

★ ★ ★ SLNYSARC Annual Dinner held at SUNY Potsdam ★ ★ ★



Daphne Pickert, Steven Sauter, Michelle Quinell-Gayle

SLNYSARC recently held their Annual Dinner at SUNY Potsdam's Barrington Student Union. Staff members, program participants, volunteers, and employees were praised for their achievements during the past year. SLNYSARC employee's from all sites were also spot-lighted for their years of service with the agency, ranging from 5 years to 35 years of service! These staff members were awarded plaques that listed their service years.

Posing for his picture with Daphne Pickert and Michelle Quinell-Gayle, Steven William Sauter was a proud recipient of The Community Spirit Award. Mr. Sauter advocates and embodies quality community interaction that inspires inclusion for all people. He is involved in the community, participates successfully in many programs where he demonstrates the abilities and spirit of a person with a disability.



Lowell Groulx and Shelly Jameson

Lowell Groulx received the Seaway Industries Employee of the Year Award. He has almost 40 years on the job at the Ogdensburg Seaway Industries. Mr. Groulx was recognized for his motivation and always giving his best to get the job done right.

The SLNYSARC Staff Member of the Year is Robert Voss, pictured with the Norwood Day Hab Director Beth Turner. Mr. Voss is a valued member of the team at the Norwood day site. His commitment to advocating for people with disabilities is among the many reasons he was honored. Mr. Voss was also selected for his loyalty, helpful attitude, and reliability.



Beth Turner and Robert Voss

Board Members and Administration also recognized staff members celebrating an anniversary for years of service. The following staff members were acknowledged for five years of service: Travis Caswell, Jade Chase, Amanda Christman, Stormy Collett, Shelly Dufrene, Michelle Gaebel, Crystal Green, Laurie Greenwood, Jane

Hewlett, Jannell Hoyt, Amelia Jarboe, Marie-Christine Mattioli, Brooke Moffitt, and Christopher Tulga. In honor of ten years of service, the following people were recognized: Angela Aldridge, Cindy Anderson, Judy Baderman, William Briggs, Stacy Cole, Lacey Cowles, Brooke Farr, Lena Gilbert, Stacey Hartigan, Cindy Hollinger, Lynn Jarvis, Helen June, Audrie Miller, Hyacinth Saburro, Jennifer Stone, and Ann Stratton. In honor of 15 years of service, the Agency acknowledged: Michael Borrelli, Casey Breault, Juanita Burns, Christina Cook, Julie Dashno, Brian Hicks, Lisa Ladue, Joseph Montgomery, Christopher Peets, Cory Peterson, Brenda Rich, Wanda Robidoux, Mandy Simser, Kathleen Snowman, and Lori Wickham. The following staff members were recognized for 20 years of service: Julia Blackmer, Paula Douglas, Nichole Garrow, Anne Horan, Robin Hoyt, Sandra Labow, Janet Lawton, Kevin Marsh, Kitty McAdam, Jennifer Vincent-Barwood. Also honored were several staff members for 25 years of service, including: Carrie Bryant and Robert Keyser. Russel Backus, Laurie Blais, Tina Brown, Josephine Clary, Terrance Clary, Janet Dyke, Rebecca Farr, Susan Farrell, Roxanna O'Donnell, John Perme, Patricia Potocar, and Mary Ann Tischler were recognized for their commitment of 30 years to the Agency. During the past year David Brassbridge, May Clark, Rebecca Cole, Richard Fitzgerald, and Sherri Love reached the milestone achievement of 35 years of dedicated service to SLNYSARC.

National DSP Recognition Week!

September 11th - 17th is National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week! This week our Chapters recognize and honor all the hard work of our highly skilled direct support professionals. They make the difference in the lives of the people we serve and their families every day. "One week is not enough to properly thank our Direct Support Professionals for the skillful and selfless work they do 365 days a year. We count on Direct Support Professionals to care for millions of seniors, people living with disabilities and the chronically ill," said Senator Cardin of Maryland, one of the many leaders in the U.S. Senate.

St. Lawrence NYSARC pays thanks to the outstanding work of Direct Support Professionals for their amazing contribution in our local communities that we serve and to all other communities across the nation.

A Very Cool Trip!



Pictured Above is Saturday Club group looking cool in front of the Ben and Jerry's Delivery Truck! Saturday Club traveled to Vermont recently to tour the Ben & Jerry's Factory in Waterbury. The group learned a great deal of the history behind the plant and how they make their delicious treats! This was a great trip to take during such a hot summer!

Team NYSARC August Events!

Let's Help Stuff the Bus! School Supplies will be distributed locally to needy families in the area! Things to stuff the bus with include school supplies such as Colored Pencils, Glue Sticks, Markers, Notebooks, Scissors, Pencils, Rules, and so on. For more information, feel free to contact Susan Freego Gibbons at Auxiliary Services!

Shelter Wish List! Our local Animal Shelter is looking for Dog and Cat items to help aid the Shelter's cause! The Shelter is looking for things such as Cat and Dog Treats, Cat and Dog Toys, Kitten chow, canned dog and cat food, and more! For more information, feel free to contact Susan Freego Gibbons at Auxiliary Services!

Ladies Give Back to the Community!

Bonnie and Shelley assisted at the Potsdam Humane Society by delivering shoes collected for their fund raiser. The Potsdam Humane Society's goal was to collect at least 2,500 pairs of shoes that were clean, still wearable, and in good condition! Bonnie and Shelley had their foot work cut out for them!

A big thanks to Bonnie and Shelley for taking the time to help give back in the community with assisting the Potsdam Humane Society. This proves that a little work and a whole lot of love can make a huge impact in our community and our lives!



From left to right: Bonnie Thurber and Shelley Gardner, each holding a pair of shoes

Autism AWARENESS Walk



Evil-Doers Beware! The Autism Awareness Walk is being held at the Canton Village Green, September 10th. Dress up as your favorite Super Hero to promote Autism Awareness and enter the Costume Contest! There will also be a flag contest and walkers who raise \$50 or more will receive an Autism Awareness t-shirt, while supplies

last! Gift bags will be given to the first 350 people registered. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. There will be food, music, activities for children of all ages, so come join us for family fun and entertainment!