

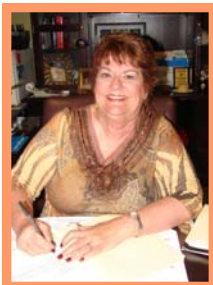
Inspirations

June 2010

Terrebonne Association for Retarded Citizens



Director's Corner



It has been one busy second quarter for 2010. In March, I was picked up by an officer with the Houma Police

Department at TARC and jailed for the Muscular Dystrophy Associations fundraiser, and it was truly a different experience. Thanks to many TARC staff for providing some bail money and for donating to this worthy cause!

TARC's Folk Artist, Paula Lapeyrouse, continues to showcase her artwork during Art After Dark. The Coffee Zone is the place where "new" Paula originals can be seen and purchased any day of the week. Paula enjoys seeing the appreciation expressed by those who come in to see her art.

In April, TARC said, "Adieu", to long time employees, Jenny LeBoeuf, Loretta LeBoeuf, Beverly Bourg, Toni Morgan, and Shirley Rogers. Each of these ladies is missed

in their respective areas and welcome to visit "old" friends anytime. We wish them well in their retirement life.

Staff is encouraged to attend quarterly meetings with me at Direct Talk; a time when they can hear firsthand about issues regarding state cuts, new programs and where questions can be asked and answers are given regarding whatever is on their minds. At the same time, TARC Extension is a meeting time for parents or guardians of TARC program recipients. This is the time when these folks can get their questions aired, answers given and speak about; "the good, the bad and the ugly" of TARC services.

In May, the La-Terre Master Gardener's Plant Fair was held at TARC. It was a huge success and we hope to partner with them next year for another event. Our Houma Grown Market opened the day of the fair and is currently open daily from 7am - 11 am. Fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, potatoes, peppers and green beans are picked and sold at the market. TARC

is also looking for local farmers to sell their homegrown produce at our market. There is no charge!

I also had the privilege of speaking at the School for Exceptional Children's graduation in May. Three very excited young people completed their school days and are ready for meaningful employment. We encourage all special education graduates to apply at TARC or Creative Employment Opportunities for employment.

Stop by and visit Houma Grown Market and the TARC Restaurant and Gift Shop. Purchase t-shirts from Grand Designs, shop great deals at The Cedar Chest Boutique, have your grass cut by Bayouland Yard Krewe, all your bead needs from Buy-U Beads, janitorial work by the Lagniappe Cleaning Company, and get your sweet treats from Cajun Confections and Le Bon Temp Bakery, and don't forget the great gifts made by La Maison d'art.

Sincerely,
Mary Lynn Bisland

TARC is now hiring the following:

- PCA
- Direct Support Worker
- Part-Time Child Care Worker
- CDL Driver

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TARC Annual Report Now Online!

This year, TARC's 2009 Annual Report will not be distributed to our membership to save on costs of paper and production. However, please review it online at www.terrebbonnearc.org, under About TARC. In this year's report, you will find our financial statement, contributors, business information, and much more! It will review all the ways TARC "creates opportunities" for all of our individuals.

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Let's Get Together Club



The Let's Get Together has been having a lot of fun! In May, the group watched the New Orleans Zephyrs play the Oklahoma City Red Hawks at the Zephyr field in New Orleans. Over 80 people came to the game. We had a little rain at the game, but it didn't stop us from having fun. In June, the club sponsored it's second formal dance at the Woodmen of the World in Houma. Everyone looked nice in their beautiful gowns and suits. Dance goers thoroughly enjoyed a delicious dinner and danced.. Everyone had a blast. In July, the club is accepting dues for \$10.00 for the remainder of the year. We have on schedule for the fall a fire safety night, Harvest/Halloween dance, and our annual Christmas Gift Exchange.



Bonne Terre Garden Fair

TARC is very excited that our first year partnering with the La-Terre Master Gardeners for their annual Bonne Terre Garden Fair fundraiser was a true success for all involved. TARC embraced this new opportunity and enjoyed having the community visit TARC.

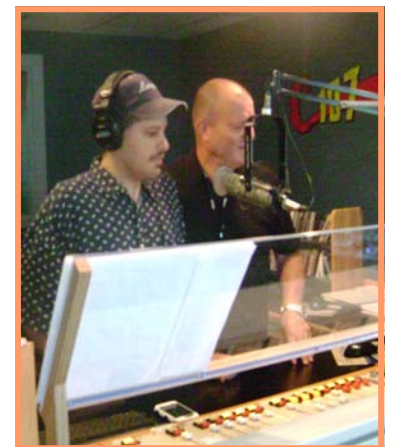
The Garden Fair was held on May 1 on the grounds of TARC. Expert speakers, vendors selling plants, supplies, lawn and garden merchandise, children's hands-on activities, a garden-themed art show, and food provided by TARC were among some of the opportunities to see at the fair.

TARC showcased their food, gourmet candy products, bakery products, worm tea fertilizer, salsa and pepper jelly. The TARC grounds were also renovated with an exceptional garden and raised beds.



Myles Dupre – Radio DJ

One morning in May, Myles Dupre, TARC Grand Designs worker, was able to finally experience his lifelong dream of being a radio disc jockey at local radio station KCIL 107.5. He shared the microphone with on-air morning personality JD, and "talked about what I do at TARC," said Myles. "I've always dreamed of this, and I hope to go back one day with my new friends at the radio station. They make me laugh too." Myles is an avid country music fan with many favorite singers and bands like LeAnn Womack and Blackhawk. On air, Myles dedicated "Crazy" by Patsy Cline to his Uncle Chuck in Texas. Myles said, "I listen to JD every morning, and I've even called in to report a car accident to him." Myles appreciates "his mom, Linda, and Easter Seals for setting up this dream come true."



Houma Grown Market



TARC is very excited to announce the opening of our Houma Grown Market to the community! The Houma Grown Market sells fresh produce, provided by our Houma Grown workers, TARC products such as salsa and pepper jelly, flowers and hanging baskets, and much more! Come see what we have in store! We are open 7-11 a.m. Monday-Friday and located on the TARC grounds at No. 1 McCord Road in Houma. The store brings new opportunities for our individuals in areas of growing and selling their own produce, retailing, and servicing the community. We look forward to seeing you!



TARC Tidbits

TFAE 5k Run For Excellence



TARC served Chicken and Sausage Gumbo.

Muscular Dystrophy Fundraiser



Mary Lynn Bisland was "arrested" for the fundraiser.

Art After Dark



Folk Artist Paula Lapeyrouse exhibited her artwork at Coffee Zone Downtown.

Fresh Summer Produce

Now Available at

Houma Grown Market

Banana Peppers Bell Peppers

Cherry Tomatoes Eggplant

Potatoes Cucumbers

Corn White Squash

Tomatoes Yellow Squash

2Crazees Strikes Again



This year the bowling team consisted of Marshall Olivier, Jeffery Hamilton, Jerry Cooper, Derrick Cupp, and Rodger Shelton. The team name changed from "The Ten Pin Club" to "2Crazee." This didn't stop the team from having a good year. During one of the league's 3 sessions, team 2Crazee placed high enough for pay off. The team won \$300.00 for one session and another \$184.25 for pin points for the whole year. Derrick Cupp did very well for his first year ever in a league. Derrick rolled a 264 with a handicap of 61 for a total of 325 to take the High Game Handicap award. Thanks to Creole Knights bowling league and Creole Lanes for another fun winter league. Team 2Crazee will be bowling in the State Bowling Tournament, May 30, at 9am at Bowl South. There will be 700 to 800 bowlers to compete against in the competition. The team will also be bowling during the summer on the "Sport" League at Bowl South. The Sport league will be bowling on lanes like the pros bowl. It will be a challenge, but it will only make the team better.

TARC Requests Your Donations!



TARC's Mardi Gras business is in need of your beads to package, sort, and sell to provide meaningful work for our individuals. Beads can be dropped off at TARC. We accept all sizes and kinds.



Now that you have spring-cleaned, it's a perfect time to drop off donations for our thrift store. We take everything except for appliances. You can drop off donations at TARC and at our boutique at 6453 West Main in Houma.

Upcoming Events

- ♦ August 3rd—Let's Get Together Movie Night
- ♦ September 6th— Labor Day. TARC Closed
- ♦ September 12th— Art After Dark Coffee Zone Downtown
- ♦ October 23rd— Harvest Dance- Woodmen of the World