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Gala 2017 Pre-Event Kicks Off

Citizen Advocates is excited to announce twelve area “celebrities” who will be dancing in this year’s *Dancing For A Difference: Gala 2017* at the Hartford Chandelier Ballroom on May 12. The dancers were introduced at the Chandelier Ballroom, Fireside Room, Harford, on February 9. Each dancer is paired with a professional dance instructor donated by the Fred Astaire Studios of Southeastern Wisconsin. This is our annual, major fundraising event with up to five other area nonprofit programs benefitting. It’s the only cooperative fundraising event in Washington County. Last year the event raised over \$4,600 for programs in the county and satisfied 59% of our annual program expense budget.

This is the 8th anniversary of the Gala and this year’s event is a sellout—our first. 2017 dancers include (Above photo left to right, bottom): **Austin Luedtke, Bonnie Heshelman, Sue Bietsch, Abbey Boehm, (Top) Amy Zimmer, Mary**

Beth Emmer, Christophe Jenkins, Amy Pingel Schultz, and Scott Bicknell. This year we also have a *Mystery Dancer* who will be revealed at the event.

As in the past, there will also be a pro-dance featuring a professional dance couple from the Fred Astaire studios. Catering is by Zillis, our caterer for the past seven Gala events, as well. This year’s dinner is once again an interactive buffet. There’s also an exciting Silent Auction, cash bar, and an Open Dance.

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Gala 2017 Pre-Event at the Chandelier



2017 marks the eighth year for our Dancing For A Difference fundraising event.

Since 2010 we have kicked off this important fundraiser each year with a pre-event, a gathering of the celebrity dancers participating in the event prior to the commencement of voting and ticket sales. This year's gathering took place at the Chandelier Ballroom, Fireside Room in Hartford. Dancers along with their partners were in attendance as Dance Coordination Team, Rachel Maas and Terri Milligan, and Event Coordinator, Jessica Frederick, briefed the group on what to expect concerning dance lessons as well as all the particulars pertaining to voting, ticket sales and marketing the event in general. The Chandelier donated the use of the room for the evening as well as the fantastic food. A very important part of the evening was the shooting of publicity photographs for general media use and placement in the evening's program. The event took place February 9th.

Above left: Jessica Frederick, Event Coordinator, addresses the dancers and their guests with an introductory program about CA. Above: Rachel Maas, at podium, and Terri Milligan, our Dance Coordinators for 2017, talk about the Dancer's Playbook. Below: Part of the 2017 dance team poses for a silly moment on the ballroom floor.



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Rob Melick, Our New Treasurer

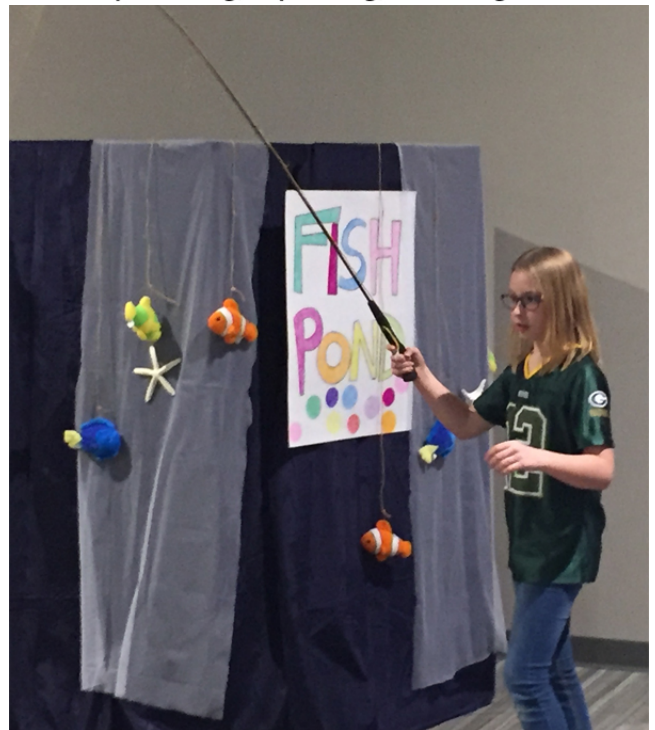


Rob Melick, who joined our Board of Directors in the Spring of 2015, has been elected Treasurer of the Board and is our newest officer as of February 2017. Rob replaces **Alyssa Hughes**, who has served as Treasurer since 2014 and was first elected to the Board in 2013. Jessica is leaving the Board and we thank her sincerely for her service to Citizen Advocates. Rob heads up his own law firm, Robert Melick Law in Jackson. We are grateful Rob was willing to fill Alyssa's unexpired term and look forward to working with Rob in the future.

Spring Family Day 2017!



For the third year Kettlebrook Church organized a Spring event to benefit Citizen Advocates. This year's event was at their new Community Center in West Bend. The public was invited to an afternoon of bean bag toss, food, and some competitive Ping-Pong playing. Proceeds from the event were once again donated to Citizen Advocates. Many thanks to all of our friends at Kettlebrook!



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We are currently looking for Advocates. Advocates can be individuals or groups, students or retired, male or female, who enjoy spending time with other people and have a desire to build a relationship with someone new. You can be an advocate!

An advocate is matched with an individual of any age with developmental disabilities who need advocates to: prevent isolation from the community, encourage community friendships and enhance meaningful personal relationships, mentor and assist with life decisions.

Interested in learning more about the advocates that we are looking for? Please go to our website to see a list of advocates that we are currently looking for. <http://cawash.org/advocates-needed>.



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Shooting For A Difference 2017

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