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NYSARC 60th Anniversary Celebration



Jason Wheaton places Steuben's flag

On September 17th, NYSARC celebrated with a walk to the Capitol. Over 1,700 people with developmental disabilities, their families, friends, staff and advocates arrived at Albany's Riverfront Park for a walk to the Capitol steps. The Arc of Steuben was represented by 23 people. They traveled by tour bus, leaving Bath at 6 am and arriving back home late in the evening.

Led by the Schenectady Police Pipe Band, marchers ascended to the Capitol along downtown's most visible route where they were greeted by NYSARC President, Katherine Conroy, and several local and state elected officials.

The ceremony began with the singing of the national anthem by one of the founding members of the Orleans County Chapter. A representative of each Chapter carried their flag to the Capitol steps. Jason Wheaton carried our chapter's flag. Jason's parents, Bette and Ken, were also part of our chapter's contingent.

The program included remarks from state and local politicians, Katherine Conroy, Max Chmura of OMRDD, and the President of Capital Region Key Bank. A personal letter of congratulations from Governor Paterson was presented by an aid to the Governor.

Immediately following the ceremony, everyone returned to Riverfront Park for a picnic and music from *Flame*, Fulton County Chapter's rock band. The celebration was a huge success because of the collaboration among chapters across the state. The Arc of Steuben printed the 1,700 bright blue t-shirts, Herkimer County Chapter made the flags, and the Albany Chapter catered lunch.



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A New Way to Employment

by Marcel Lamb, Steuben Employment Services Manager

When I first became Manager of Steuben Employment Services (SES) in October of 2006, one of the earliest tasks I had to take care of was a pile of internal referrals to VESID. VESID stands for Vocational Educational Services to Individuals with Disabilities and is usually the initial service provider and funder of services to assist people with disabilities to obtain community employment. At that time the procedure was for the SES Manager and the local VESID Manager to review referrals from the Arc of Steuben prior to VESID opening them so that VESID could prescreen for people who would not meet their guidelines. Sherry, who desired clerical work, was found by VESID to



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Message from the Board President . . .



Mischelle Shattuck

I recently had the pleasure of attending the NYSARC convention in Albany. The convention is a time to recharge our spirits and refocus our energy. It is always a learning experience as we come face to face with so many people from around the state with common goals and concerns.

This year, because of the tremendous efforts of all of the staff, board members and others during our membership drive, and the huge push at the end of our membership drive we increased our membership to 1,535. Because of this increase in membership, the Arc of Steuben was the only chapter in New York State to receive an additional member to the NYSARC Board in 2009. I was nominated to represent the Arc of Steuben as the third NYSARC Board of Governors representative from our chapter. Thank you so very much for your support and the honor to represent this chapter at the state level.

I could not end this note without mentioning my concerns about the shrinking NYS budget. I urge each of you to consider contacting Governor Paterson, Senator Winner, and Assemblyman Bacalles to voice your concerns about what the budget cuts could mean to the people we serve and all of their families.

I want to wish all of you a Joyous Holiday Season and a Wonderful New Year.

Executive Director's Message . . .



Bernie Burns

Last quarter I wrote about the State's budget woes and their impact on the Arc. Unfortunately, the situation has gone from bad to terrible.

The Governor's mid-year deficit reduction plan threatens a 10% across the board cut in funds for nonprofit providers of service. If this number becomes a reality, that would be an approximate \$2 million cut for the Arc of Steuben. A reduction of that size will not easily be absorbed. Many people will lose service, and certainly the quality of what we do will suffer.

What can you do to help prevent this very serious threat?

First, you can call the Governor's (1-518-474-8390) office and voice your concern. Tell them about the importance of what the Arc does for you and how it has helped you and your family.

Next, contact your State Senator and Assemblyperson. Give them the same message.

Time is running out.

I could not close my last message of 2009 without thanking each of you for all you do for the Arc of Steuben and the people it serves. On behalf of all of us at the Arc of Steuben, may you have a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year!

Happy Holidays!

The Incredible Angels ...

by Matt Mehlenbacher, Director of Quality Enhancement

The Incredible Angels held their annual Summer Bash at James St. Park in Hornell on August 9th. This year, the group included an Ice Cream Social to the Summer Bash. The event started off well and everyone had a great time enjoying one another's company while visiting and eating some great food. Unfortunately, towards the end of the event Mother Nature graced us with the presence of an intense summer thunder storm. Everyone made it home safely and the weather provided everyone with some excitement.

The Incredible Angels' Vice-President resigned in June, so the group held an election to replace that person.

The new Vice-President choose to jump

...Corner

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The Campaign to Bring Us All Together at the Arc of Steuben

UPDATE REPORT

READY TO BEGIN PHASE 2 !

Phase 2 of the *Together We Soar* project is ready to begin construction as soon as the contractor is able to begin work. We expect construction to begin by the time this publication arrives in your mail boxes.

The second phase includes a transportation hub, relocation of clinic offices, expansion of the cafeteria, and expansion and reconfiguration of the businesses that make up our work center. The new construction will fill in the space between the existing work center and the bus garage and alongside the new portion of the building. The existing portion of the building will be remodeled to match Phase 1 construction. Interior colors, floor covering and tiles will be consistent throughout the entire building, regardless of the age of any particular wing.

The total cost of Phase 2 is \$1,056,000. The poor economy and potential funding cuts will not affect construction because construction funds had been set aside.



Nine year old Abby Dinehart raised \$73.75 for the Capital Campaign by selling vegetables grown by her grandfather Bill Dinehart, a member of the Arc's Board of Directors. Her uncle works in the vocational center and Abby knows how important this project is for him. She sold the vegetables at her parents' Keuka Lake cottage and also sold glasses of homemade lemonade. Abby was delighted when some people made an extra little donation to her cause.

Kudos and many thanks to Abby for making a difference!

- Total Project Cost: \$4 million on Phase I
\$1 million projected Phase II
To date, 96% of the cost has been met.
- Capital Campaign Goal: \$1.35 million
As of September 30, \$1,165,100 (86%) has been raised.

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Thank you for your generosity!

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The Arc of Steuben Recognizes Outstanding Associates

Team of the Quarter . . .

Laurie Lang and Rebecca Miller were selected as the Team of the Quarter. They were nominated by Judy Perkowski of the Wayland IRA. “Laurie and Becky were asked to take Harry and Jack down to NYC and NJ respectively to visit their families. Jack had been down and met his family two years ago, and his family wanted to have a huge picnic in Jack’s honor. Since Harry is turning 90 in December, we thought it would be extra nice if Harry visited his old stomping ground, Brooklyn, and visited his family as well. Harry had not been to NYC in over 10 years plus.

“It was a fast trip, just over the weekend, but what it meant to the families, Harry, and Jack is what made the trip worthwhile and priceless. While they were there, they rode the Ferry, visited Ellis Island, and saw the Statue of Liberty.

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Associate of the Month . .

The Arc of Steuben recognizes the following outstanding Associates of the Month:

Brandy Cullen (left) was chosen to be the August Associate of the Month. She was nominated by the Fourth Street and Belle Haven teams, who noted: “Brandy Cullen is a positive role model for our ladies at Fourth Street and our gentlemen at Belle Haven. No matter what her personal mood is, she always puts a smile on her face. Brandy is a team player. She will help cover shifts or assist with finding coverage when there is a short notice call off and helps the new associates learn the ropes. Brandy is very dependable and can be flexible when needed. Brandy puts 100% into her work and never leaves a job unfinished.”



Michelle Schlesing (center), Steuben Janitorial Service Assistant Manager, was the September Associate of the Month. She was nominated by Deanna Skinner, who said: “Michelle not only will go out of her way for the agency but is very people first and looks out for the best interests of the people we serve. When staff is short, Michelle rolls up her sleeves, works on the crews, and still attends to her duties in the office. I don’t believe you could find one person

that won't say Michelle is always fair and willing to listen to any issues that may come around. She doesn't just stand back and pretend to care; she does something about it however she can.”

Deanna Skinner (right), Steuben Employment Services Job Developer, was nominated by Lena Smith and selected to be October Associate of the Month. Lena noted: “Deanna has been working in her new position as Job Developer for

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Instructor of the Month . . .

Congratulations to **Tim Wright**, Residential Nursing Coordinator, who was selected as the Instructor of the Month for August. Tim provides Medication Administration Certification Training.



Celebrating Direct Support Associates . . .

by Michelle Schlesing, Steuben Janitorial Services Assistant Manager



Patrick Finnerty became involved with the Arc of Steuben on January 6, 2000. He worked as a Crew Member on Steuben Janitorial Services Corning Pressware Crew. Patrick worked in his own areas and needed very little supervision. Patrick also took care of all the floor care in the contract and worked very well with all of his coworkers. Patrick and I worked together to increase his self-confidence. His goal was to become a Crew Supervisor for Steuben Janitorial Services. Although it took a few tries, Patrick achieved his goal and became an Associate of the Arc of Steuben on March 4, 2004. I worked with Patrick as his Job Coach for about 6 months, then he was comfortable with the crew and was ready to release that support. As it turned out, Patrick now supervises the same crew he was once a member of. Patrick also takes care of all the supplies and tracks what is needed to fulfill the contracts we clean. Patrick has won several awards through the Arc of Steuben and has achieved a great deal here. He is a wonderful person, a great supervisor, and an excellent associate. Thank you Patrick for all you do.

The FriendRaising Report

The Arc of Steuben Foundation hosted the first FriendRaising event on Saturday September 26, 2009. Five Star Bank sponsored this event.

Gracious and generous hosts opened their homes to guests for an evening of great company, delicious food, and interesting conversation. Dinner hosts prepared a special meal for eight to ten people. Karen Meriwether, Arc Foundation Vice President, and her husband Tom Snow prepared two meals for their guests who traveled far and were invited to spend the night!

The FriendRaising event raised \$9,000 for the Foundation. Nine hosts entertained forty-nine guests. An additional twenty-one people who were unable to attend made gifts to the event. We look forward to the second event next summer and hope many more will join us.

Thank you to our wonderful hosts:

- John & Karen Carozza
- Marcia Coon & Bob Narde
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- Al & Denece Gossie
- Luanne Graulich
- Paul & Vivian Greenfield
- Lorraine & Gerhard Konig
- Karen Meriwether & Tom Snow
- Bob & Liz Turissini

Etta Thompson Wins the Elias-Hubbs Award

(The Elias-Hubbs Memorial Achievement Recognition Award is given quarterly to a person we serve who has made outstanding achievements or overcome tough obstacles to realize a personal goal.)

The third quarter Elias-Hubbs Memorial Achievement Recognition Award winner is Etta Thompson. She was nominated by Judy Perkowski, who said: "Etta moved to Wayland from an environment that had been psychologically harmful to her. She worked with her service coordinator to get herself out of that environment. She had to leave all her belongings behind, which was all she had left since her mother and father had passed away. It was very difficult for her to finally break away, but with the support of her service coordinator and her vocational counselor, she made the right decision for herself. Since the move, she continued working in the embroidery department, successfully applied for supported employment services, and recently obtained employment in her community. She wants to get involved in her community and join the American Legion Auxiliary and Moose Clubs. She currently is involved in ceramics, art class and bowling. She has a boyfriend, and they plan on getting married, moving into an apartment, and making a life for themselves. Until that happens, Etta is working on personal goals which will benefit her life."



Happy Face Friends

Happy Face Friends is a support and social group for those with Down Syndrome and their families.

Happy Face Friends meets the second Tuesday of every month from 6pm-8pm.

For more information on Happy Face Friends, please call Janet Watkins at (607) 524-6179.

Membership Goal Met

It takes a great team to achieve success, and the Arc of Steuben team proved once again that success is possible when we all work together.

This year we set our membership goal high because we wanted to add a third representative from our chapter to the Board of Governors of NYSARC Inc. Five weeks before the membership deadline we had less than 1,000 members enrolled and we needed 1,501 to meet our goal.

The rally call went out and associates and Board members responded. Joy Shannon, Service Coordinator, came in with the most memberships among associates, having enrolled 30 people. Joy was awarded with three gift certificates donated by local restaurants.



Joy Shannon earned gift certificates for her outstanding membership campaign results.



A family-based organization working with and for people who have mental retardation or other developmental disabilities.

Interactive Art Is Fun!



Artists Tony Moretti and Gwen Quigley received a grant through the Arts Council of the Southern Finger Lakes to create an interactive public arts experience called ‘Metamorphosis’. They created this metal sculpture (pictured on left) and placed it outside the front entrance to the Arc of Steuben. On October 14 with the help of a small group of children, people at the Bath campus created this work of art (pictured on right). Natural materials including leaves, vines, pods, grasses, flowers, rocks and gourds were used to turn the bare metal frame into an animal of beauty. Everyone had a great experience working on this artistic group project.

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“It was not an easy trip. Harry is in a wheelchair and requires special equipment to be transferred, and they had to take all the special equipment with them. He needed accessibility in their motel, restaurants and everywhere they went, and even in this day and age where all facilities are supposed to be accessible, they are not always. Harry’s wheelchair was checked before leaving on the trip; however, there was still a problem. One of the front wheels came loose to the point of almost off, so Becky had to go find and purchase Allen wrenches to fix it. So besides being care givers, we are also trained to be whatever is needed at the time.

“What was so great about this whole trip is that I have received phone calls from both families who are so appreciative of the fact that we provide such great care to their family members, and it is evident they are happy. Laurie and Becky should be proud of what was accomplished. Even though it was fast and furious, long hours and days, the end result was awesome!”

Also nominated were: The Rock and Roar Team of Ann Patti, Sarah Briggs, Stacey Bennett, Alicia McLaughlin, Pam Schoonmaker, Laurie Sutton, Jodi Webster, Barb Ketchum, Darla Savey, Cathy Wolf, Jodie Charles, Eric Buisch, and Aric Pietsch; and the Brundage Road IRA Associates (Karen Pearl, Mary Ryan, Trina Oplinger, Shawn Rice, Paula Gardiner, Shauna Stratton, Ric Miller, Roy Williams, Pat Predmore, Becky Tuten, Gina Campbell, Vincent Young, MaryAnne Mistretta, Keli Machuga, D’Arcy Shorthouse, Ashley Davis, Theresa Hoerter, Stephany Dungan, Lori Ray, and Darlene Hamilton).

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not qualify. They felt her needs would never allow her the independence in employment required by VESID to qualify her for their services. We had to tell Sherry we could not help her.

In the last part of 2008, OMRDD offered opportunities for a new program—the Enhanced Supported Employment program (Enhanced SEMP). Enhanced SEMP was to be much different from what regular Supported Employment had to offer. It would allow for the most intensive supports needed for up to five years. The Arc of Steuben applied for and received approval for an Enhanced SEMP project that would serve up to ten individuals at a time. Sherry was one of the first individuals on board and the first one to become successfully employed.

Although we have a multitude of resources in place to assist an individual to determine what type of work they would like, these tools were not needed in Sherry’s case. Sherry’s dream job has always been to work in an office environment.

Her Employment Specialist, Arc staff, and the Arc of Steuben worked together to help carve a clerical position for Sherry. Her dream came true on September 21, 2009, when she was hired as a part-time clerk for the Arc of Steuben. Sherry loves coming to work every day. With the assistance of a job coach, she files paperwork, makes copies, puts packets together, and places labels on brochures. Sherry is a dedicated worker who is also friendly and capable. She is quickly fitting into her work environment and making friends with the other associates. We are proud to have her as an employee at the Arc of Steuben.

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a few months now, and she has been doing an excellent job at placing the people we serve in hard to find jobs in our communities. Deanna is a natural when it comes to opening doors with the employers. She has even found jobs for people that we never believed would work in the community. For example at the Sherriff’s Office, she placed a person, who is a quadriplegic and needed an accommodation. Deanna loves her new position and enjoys talking to employers. She always says, ‘I work for the people we serve.’ Making a cold call to an employer is not an easy thing to do, but Deanna makes it look effortless. Deanna is a valuable part of our team, and her co-workers and the people we serve really appreciate her efforts.”



News from Home

Jobs Make the World Go Around

By Judy Perkowski, Residence Coordinator

Etta Thompson has found her own job—truly a success story. When Etta first made the choice to move to Wayland, she had to leave her family home environment because of a sensitive situation. She had to leave her very personal and endearing items which her parents had left her, a choice which was very difficult for her to make.

She continued to work at Industrial Park, went on recreational activities which she enjoyed—bowling, ceramic class, color guard, and continued to see a truly special friend every week. When Etta felt comfortable in her community, she would visit Quinlan's Pharmacy Gift Nook quite frequently because she loves to shop. While there, she often asked if they needed any help because she was looking for a job.

John Quinlan developed a position for Etta. It consists of cleaning, stocking and restocking shelves, dusting, and vacuuming the carpets. She works Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and some Saturdays from 4:30pm until closing. Etta advocated for herself, asking for Tuesdays off because she was on a bowling league, and if that would be a problem. Evidently not because Etta got the job and she absolutely loves it. While being a very personable and friendly individual might have been one of the reasons for getting the job, another is that she is very persistent.

If you see Etta in the community, wish her well. She is very proud of herself and well she should be.



This year's Relay for Life was another great event! Team StArcky helped raise over \$1000 for the American Cancer Society. Many fundraisers were held, which included hot dog sales at Wal-Mart, donations from Woodhull Raceway, a car wash, and a bake goods raffle. Pictured above are Fred Wood and Ronica Mosher cooking at the hot dog sales. Dennis Milliner hosted a car wash at the Belle Haven site. Thank you to all who helped make this year's Relay another successful one!



Ben had the opportunity this year to attend the Yankees vs. Red Sox game at Yankee Stadium. He had a great time!



Larry Stratton recently participated in the hunter safety course at the Almond Rod and Gun Club. Larry attended the three-day course and became certified in bow safety. He was assisted by several members of the class who read the safety manual to him while he verbally completed the course work. Associates then assisted Larry with the home work assignments. He was very excited and nervous on test day, but passed with flying colors. Larry is pictured (left) with his new bow and is looking forward to hunting season.



The Stars of Arc Color Guard perform during Opening Ceremonies at the 2009 Upstate Fall Classic in Rochester on October 3rd.



Driver Simulator at Arc

by Debra Gleason, Director of Transportation

Arc of Steuben uses state-of-the-art technology in their driver/fleet safety program to train agency drivers and others.

During a six-week period from August 5 to September 16, 2009, a multi-user mobile driver simulator was parked at the Arc of Steuben Campus. The mobile driver simulator is part of a statewide bus driver training program made possible through the work of the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP). The RTAP Advisory Committee, under the direction of Paul Ouderkirk of NYSDOT, who was the visionary behind a "traveling" bus simulator, began investigating bus simulator training in the fall of 2002. Recognizing that rural operators did not have sufficient financial resources to purchase this type of training, a regional approach was needed.

In January 2007, Broome County Transit in Binghamton acquired the multi-station simulator mounted inside a trailer, with funding provided by NYSDOT. Prior to 2007, the only operators in New York with bus simulators were the Metropolitan Transit Authority, New York City Transit, and the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority, largely due to the fact that simulators are so expensive. The simulator is primarily housed at Broome County Transit during the winter, but moves to various host locations around the state for use in local and regional training classes. Debra Gleason, Director of Transportation of the Arc of Steuben, has been a long-time member of the Advisory Committee and advocated to be one of the sites to host the driver simulator once it was acquired.

The simulator was delivered in August 2009 to the Arc of Steuben. Steuben Area Ride trainers, Jill Kline, Driving Team Coordinator; Barry Andrews, Bus Driver/CDL Trainer; and Debra Gleason, Transportation Director, began a series of 2 hour training sessions utilizing several of the DVD training videos that were available. Training was opened up to all associates of the Arc of Steuben, as well as people we provide supports to and other Arc's and transportation providers. Over 119 people participated in the trainings. They provided over 80 hours of training. Topics included Evasive Action Skills, Threat Recognition, Rural Roadways, Stopping in Time, Adverse Weather Driving, etc. The simulator lets drivers experience real life situations and allows

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them to practice safe driving techniques. They are able to go through driving scenarios that test their abilities. We look forward to having the opportunity to bring the simulator back to our agency.

Quotes from a few satisfied participants include:

"Hands on experience really made you think

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The Green Way

by Eric Buisch

Although the main colors identified with our Agency logo are Blue and Gold, there is another color that is equally important. That color is Green. For those of us who are fortunate enough to work in one of the most modern working environments in the Southern Tier, we are not only thankful for the opportunity to work in a brand new building but we are also fortunate to work in an environment that is "Green". There are numerous innovative and technological advancements that have been designed into the new building that make it Green. From the moment you walk into the building, you are stepping on the floor mats in our entrances that are designed to reduce pollutant exposure by capturing dirt and other contaminants. We also have one of the most energy efficient HVAC (heating ventilation & air condition-ing) systems that will save our agency an estimated \$100,000 annually. Our new building is also equipped with a water usage reduction program—our lavatories were designed to reduce the amount of water that is being used in our bathrooms and some of the new toilets will save an estimated 20,000 gallons of water a year.

Associates are encouraged to carpool and those who do are rewarded with parking space closest to the entrance. There are several other pollution reduction plans that are in effect that will help reduce light pollution and vehicle pollution.

We have recently deployed a very thorough recycling program that will significantly reduce the amount of waste that is produced on a daily basis. As associates of the Arc of Steuben, there are a number of ways that we have a "Green" impact on the environment in which we work in. As members of the communities in which we live, there are a number of ways that we can continue to participate in "The Green Way" that will have a positive impact on our local environments.

Recycling at home is one of the easiest ways in which we can make our environment cleaner. Recycling has been around for nearly 40 years and it is important that you know what you can and cannot recycle. Each city/town has its own rules when it comes to recycling. The essence of recycling is the cyclical movement of materials through the system, eliminating waste. The more we recycle, the less we waste which will give us a cleaner environment to work in, to play in and to live in. Recycling is not only the right way to live...

It's the Green Way!



Official Opening to the Community

An Open House was held on September 11, 2009. Supporters, friends, and the public were invited to see the new building. About 200 people took the tour to learn about the first Green office building in Steuben County.

Cutting the ribbon at the main entrance are (left to right) architect John Lusk, Arc Foundation President Connie Manikas, Dr. Sam Pennise of the Fred and Harriett Taylor Foundation, Incredible Angels Vice President Scott Detzler, State Assemblyman James Bacalles, R-Corning, Arc Board of Directors President Mischelle Shattuck and Bath Mayor David Wallace.

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about how to drive more safely and allow extra time for unsafe conditions, very beneficial"

"Loved the experience, reinforced good driving behavior as well as skills."

"Eye opener for us seasoned 'creature of habit' drivers."

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right into his new office and responsibilities, so on September 11th he was asked to step in for the Incredible Angels' President, who was ill, at the Arc's open house ribbon cutting ceremony. He did an excellent job.

The Incredible Angels held their annual Spaghetti Dinner on October 10th. The turn out was not as good as previous years, but a good time and great food were had by all who attended. All in all, the fundraiser was a success and the profit will help offset the costs for self-advocates attending some local, regional and state conferences.

The annual Halloween Dance was held on Sunday, October 25th from 1 PM - 4 PM at the Wayland American Legion. The event was open to everyone and it was one of our most successful dances in recent history. Prizes were awarded to several people based on the following categories; (Best Couple) Mark Anthony and Cleopatra, (Funniest) an elderly Baby New Year, (Scariest) a phantom reaper, (Best Man) Chef Mike, and (Best Woman) the fairy princess. Apple cider and fresh bakery doughnuts were served and everyone had an excellent time.

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