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THE NEWSLETTER OF LA CROSSE CITIZEN ADVOCACY

## Recycling

 Don't forget your ink cartridges, collected at any CA event!

## Wish List

- Citizen Advocacy could use a new **color inkjet printer** and a **copy machine**. Something contemporary and gently used would be appreciated.
- **Volunteers to help with mailings, office tasks, and event planning.** If you have computer skills, a talent for typing or data entry, or enjoy organizing, please consider volunteering with La Crosse CA.
- Individuals interested in joining our **fundraising committee**. Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at noon. For more information, contact the office.
- A **corporate sponsor** interested in our ink-jet recycling campaign! If you or someone you know can support this fundraiser, please contact the office for more details.

As always, if you or someone you know would like to become more involved with La Crosse Citizen Advocacy as a council or committee member, an advocate or a supporter, please contact the office at 608-782-4760 or [info@citizenadvocacylacrosse.org](mailto:info@citizenadvocacylacrosse.org).

## From the Coordinator

We have had an exciting couple of months here at Citizen Advocacy since our last newsletter! To begin, Citizen Advocacy had an outstanding turnout at our 5th Annual Golf Outing. This was the kick-off to our 30th Anniversary Celebrations, and we had a wonderful day of beautiful weather and great camaraderie! We thank all of our golfers, sponsors, and supporters for their generous support. We have also reserved Fox Hollow Golf Course for our 6th Annual Golf Outing, scheduled for May 16, 2010. Be sure to SAVE THE DATE!

We are also pleased to announce that Citizen Advocacy now has two new public service announcements through the generous effort and support of Dr. Patricia Turner and her students in Communication Studies at University of Wisconsin – La Crosse. The PSAs are playing on local television stations. They can also be viewed through a link on the Citizen Advocacy website at [www.CitizenAdvocacyLaCrosse.org](http://www.CitizenAdvocacyLaCrosse.org).

Thanks to the dedicated support of Susan Schuyler and students in Communication Studies at University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, we are also nearing completion of a new brochure. As soon as the new brochure is finalized, we will post it to our website for immediate download.

We also have two big events coming up! The **Bantry Tea Garden** will be hosted at **Irishfest, August 7-9**. We'd love to have you join us at this important fundraiser. We will also be a part of the **Oktoberfest Heritage Night on September 30**. Come down and enjoy the fun!

Finally, I say goodbye to Citizen Advocacy as Program Coordinator. I will, however, continue the mission of protecting the rights and supporting the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities in other capacities. I thank everyone for the wonderful opportunities that have been provided while working with CA.

*Always, Audrey*



## MISSION STATEMENT

*La Crosse Citizen Advocacy is dedicated to protecting the rights, promoting the interests, and supporting the lives of individuals with developmental and related disabilities.*

## Shopping

Don't forget to designate La Crosse Citizen Advocacy as your recipient of choice when you shop (or search) on the following web sites:



[www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com)



[www.motherearthfundraising.com](http://www.motherearthfundraising.com)



[www.greenraising.com](http://www.greenraising.com)

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[www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)

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## Calendar of Events

For more information on any event or to get more involved, contact the office at 608-782-4760 or [info@citizenadvocacylacrosse.org](mailto:info@citizenadvocacylacrosse.org).

### August 7-9, 2009, Bantry Tea Garden at the Southside Fest Grounds

*Irish Fest:* This is one of Citizen Advocacy's annual events! Come visit, buy a beverage, scone, or sandwich—or volunteer. We'd love to see you there!

### September 30, 2009, La Crosse Center, Oktoberfest Heritage Night

*Oktoberfest:* Enjoy our annual menu of pork and sauerkraut, bread pudding, and coffee!

### October 24, 2009

*30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Homecoming:* A day of stories and memories as members of La Crosse Citizen Advocacy share what CA has meant to them and their lives.

### November 27, 2009, Riverside Park

*Rotary Lights Parade:* Join Citizen Advocacy in the parade as we march to the official lighting ceremony, or watch street-side.

### December 31, 2009, Riverside Park

*Rotary Lights:* Come join Citizen Advocacy volunteers at Rotary Lights. Be sure to visit us the last night of the year.

### May 16, 2010, Fox Hollow Golf Course

*Save the date* for 6th Annual Citizen Advocacy Golf Outing. We look forward to seeing you there!

*"Ability is of little account without opportunity."*

—Napoleon Bonaparte

## Donations

I would like to support **La Crosse Citizen Advocacy**

with a gift in the amount of .....  \$25     \$50     \$100     \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **La Crosse Citizen Advocacy**, 1035 Green Bay St., Ste. #4, La Crosse, WI 54601.

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I would like additional information on:

- Planned giving.
- Establishing a memorial fund in a loved one's name.
- Corporate giving.
- Becoming an advocate.
- Volunteering as a Council Member or Committee Member for Citizen Advocacy.
- Becoming a Citizen Advocacy event volunteer.
- Having someone speak to a group of which I am a part.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Thanks to Our Golf Outing Sponsors

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Citizen Advocacy would like to thank all of the members of the community who came out to support our 5th Annual Golf Outing and kick-off of our 30th Anniversary Celebrations as golfers, diners, and raffle supporters.

Our sincere thanks go to our hole sponsors: Advertising Concepts, Advisors Management Group, Altra Federal Credit Union, Coulee Bank, Graffolio, Holmen Saw and Tool, Kotnour and Halverson Dental, Kwik Trip, La Crosse Loggers Baseball Club, Murphy's Frame and Axle, Inc., O'Flaherty, Heim, Egan Ltd., Peking Chinese Restaurant, Raymond James Financial Services, Robert and Silvana Richardson, Shamrock Club—Irish Men, Shamrock Club—Irish Roses, Wettstein Brothers Electric, Inc., and Andy and Amy Wettstein & Nicole Stankey.

We also thank our additional sponsors: Bernie Buchner Mechanical Contractor, Boyers Furniture, Bronston Chiropractic of Holmen, Chiropractic First of La Crescent, Courtyard by Marriott, Ellickson Studio, Fox Hollow Golf Course, Dave Gregory Incorporated, Heart Song, Howes Diamond Jewelers, Irishfest, La Crosse Community Theatre, La Crosse Fairgrounds Speedway, La Crosse Loggers Baseball Club, Linda's Bakery, The Recovery Room, Revive All Salon and Spa, River Rocks Coffee House, SkipperLiner Marine Group, Theresa M. Smerud, Artist and Photographer, Art Soell and Festival Foods, Starbucks Coffee Company, Steve Low's Midwest Toyota-Scion, Violet Flame, and Wipfli LLP.

We look forward to seeing you at future events to celebrate Citizen Advocacy's 30th Anniversary in the La Crosse area.

### Join Us on Facebook!

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La Crosse Citizen Advocacy is now both a group and a cause on Facebook! Keep up to date on CA events, help raise funds, invite friends to join our mission, share stories and memories, or just learn more.

## Join us at the Bantry Tea Garden at Irishfest, August 7-9

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Citizen Advocacy is pleased to announce that once again we will be hosting the Bantry Tea Garden at Irishfest. Located at the Southside Fest Grounds, the Bantry Tea Garden is one of our biggest fundraisers...And don't forget that we are still celebrating 30 years supporting members of the La Crosse community!

For more information on the event, or to volunteer, contact the office at 608-782-4760 or [info@citizenadvocacylacrosse.org](mailto:info@citizenadvocacylacrosse.org).

Below is this year's menu. Prices are subject to change without notice.

### Bantry Tea Garden Menu

**Tea** (Irish or Green).....\$1.50

**Iced Tea** (Regular, Raspberry, or Diet Peach).....\$2.00

#### Coffee

Regular.....\$1.50

Decaffeinated .....\$1.50

Irish flavored.....\$2.50

#### Other Beverages

Leprechaun Punch.....\$1.50

Water.....\$1.50

#### Tea Sandwiches

*Ham Delight* (Ham salad and sprouts accompanied by organic tomatoes) .....\$3.50

*Garden Cucumber* (The traditional tea sandwich served with summer fruit) .....\$3.00

*Country Peasant* (Three authentic Irish cheeses served with soda bread and traditional accompaniments) .....\$5.00

*Bantry Sandwich Plate* (Choice of Corned Beef, Turkey or Beef Sub that comes with crisps [potato chips] and a cookie).....\$5.00

#### Delicacies

Scones.....\$1.50

Add choice of raspberry or blueberry jam and/or cream.....\$0.25

*Leprechaun Donuts*.....\$1.00

*Cookies* (Shamrock Cookie or Oatmeal Raisin Chocolate Chip) .....\$1.00



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*“We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same.”*  
 —Anne Frank

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*Summer Celebration*

Summer Celebration, Citizen Advocacy’s annual potluck dinner in Copeland Park, was held on July 22nd in conjunction with ARC of La Crosse. This year’s summer celebration was also a part of Citizen Advocacy’s 30th Anniversary Celebrations. All in attendance had a wonderful time!

This year Citizen Advocacy recognized the following individuals for their dedication, commitment, and support of individuals with disabilities in our community. The Dedicated Service award was presented to Patty and Joe Bond. The Friend of Citizen Advocacy award was presented to Senator Dan Kapanke and to Sue Knopf. The Lifetime of Support award was presented to the families of Dr. James Lafky and of Dr. Craig Fiedler.

Citizen Advocacy also acknowledges the power of personal relationships. This year’s Relationship Recognitions were presented to: Sara and Kim (celebrating 5 years), Andy and Carlene (celebrating 10 years), Steve and Hal (celebrating 15 years), Paul and Patsy (celebrating 25 years).

*Sponsor Hand in Hand!*

Our thanks go to Bond Drywall Supply, Inc. of Onalaska for sponsoring the publication of this edition of *Hand in Hand!* For more information about Bond Drywall Supply, Inc., visit [www.bonddrywallsupply.com](http://www.bonddrywallsupply.com). If you or your company would like to become a sponsor, please contact the CA office at 608-782-4760.

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