

Marie Crawford appointed to DD board



County Commissioners have named Marie Crawford as the newest member of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. She succeeds Jean Williams who did not seek reappointment when her term expired in January.

Mrs. Crawford is no stranger to FCBDD. She has been active as a parent advocate. From 2006 to 2008, Mrs. Crawford was associated with the Ohio State University Nisonger Center's LEND program, which is an advanced graduate interdisciplinary leadership program.

Mrs. Crawford and her husband, Dan, live in Clintonville and are members of Our Lady of Peace Parish. They have three children, two of whom receive agency services.

Board President Dean Fadel welcomed Mrs. Crawford to her first board meeting on April 25th. "We're delighted to have you on our board and look forward to working with you," he said.

The board is composed of seven members, five of whom are appointed by the County Commissioners and two by the Probate Court Judge. Members receive no compensation.

Art league and FCBDD team up for exhibition

To celebrate the Month of the Young Child, the Ohio Art League joined with FCBDD's Early Childhood Development Partnership in April to present a multi-sensory art exhibition, *In a Sense/ Innocence*.

Enrolled children, along with artists Ryan Agnew, Christine Miller, Daric Gill and Catherine Bell Smith teamed with FCBDD teachers Theri Brady, Kathy Bernon, Danielle Norman and Darren Thompson to create pieces of art reflecting the ways children explore their world with their senses. The art work was on display at the Gateway Gallery, 1552 N. High Street.

"I was thrilled with the opportunity to partner with the community in such an important and powerful way," said Rebecca Love, Director of FCBDD's Early Childhood Department. "It isn't often that time stops to hear the voices of children, but it did with this show."

FCBDD's Early Childhood Partnership serves children with and without disabilities from ages 1 to 6. Children are provided hands-on experiences that encourage sensory and emotional development.



Graduation ceremonies slated



25 students in FCBDD's school program will take part in graduation exercises soon.

Ceremonies will be held at West Central School, 1481 W. Town Street, on Tuesday, May 28th, at 7 p.m., and at Northeast School, 500 N. Hamilton Road, Gahanna, on Wednesday, May 29th at 7 p.m.

The graduation speaker at West Central will be Margie Pizutti, President and CEO of Goodwill Columbus. The speaker at Northeast will be Marcus Thorpe, NBC-4 co-anchor.

Both graduation ceremonies are open to the public.

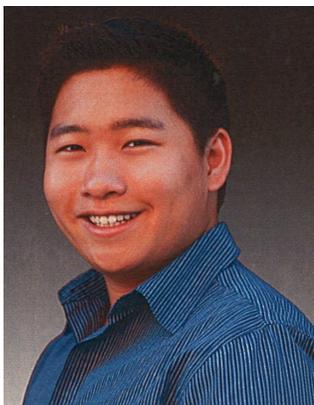


Margie Pizutti, President and CEO of Goodwill Columbus



Marcus Thorpe, NBC-4 co-anchor

A brother's concert by Lynn Turner



On April 8th, West Central School hosted a classical music concert by Stephen Chun and three fellow musicians from Upper Arlington High School -- Jake Muratore, Somer Alshire, and Josh Wydick.

Stephen has an older brother, Sam, who has attended West Central School for the past fourteen years,

and chose Sam's school as his senior Captstone project site.

Stephen is planning to study music composition starting next year and wrote a piano piece especially for this concert. Stephen and his friends also performed two J.S. Bach cello suites, a Chopin prelude, and original songs written by Somer and Josh. West Central audience members enjoyed the music and were mesmerized by the Upper Arlington students' talent.

A huge thanks to Stephen and his friends for sharing their musical talents with West Central!

Singing Duo performs at ARC North



Wishing Chair's Miriam Davidson (left) playing banjo and Kiya Heartwood (right) on guitar.

The folk rock duo, Wishing Chair, performed a free concert at ARC North on April 4th.

Duo member Kiya Heartwood had visited ARC North for a solo show in October and said she would return. She contacted staff member Lyn Herron and asked if she could come back and bring her Wishing Chair partner, Miriam Davidson. Of course, Lyn gladly agreed.

The performance included a couple of surprises, including the rock and roll classic, "Twist and Shout," and the Buckeye favorite, "Hang On Sloopy," which was a brave effort coming from a Kentucky Wildcat fan!



Chad Maddrix wearing a new t-shirt from concert.

Self-advocates have their day with legislators

In what is believed to be a first for central Ohio, people with developmental disabilities had the opportunity to meet personally with state legislators and pose questions as well as offer comments about issues of concern on Friday, April 5th. *Legislative Day* was sponsored by the Central Ohio Self-Determination Association (COSDA) and held at FCBDD's Bixby location.



Christine Brown congratulates State Representative Michael Stinziano.



Superintendent Jed Morison chats with State Representative Mike Curtin and self-advocate.

Legislators attending were state senators Kevin Bacon and Charleta Tavares, and state representatives Mike Curtin, Bob Hackett and Michael Stinziano.

Special guests included DODD officials Zach Haughwout (representing Director John Martin), Kelly Miller and Sherry Steinman, and county board superintendents Rick Marriott, Nancy Neely, Jed Morison and Laura Zureich.

Topics under discussion included Medicaid expansion, Medicaid buy-in, the state budget, the Employment First program and accessible parking particularly for vans.

"The event was a huge success," said ARC South staff member Jaime Graham, who serves on the board of the self-advocacy group. She was especially pleased to see 156 people in attendance.



Senator Kevin Bacon



Senator Charleta Tavares

Representative Stinziano received a certificate recognizing his efforts on behalf of people with disabilities.

Member Christine Brown organized the event. Bixby Director Linda Monroe and other staff assisted with arrangements.

Getting ready for the big event by Becky Niles

Approximately 50 recreation members had the opportunity to try on and take home formal wear from the Formal Wear Boutique, held April 5th at West Central School. No one left empty handed!

The boutique was coordinated by Shawna Spanel, Recreation Program Coordinator, with valuable assistance from students of Ohio Dominican University.

Over 200 dresses, suits, tuxedos, ties and other accessories were donated for the boutique, which was open to recreation members attending the Recreation Spring Formal. ODU students inspected, sized and sorted all of the donations in preparation for the boutique, and sent dresses and other items to be cleaned and pressed before giving them away.

Along with the students, Mike Butchko and Ed Ruiz, FCBDD Recreation Specialists helped recreation members select and try on the formal wear.

Formal wear was donated by ODU students, friends, FCBDD and ADD staff, Ohio State students, the Fairy Good Mothers, Grandview Dance Plus Ballroom and others. Dry cleaning, hangers and bags were provided by Rockwood Cleaners and Sterling Cleaners.



L to R - Amber Mielke, ODU student.; Christy Laffin; Samantha Ferguson, ODU student.

FCBDD trains for "active shooter" scenario

In the wake of an alarming series of mass shootings in public schools, including the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut last December, FCBDD staff are undertaking security training.

Nearly 100 agency staff attended a program titled "Active Shooter Training for Educators" held at Administration on April 4th. The program was presented by James Burke, Instructor with the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy.

According to Officer Burke, 468 violent deaths occurred in school settings in the U.S. between 1992 and 2010. Of these, 348 resulted from shootings and 67 from stabbings.

"We've got to think outside the box and take steps to enhance our survivability," he said. "The most



James Burke

important thing is to foster an environment of communication."

Officer Burke referenced a research study of the active shooter phenomenon by Lt. Dan Marcou indicating that the shooters go through five phases: fantasy,

planning, preparation, approach and implementation.

One of the seminar's most striking moments was listening to a tape of a teacher's 911 call during the Columbine High School shooting incident in Colorado in 1999.

"We cannot predict the origin of the next threat," said Officer Burke, noting that the assailants in some recent incidents were neither students nor staff. "We must develop a plan, work with law enforcement, and train."

John Fleming, FCBDD's Associate Director of Human Resources, is spearheading the agency's security training. "While we hope and pray the training is never actually needed, we have to be as prepared as we can be," he said.

Scholarship applications due May 13

Since its creation in 2003, the John J. Siebold Scholarship Program has awarded a total of \$83,000 to 41 FCBDD staff members pursuing studies related to developmental disabilities. Individual scholarships are in the amount of \$1,500.

The program was established by the ARC Industries Board of Trustees in honor of the late John J. Siebold, a 27-year staff member of FCBDD who was highly respected for his dedication and leadership.

Applicants must be employed by FCBDD for at least one year at the time of application and must be pursuing studies related to developmental disabilities.

Applications, which are available from ARC Industries, 2300 Marilyn Lane, Columbus 43219, must be completed and returned by May 13th. To request an application, or for more details, please call 475-7007.

In memoriam

Melissa Wilson began as a teacher's assistant for FCBDD in 2005. She had worked at West Central School in the primary level, and more recently at the Central Crossing High School collaborative unit.

Melissa came to FCBDD after a stint at Heinzerling Memorial Foundation.

Melissa was energetic, warm and caring. Besides a strong work ethic, she had a great sense of humor and a wonderful way of telling stories that would captivate all who heard them.

Melissa Wilson



Melissa was an advocate for the students and an inspiration for those who worked with her each day.

Melissa was survived by her husband, Wayne Wilson Jr., son Jonathan A. Wilson, stepsons Wayne Wilson and Christopher Wilson, stepdaughter Ava Wilson, many grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were held at the Porter-Tidd Funeral Home in Mt. Sterling, April 3rd.

(Editor's note: Thanks to Harriett Eakins, Ronda Gillium, and Lorainne Clark for assistance.)

Good for you

Notable achievements in the FCBDD community

Columbus Business First has chosen the latest group of up-and-coming professionals and community leaders as part of its annual "Forty Under 40" awards program. Among the honorees is FCBDD's Director of Special Olympics **Ryan Phillips**. The winners will be recognized at a gala at the **Hollywood Casino** on May 23rd and will be profiled in the May 24th issue of *Business First*. Congratulations, Ryan!



Ryan Phillips directs FCBDD's Special Olympics program.

Each year the **Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio** (DSACO) recognizes community members who give dedicated service to individuals with Down Syndrome and their families by presenting Commitment to Excellence Awards. On March 21st, the group presented the awards to five recipients: **Dr. Steven Ciriora; Michelle Byars; Beth Gibson;** the **Dublin Arts Council;** and **Beth Demidovich** and **Jann Olenick**.

Franklin County Commissioners Paula Brooks, Marilyn Brown and John O'Grady supported the Ohio National Guard's *Operation: Military Kids* program last month. The Guard celebrated the month of the military child with the 2nd Annual Be a Hero for Military Kids 5K Run/ Walk on Saturday, April 20th. "Sometimes overlooked when thinking about supporting our military families is the effect that deployment can have on a child," said Commissioner **Marilyn Brown**. "Every member of our military families deserves to be supported and celebrated."

ARC North staff member **Anne Murra** is helping spread the word about the upcoming **ARC Industries Golf Scramble**. The annual event is scheduled for Saturday, August 24th, at Royal American Links in Galena. Registration is open for teams of four and individual golfers. Entry fees will cover beer, hot dogs, driving range, green fees, golf cart, buffet dinner and awards. For a registration form, please contact **Shirley Jordan** at ARC Industries North at 342-5364. Hope to see you there!

Hats off to **Goodwill Columbus** for its recent effort to provide the community an opportunity to recycle unwanted electronic items. On April 20th, the group used Huntington Park downtown for an **Earth Day E-Waste Collection** effort. In so doing, the group joined forces with the County Commissioners, the Columbus Clippers, WBNS-TV and the Columbus Dispatch.

Do you know a star?

If you know an individual or organization whom you believe deserving of a Community Star Award, now is the time to take action. Nomination forms are now available. The deadline for submission of nominations is June 1st.

The annual awards program was begun by the Board in 2003 to recognize persons who contribute in extraordinary ways to the betterment of the FCBDD community. Awards are presented in 14 categories.

A nomination form is enclosed in this issue of *Dateline*. For additional forms or information, please call Linda Fleming at 342-5950.

The awards will be presented in the fall.



Career Milestones

25 years
Mary Ann Austin
Theresa Cramer
Jeanette Klopfenstein
Roxann Plantz
Nancy West

20 years
Joyce Anderson
George Barnette
Diane Hart
Cheryl Huntzinger
Duane Thacker

15 years
Jason Childs

10 years
Stacey Coriell
Sheri Bolyard
Theresa Hazlett

5 years
Tamika Livsey



**American
Red Cross**

Roger May blood drive

The late Roger May, who served as Supervisor of FCBDD's grounds and facilities, was a much beloved staff member with strong devotion to the American Red Cross. A blood drive in his honor is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22nd, at Administration, Conference Rooms B, C, and D. The drive will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Questions may be directed to Jeff Baird (Ext. 5951) or Mary Martin (Ext. 5801).

Exhibit opening party set

The opening party for the ARC Studios "Now You See Me" exhibit is set for Saturday, June 15th, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The party will provide an opportunity for all interested persons to celebrate the artists' accomplishments. The exhibit will run from June 11th through July 27th and will feature 50 paintings by ARC Studios artists.

The site of the exhibit is the Ohio State University's Urban Arts Space, 50 West Town Street, Suite 130. Longtime area residents will recognize this as the old Lazarus Department Store.

As the party will be catered, please notify Jackie Boyle in advance if planning to attend. Jackie can be reached at jackie.boyle@fcbdd.org.

Mark your calendar

The 12th annual Columbus Buddy Walk will be held on Sunday, September 22nd at Crew Stadium. Registration will begin at 9 a.m.

You are cordially invited to join over 5,000 walkers to help raise money to support the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio and the National Down Syndrome Society.

For more information, please contact Abbey Slee at aslee@dsaco.net.

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Calendar

May, 2013

- 8 Ohio Self-Determination Association central region meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 10:30 a.m. Special guest DODD official Patrick Stephan.
- 12 Mother's Day
- 13 Deadline for applications for John S. Siebald Scholarship program. For more details, please call Cathy Hutzel at 342-5743.
- 14 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 15 Family Support, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 16 FCBDD Human Resources and Finance Committee meetings, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 16 FCBDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 20 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting, Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Rd., 11:30 a.m.
- 23, 24 OACB 2013 Spring Conference. Hilton at Polaris, 8700 Lyra Dr. Call Ann Neu at 341-0616 for details.
- 27 Memorial Day observed - all county facilities closed.
- 28 West Central School graduation ceremony, 1481 W. Town St., 7 p.m.
- 29 Northeast School graduation ceremony, 500 N. Hamilton Rd., 7 p.m.