



Day Services Digest

What's happening?

DSP WEEK 2018



This is a week-long celebration in recognition of the dedication and accomplishments of outstanding Direct Support Professionals and their vital contribution to DDI.

Vocational News

In Supported Employment, **Scott R** and **Michael M** were eager to resume their seasonal maintenance employment at the Long Island Ducks. They are looking forward to seeing the Ducks win another Championship.

Congratulations to **Darral C.** whose outstanding customer service got the attention of the Stop and Shop's corporate office. Stop and Shop had received so many customer compliments about how friendly and helpful Darral is that he was mentioned in a corporate meeting. Way to go Darral! We're so proud of you!

Supported Employment staff wants to recognize **Frank C.** for the significant improvement in his job performance this month. Keep up the great work Frank!

Congratulations to **Timothy Q.** and **Courtney G.** for successfully passing their 90 day evaluation at Well Life Network.

Congratulations to **Tim M** for earning an award at Walgreens in Riverhead. Tim did such a great job keeping up on removing the



expired items off the shelves that he was given this award and had his picture posted on the office bulletin board for all to see. Keep shining!

Special thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of the ADS Newsletter.

Welcome to all new ADS staff members.



Come download a great night of technology and art. Where a mouse, a keyboard, and gadgets create amazing hard drives of memory.



New Art Exhibit OPENING – August 16, 2018

Drumming Along....



Lake Avenue had a great time when a professional drummer came to conduct a drum circle with our individuals. The north side sent Mike, Lisa, and John with assistant manager, Shayna. The south side sent Anthony and George with assistant manager, Breanna. The drum circle started off with everyone learning an introduction song. We were all welcomed to choose an instrument of our choice and we started drumming, shaking our maracas and banging on our triangles and singing in harmony to tell our new friends our names.

After introductions, our new favorite songs and she let us instruments. The instructor make music quietly and how energetic and enthusiastic out of their seats, dancing to favorite songs but also to



friend asked us some of our play them out on our taught our individuals how to make music loudly in a fun, matter. Our guys were up and the beat of some of their songs they have never heard before. The individuals stayed engaged and had a smile from ear to ear the entire time.

John had the best time singing along to his favorite songs. At the end of the session, the instructor gave our individuals an incredible opportunity to play the guitar. The instructor did hand over hand movements with the guys and they all played a section of "You Are My Sunshine" as they happily sang along.



WALK IN THE PARK

ddi Developmental Disabilities Institute

2018 Grand Marshal
Liberty Coca-Cola of Smithtown

Walk in the Park & Family Picnic

Sunday, September 23, 2018
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
9:30 AM Registration
Walk kicks off at 11:00 AM

Music
Playground
Petting Zoo
Barbeque Lunch
Face Painting
Magician

Rain Date: September 30, 2018
Holtsville Ecology Park
249 Buckley Road
Holtsville, NY 11742

Your participation enhances the lives of the children and adults we support.
Raise \$50 and receive a one-of-a-kind Walk T-Shirt.

Visit our Events page at www.ddiny.org to create your team today!

For questions, contact Ellen Holmes at (631) 566-2978 or ellen.holmes@ddiny.org

Satisfaction Survey Time!

Please be on the lookout for your survey in



the mail or via email. You can complete the same survey online at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/tzGgopvoM93kanvg1>

We are asking if possible that you complete and/or return the survey by September 1, 2018.

Dancing For Autism

Dancing For Autism 7: Rise Up was an absolute success as DDI's performers danced their hearts out in front of friends, family and the community on May 25, 2018. Kings Park High School yet again generously donated their auditorium for our performance in collaboration with the Vic D'Amore's American Studio of Performing Arts. A combination of Irish step dancing, hip hop, lyrical, tap, jazz, musical theater and acrobatics were showcased at the fun filled evening of dance and music. Proceeds from the event benefit the Adult Day Services programs at Disabilities Institute, Inc. (DDI). Dancing for Autism brought together adults supported by DDI with dancers from Vic D'Amore's Studio in a performance dedicated to rising above negativity and promoting a positive outlook on life for all.

DDI TIGERS TEAM GAVE IT THEIR ALL IN CHAMPIONSHIP GAME!

The DDI Tigers advanced to the 2018 LIDSBBB Championship game with a big playoff victory against the IGHL Hurricanes by the score of 52 - 12. The Tigers had a comfortable lead throughout the game with the entire team contributing to the win by playing both a solid offensive and defensive game. Great job Lorenzo, Courtney, Justin, Brian, Ian and Dan on the win!

Unfortunately, the Tigers fell short to the Lakers in this year's Championship game. We will be ready for next season!



GO Tigers!



GOOGLE EXPEDITIONS VIRTUAL REALITY LEARNING - Coming Soon...

Adult Services preparing to launch Google Expeditions program. Google Expeditions is an immersive education app that allows instructors and learners to explore the world through over 800 virtual-reality (VR) and 100 augmented-reality (AR) tours. You can swim with sharks, visit outer space, turn the classroom into a museum, and more without leaving the classroom.

Instructors and learners use mobile devices and VR viewers to virtually explore an art gallery or museum, swim underwater, or navigate outer space, without leaving the classroom.



ADAMS



Horticultural Club! By Robyn R- The Adams Avenue Gardening in the Industrial Parking-lot was such a wonderful and awesome hit! We pulled out weeds and raked up a storm. We also shoveled the dirt away. I have been watering the garden using the watering can of course. We also painted beautiful rocks that look cute as a button. I sweep the parking-lot until my arms are tired. We even grew our own potatoes! But the most important part is I learned in April that earth day is every day and to take care of our environment.

Tour at GVP Digital Media Studios! By Joshua S- Today my peers and I toured an awesome studio in Ronkonkoma and we had a blast. I was able to play the part as the weather man. And my peers played the part of being interviewed on a live set. We also learned what it takes to put together a show. The staff at GVP also showed us the control room and how to edit the material and footage for the show. After the show we were able to meet and greet all of the staff at GVP and they taught us how their business is conducted nationally. We really enjoyed learning about the broadcast and multimedia business. We would love to attend this tour again.

AVENUE

Riverhead News...

Andres Cifuentes along with Chris Resnick, Danielle Martin, and Jake Lucera all volunteered to help during Dancing for Autism. Andres coordinated the event along with his peers Michele Heller and Steve Gagas. Chris, Danielle, and Jake all helped out the night of event selling tickets and concessions. Thank you to all who helped with this successful event!



Main Street Masterpieces hosts Respite ART NIGHT

In June, the Respite Program participated in the art gallery classes with Art Gallery Assistant Jacqueline Stevens at the Church Street site. The Respite program is provided the opportunity to work with the Art Gallery Assistant on various types of art using different materials/modalities. This month, the group worked on technology art pieces for the next Main Street Masterpieces Art Gallery exhibit. The groups really enjoyed working with Jacqueline using water color paint and old pieces of computer to create their unique pieces of work. Everyone did well following the art instructor's directions and were really interested using materials from an old computer. The group looks forward to finishing their pieces of art work and seeing them on display in the next art gallery exhibit.



Main Street NEWS



Main Street has been keeping busy enjoying the nice weather along with making new friends. Though there have been some hot days, we are taking advantage of the summer season. We've been to Sunken Meadow Park for a BBQ followed up with a picnic the next week at Blydenburgh Park. Arboretum and Connetquot River. too hot, we continue Walking on the 10,000 steps is a common goal! And what's summer without ice cream? The Main Street crew had a blast on Ice Cream Friday when we made our own sundaes with all the works. Since we get our 10,000 steps in it was a nice reward for everyone's hard work! The highlight of the summer so far has been the Annual Spring Fling. This year the group put on their dancing shows and had a blast at the Watermill Catering Hall.



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The gang at Main Street has said "hello" to new friends who recently started at the program. Assad, Ira, Barbara, and Francis have been welcomed into the program with open arms!

Without Walls DIVES IN.....



In June, the Day Hab With Out Walls program took a trip to the Long Island Aquarium in Riverhead. The groups enjoyed getting a chance to touch the sting rays in the sting ray pool and feed the Stingrays little fish. We also enjoyed watching the Sea Lion show and learning how the trainers as the Riverhead Aquarium get



the Sea Lions to perform their many tricks. Everyone really enjoyed the various exhibits at the Aquarium including the shark tanks, fish tanks, and butterfly/bird exhibit. We spent all day there and took advantage of the nice weather to walk around outside and visit the penguins, koi pond, marshlands, monkeys, and sea lions. The Aquarium staff shared lots of new information about the animals. We truly enjoyed interacting with them.



Huntington Happenings....



At Huntington, everyone has been enjoying the newly renovated site. The renovation being added to everyone can sit working on a scenes hanging resulted in a new sitting area the common space. Here and relax while reading, puzzle, or just enjoy the beach on the wall.



Everyone has been keeping up with all of the including Island Harvest, Job Club, Self-Computer Class, playing UNO, and visiting parks and beaches.

activities we typically enjoy Advocacy, Cooking Club,

The highlight for the group was the Spring Fling. We joined our friends from Main Street for the annual event. As always, a great time was had by all!