

Randolph resident elected president of the ARC/Morris Chapter



New President

President Elect Wendy Utberg of Randolph, right, was recently elected President of The Arc/Morris Chapter, the county's oldest non-profit agency serving people with developmental disabilities. She is shown here with Mary Girolando, who received the agency 2014 Professional of the Year Award. For more information concerning the programs and services of The Arc/Morris Chapter, call 973.370.3326 or visit www.arcmorris.org.

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RANDOLPH TWP. -- Recognizing 60 years of service to the citizens of Morris County, the Frelinghuysen Arboretum was the site of The Arc/Morris Chapter's Annual Meeting and Awards & Volunteer Recognition event on May 17.

Randolph resident Gwendolyn Utberg was elected president of the non-profit organization.

More than 100 guests were on hand to recognize outstanding service to people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities.

The Annual Meeting of the organization was highlighted by the election of officers and directors.

Utberg has been on the Board of Directors since 2006 and has served as the organization's vice president for several years.

Other individuals elected to offices included Katherine Cascioli of Towaco as first vice president, Barry Levine of Denville as second vice president, Wendy Abrahamson of Madison as treasurer and Tom Horn of Long Valley as secretary. James Gallagher of Rockaway Township completed his third term as president and will serve as immediate past president of the

organization. Four directors were re-elected to the Board, including Peter Babits of Clifton, Irene Hansen of Dover, Kathleen Hyland of Morristown and Philip Sheehy of Randolph.

Alan Adler of Morristown and Kathleen Ingargiola of Montville will begin new terms on the Board of Directors.

Following the Annual Meeting, the Awards and Recognition event honored nine individuals and organizations for their work in support of the non-profit organization, whose mission is the care, support and advancement of people with intellectual disabilities and their families. Award winners included Dr. Margery Mark for health care professional, Adam DiLauro with the Bill Sackter Citizenship Award, Mary Ann Reilly with the Parent Guardian Award and Mary Giorlando with the Professional of the Year Award. The Hanover Township Department of Parks and Recreation was also recognized with the agency's Distinguished Community Service Award. C.R. Bard and the Vanderbush Family received Best Friend Awards, while Thomas Horn was given the 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award. Frank Clancey of Bernardsville, was given the organization's highest honor for lifetime achievement, the Distinguished Service Award.

Volunteers and volunteer groups were also acknowledged for their contribution to the agency. They included local councils of both the Knights of Columbus and the Masons, as well as other social and civic organization such as the Randolph Lions Clubs. Local foundations and a number of area churches and schools were also acknowledged for their work with the non-profit agency. Individual volunteers were also thanked for the thousands of hours of time contributed to the organization.

The not-for-profit agency has been serving people with special needs and their families since 1954. Services include residential and day programs for adults; therapeutic recreation for all ages; and support and respite for families. For more information, call 973.326.9750 x211 or visit www.arcmorris.org.