skills through service. It provides the opportunity for its members to better their communities, build their character, help others in need and encourage others to do the same.

We are very proud of the clients who stepped up to help those who need it, and we are grateful to Barbara, Carolyn and the entire Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines for providing them with this opportunity. The next step will be to receive our charter. After that, you'll see our AKtion clubbers in the community, sometimes working alongside Kiwanis members, making Worcester County a better place for everyone.

Sincerely, Jack Ferry

January Birthdays



Frieda Truitt, Vicki Daisey, Courtney Mullis, Ron Mehrling, Terry Robbins
Michael Fentress, Brandon Smack, Libby Davis, Linda Fentress & Eddie Davis



February Birthdays



Feb. 1 - Eric Jenkins
Feb. 3 - Thomas Denny
Feb. 5 - Troy Croom
Feb. 8 - Stephanie Stuckey
Feb. 10 - Maria Mason
Feb. 12 - Kurt Gochnour
Feb. 13- Chauncey Corbin
Feb. 13 - Amy Ballard

Feb. 15 - Jack Ferry
Feb. 16 – Carol Czapiewski
Feb. 18 - Sydney Chandler
Feb. 18 - Deonte Foreman
Feb. 23 - Sarah Kellam
Feb. 23 – Latoya Hunter
Feb. 27 – Will Garner
Feb. 28 - Aisha Tariq



Mark your Calendar
Back for the 5th year...

#6 **Finnegan's Wake** #9

Saturday, March 18, 2017

Seacret's Morley Hall

Featuring

'Folk Heroes'

Ocean City Pipes & Drums



Watch for us in the OC St. Patrick's Day Parade
Saturday, March 11, 2017



Friends of WCDC will be sponsoring an
Irish Float with Friends members, clients &
staff all taking part in the fun.

If you'd like to join us call Cathy 570-956-4721

Friends Upcoming Events

Although all the details have not been finalized, Friends has an exciting couple of months of great activities planned. Friends membership is always looking for new ideas and projects to provide fun for the WCDC Family and the community. Of course, if we raise funds for the clients and WCDC program while doing so, it is always wonderful.

Please feel free to offer any suggestions that you may have. We always refer to WCDC as a Family and as a family all members have a voice and opinions that are valued. So please feel free to be an active WCDC Family member.



Saturday March 11, 2017 – Float in St. Patrick's Day Parade



Saturday March 18, 2017 – 5th Annual Finnegan's Wake

April – Oldies Dance

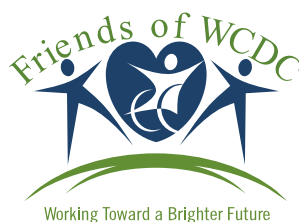


May – Night @ the Races

May – June – Paint Party



Details to follow in the upcoming newsletters



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

2016– 2017 Officers – Friends of WCDC

President – Cathy Gallagher

Vice President – Mary Ferry

Secretary – April Davis

Treasurer – Jack Ferry, Sr.

Friends of WCDC Membership Slip

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