

Oswego Industries &
The Arc of Oswego County
Quarterly Internal Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ October 31: Halloween and Fall Festival
- ◆ December 6: OI Holiday Luncheon

FUN IN THE SUN: OI/The Arc Picnic 2019

This year's picnic took place Friday, August 16 at the Oswego Industries campus and had a fun carnival theme.



News From The Arc New York



The Arc NY is hosting its 70th Anniversary Annual Meeting in November. As part of the celebration, The Arc NY will be holding a film forum showing iconic films like *Best Boy* and *Twenty-Five Years After Willowbrook*.



Thank you to all of our 2019 members of The Arc!

There's no better time than the present to become a member of The Arc for 2020! More members strengthen our chapter's voice as we fight for the rights of the individuals we serve. Stop by Bekkah Frisch's office to start or continue your membership today. Membership is \$1 for individuals (\$5 for staff).



DSP Appreciation Week

The week of Sept. 9-13, Oswego Industries celebrated the agency's heroes, the DSPs. Festivities included Taco Tuesday, mini massages for the DSPs, an ice cream sundae bar, fun prizes, and more!



Left: Supervisors and support staff served tacos to DSP staff on Taco Tuesday.



Right: We recognized all of the amazing work our DSPs do every day with a praise board outside of the café.

Happy Retirement, Claudia!

Claudia F. recently retired from Textiles and is now a part of the Hughes family!



FLAME Concert and The Arc Membership Picnic

On September 6, The Arc of Oswego County held their annual membership picnic at West Linear Park in Oswego. FLAME the Band performed live, with fun classic tunes and a few new favorites.



There was plenty of dancing.



During his acceptance speech, Larry took time to call out past winners. Even in this honor, Larry was focused on others.



We had a wonderful day and a great crowd for this year's festivities!

Larry Steinburg was honored with the 2019 Dr. John Reading Award. Larry dedicated his career to empowering people with disabilities and their families. Congratulations, Larry!

Farm to Table Cooking Group

This cooking group used vegetables grown in the Lot 6 Garden to make a delicious and healthy meal that went straight from farm to table. Yum!



Michelle helped cook the sausage.

Those cucumbers look really fresh, Harold!



Oswego Industries Celebrates National Pet Month!

June was National Pet Month, and the celebration ran into July! Individuals and staff submitted photos of their pets and everyone voted on the best ones for different categories, including Most Destructive (Eric's ferrets took the prize on that category!).

Everyone who submitted a photo was entered into a fun raffle, and people whose pets won a category were able to take home a fun prize.



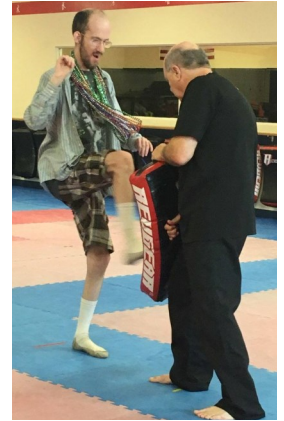
Congratulations to all of our winners!

Karate Class

Karate is in full swing with Sensei Munger. Self defense is an important skill to have!

Right: Nice moves, Josh!

Below: Everyone is practicing their kicks.



Grabbing Some Good Eats

Anthony, Toby, Danny, Joy, and Kevin headed to the Ponderosa in Pulaski for lunch and then had a shopping day.



A Big Fish Story

Amanda P., Lynette W., and Kim P. went to Eblings Pet Center in Baldwinsville to feed the big fish.



Rock Painting Party

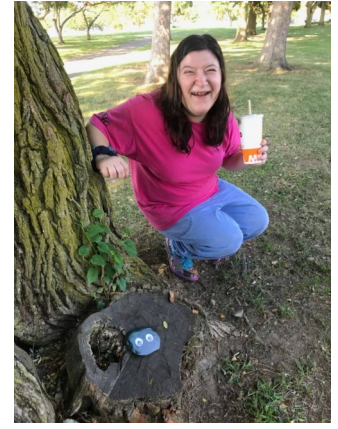


This group had a great time painting and hiding rocks in the park as part of Community Habilitation.

Ashley T. used plenty of bright colors on her rocks.



Robin W. hid her rock in a tree.



Sarah F. chose a more "down to earth" hiding spot.

Life is Grand



This group went to the Stewart's Shop's Grand Opening Event in Oswego this past August.

Don't forget to enjoy some milkshakes while you're there!

Michelle C., Jessica J., Melisa R., Sue L., Richard S., Lona L., Larry J., and Barb C. had a great time at the grand opening.

Paint Group



Brian, Joy, and Jason made colorful works of art during Respite's painting group.

Painting in the Park

Jesse J. shows off her artwork. Nice job!



Let's Dance!

This fun night was put on by the Respite program. Everybody was able to hang out and hit the dance floor.



Looks like Christina had a great time!



Jason and Toby enjoyed the tropical theme.

Syracuse Corvette Club Helps OI Build a Pavilion

A generous donation from the Syracuse Corvette Club allowed Oswego Industries to build a pavilion with a picnic table, Adirondack chairs, and a crushed stone walkway behind OI.

Make sure you go outside and check out the pavilion!



The Corvette Club also brought their rides to the OI/The Arc picnic!

Joshua R. stands with Corvette Club members and OI leadership to celebrate that the pavilion is completed.



OI Heads to Harborfest

Staff put together a sensory table with sand, water beads, and other fun activities in West Park.



Petting Zoo Fun

Those camels sure are friendly!



Self Advocacy at the Beach



Aaron, Beth, Greg, Bunnie, and Christina cooled off in the water (and made some silly faces!).



Roy relaxed on the playground.



Gotta make time to mess around, right Connie?

The Self-Advocacy Group went to Fair Haven in July. It was the perfect beach day—warm and sunny!



Back row: Roy, Jason, Greg, and Reed.
Front row: Jolene, Christina, Ricky, Beth, and Aaron.

About Oswego Industries Inc.

Our mission is to be a partner in the development of comprehensive community services designed to improve the quality of life for all people by providing the necessary support programs to enable individuals to grow with dignity and achieve their highest level of independence and self-fulfillment.

We are currently hiring for Direct Service Professionals (DSPs) to support the individuals we serve. To learn more about these and other current openings, visit us on the web at www.oswegoindustriesinc.org/careers.



About The Arc of Oswego County

The mission of The Arc of Oswego County is to be the premier provider of services to persons with developmental disabilities. Our commitment, first and foremost, is to individuals and their families, to provide choices, information, education and supports that will allow informed decisions and opportunities for growth, personal development and fulfillment.

We are looking for dedicated applicants to join our team as Community Habilitation and Respite Aides. Learn more about these and other current openings by visiting us at www.arcofoswegocounty.org/careers.



Community Shred Day

The Arc of Oswego County hosted a free Shred Day in September to help people get rid of sensitive documents safely. We filled the entire truck! Thank you to all of the volunteers who came out to help.



United Way Kickoff Campaign

Several members of the Oswego Industries team attended the kickoff to the United Way Capital Campaign in September. Here, SUNY Oswego Hockey Coach Diane Dillon speaks about the impact United Way has on the local community.

