

## New Employees

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The following contributions have been made between January 1, 2015 and June 30, 2015. If your name is not listed and you have made a contribution during this time, we apologize for the oversight. Please contact Betty Hartman at 419.867.5950 and we will acknowledge your gift in the next issue of the *TorchLight*.

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## Epilepsy Foundation of Northwest Ohio

How many of you know that there is an Epilepsy Foundation of Northwest Ohio? Many of you know of the Epilepsy CENTER of Northwest Ohio. That's your wonderful agency that spreads awareness, education and outreach about epilepsy and cares for nearly 60 individuals with developmental disabilities in the community.



However the Epilepsy FOUNDATION of Northwest Ohio is different. While affiliated with the Center, they are a separate entity devoted to the long term financial viability of the Center and increasing community awareness of epilepsy.

The Foundation in 2011 granted monies to the Center to upgrade their marketing material and created the branding that you know today. This branding can now be found in all of our marketing material, website, this newsletter, and our buses. They also recently granted money for the sign out at 1701 Holland Road, so that everyone knew where the Epilepsy Center was.

The Foundation has made a strong commitment to growing the amount in the coffers to assist more individuals in the Northwest Ohio area. It hopes to build the investments to over \$1.0 million. This will be done by specific events for the foundation as well as cultivating planned giving and bequest from people committed to improving the lives of people affected by epilepsy.

The Foundation has recently committed to a vacation fund called the Ed Finn Memorial Vacation Fund. A person with developmental disabilities can apply for a \$500 grant to assist in taking a vacation. For additional information or questions regarding this grant, contact the Epilepsy Foundation at 419.867.5950 or email to foundation@epilepsycenter.org.

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## The Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio

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### Award-Winning Publication

*The Epilepsy Center, an independent organization serving Northwestern Ohio, is a member of the United Way of Greater Toledo, Defiance, Fulton, and Paulding Counties*

## Our Mission:

The mission of the Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio is to improve the lives of people affected by epilepsy and those with developmental disabilities.

## Our Vision:

People with epilepsy and those with developmental disabilities will attain the highest quality of life and gain full acceptance and understanding from the community.

### The Epilepsy Center of NW Ohio

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## Upcoming Events

**Family Camp 2015**  
Camp Frontier - Pioneer, OH  
August 7, 8, 9, 2015

For more information please call The Epilepsy Center office at 419.867.5950.

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## Practically a Golf Tournament 2015

For the past 5 years, our Practically a Golf Tournament (PGT) has been held outside at Levis Commons in Perrysburg and each year the sun has shined and good weather has prevailed. This year was more of the same—but only after a very wet and rainy morning, which soaked many of us that were involved in the setup of the event.

With all that being said, the 2015 PGT was another outstanding success! Held at the Clock Tower, the PGT consists of 18 custom holes constructed by local builders in Northwest Ohio. Each of the past 5 years the students from Penta Career Center have built a hole for the event and it is typically a crowd favorite. This year they built a hole commemorating their 50th year in operations! What an accomplishment!

The tournament is complete with beverage tents, 50/50 raffles, a cigar tent, corn hole, and this year, food from JB's Sarnie Shoppe.

We had another outstanding turnout filling up two flights of golfers, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 2:30 p.m. Many of the golfers hung around the tents networking and playing a little corn hole. After it was all over, Alex Gerken's Fifth Third Team were the 2015 PGT champions!

The event raised nearly \$30,000 for the Awareness, Education, and Outreach programs of the Epilepsy Center, including the Kids on the Block puppet show and Family Camp (which is scheduled August 7, 8, and 9 at Camp Frontier the Boy Scouts camp in Pioneer Ohio).

Thank you to all of the sponsors, players and volunteers that made our 26th Annual Practically a Golf Tournament such a success!



## Letter from the Executive Director



Roy Cherry

Can you believe summer is almost half-way over? Vacations have just begun and we're already shopping for Back-to-School must haves. Before we finish with beach balls and bathing suits, we'll be into football and sweatshirts. Our wants and needs change quickly.

The same holds true for people who receive services from their county boards and providers. At The Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio, we are doing everything we can to keep up with the ever changing

demands of providing for the wants and needs of the people we serve.

Our latest initiative focuses on gainful employment for all who have the desire to work. Our Supported Employment Program has expanded to include community employment. We have added a work lab where people can learn how to prepare a resume, dress for interviews, and how to make the best impression on prospective employers. We offer a job matching service, working closely with companies willing to hire people with developmental disabilities. A job coach is provided, to get the individual started, and eventually fades out once the individual and employer are comfortable. Our staff follow along and offer assistance if necessary to be sure the process is successful for everyone. All of this is offered along with the other caring and supportive services we provide through our Adult Day Service Program.

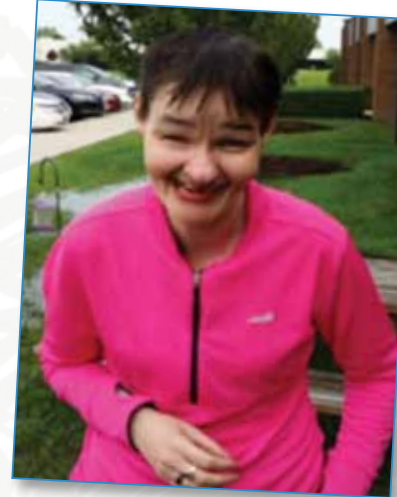
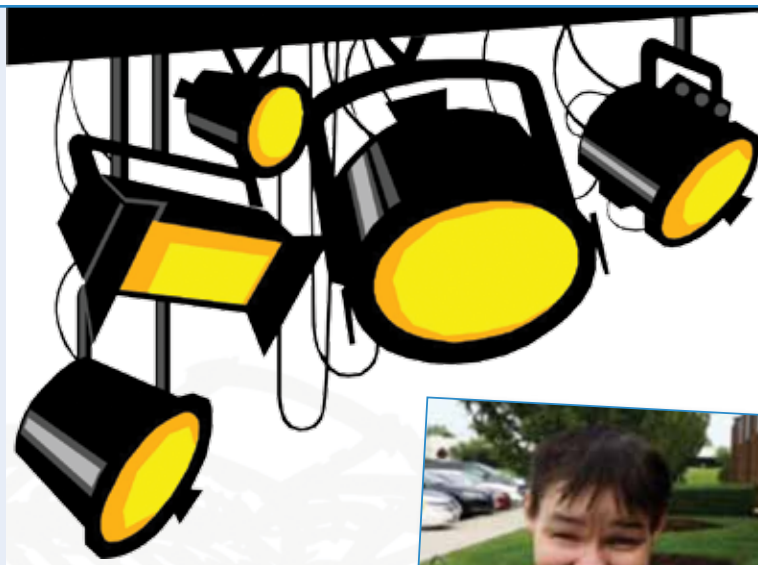
We're gearing up for our annual summer camp. "Pirates of the 3 Lakes" will be at Camp Frontier, the Boy Scout Camp in Pioneer, OH. We are scheduled for this adventure August 7, 8 and 9. There is no cost to come out and see old friend and make new ones!

And, of course, we still offer all of the educational and residential programs that you are already familiar with (and if you're not, call us!)

I have personally been very busy keeping up with all of the changes the federal and state governments are looking to make in the field of Developmental Disabilities. Happily, with the amazing staff we have on board, we are able to initiate some of the first steps and I'm proud to say The Epilepsy Center is in a good position to accommodate these changes. I foresee great things happening and hope you will continue to be a part of our team. Your support is appreciated.

Thanks you for being here with us. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Roy J. Cherry, CMA  
Executive Director



## Spotlight Client Meet Raquel Homa!

18 years ago, a bright, happy, young lady came to The Epilepsy Center. That lady is Miss Raquel Homa! She has a lot of friends - that's what she enjoys most about living with us. Raquel's best friend is her housemate Kelli.

Raquel is a social butterfly and has fun dancing with her friends (and boy, can she dance). She likes drinking sodas and eating burgers, and having coffee with Karen, her special friend at the office. As a matter of fact, Karen was quoted saying, "Raquel is awesome! I enjoy stepping out of my usual routine and visiting with her. We have coffee and just kick it in my office, talking about whatever comes up. It's a special feeling to see her face light up as she comes to offer me a genuine hug of friendship. I'm so blessed to have her as a friend."

No shock here but like most girls, Raquel loves shopping and handbags. She has a collection of handbags that could put most self-respecting women to shame!

Something very wonderful about Raquel is that she recently reconnected with her sister after nearly 20 years apart! During their visit at Raquel's house, she proudly showed them around and introduced them to all her housemates. She has been enjoying spending time not only catching up with her sister, but her brother-in-law, nephew, niece (in-law) and great nephew. Since then they have spent time together like no time at all has passed! Big thank you to APSI and NODC for assisting with this!

You cannot help but get happy when you are around Raquel! Her positive energy and excitability are very contagious!

## The Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio presents Family Camp 2015 August 7, 8 & 9, 2015



## AHOY ME MATIES!

Once again, the Boy Scouts have agreed to let us use their beautiful campsite, Camp Frontier, in Pioneer, OH for another fun filled weekend! Since there are 3 lakes on the site, this year's theme is:

### Pirates of the 3 Lakes

We'll be setting up camp Friday evening and once everyone is settled in their quarters, we'll have a social gathering for campers to get to know one another.

Saturday will be our big day with fun from sun up till sun down! There will be educational sessions for the adults while the children do crafts and activities. A little later, everyone will get together for family activities, including swimming, outdoor games, and a bonfire.

Sunday will be breakfast and final farewells before the trip back home.

*If you are unable to attend the entire time, consider coming for the day on Saturday to see old friends and meet new ones.*

For more information or to register for this FREE weekend getaway, contact  
**Karen Diaz** phone 419-867-5950 or email to [kdiaz@epilepsycenter.org](mailto:kdiaz@epilepsycenter.org)



## Golf For Andy

10th (and sadly, last) ANNUAL  
ANDY BOLBACH SCHOLARSHIP GOLF EVENT  
Saturday, July 18, 2015 • 1:30-2:00 p.m. Shotgun Start (tbd)  
Bedford Hills Golf Club  
4-Person Scramble Format

Net proceeds raised fund 2 scholarships to Central Catholic High School in which 8th graders graduating from any West Toledo catholic grade school are eligible to apply. The other beneficiary is the Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio, specifically for their educational programs and annual family camp.

Cost to participate is only \$75 which includes: 18 holes of golf with a cart, range balls, lunch at the turn or before play, dinner, and draft beer on the course. Prizes will be awarded for closest to pin, longest drive, longest putt, and lowest scoring teams, etc. Register and pay by July 6th and receive \$10 in raffle tickets for our Chinese raffle. We are currently working to acquire some fun, exciting prizes for our Chinese raffle and silent auction. So far we have theater tickets to a showing of Mama Mia and gift cards to area restaurants and attractions. We always have a contest to win a nice sum of money as a closest to pin prize! We usually have a pair of OSU, ND and/or MI football tickets to raffle off as well. Come help support our charities CCHS and Epilepsy Center of NWO and help make our LAST OUR BEST!

For more information and to print off a registration form to be mailed in, simply go to [www.golfforandy.org](http://www.golfforandy.org) or contact Rebecca Macy @ 303.522.0434.



## Betty Brauchle

*"Every artist dips his brush in his own soul,  
and paints his own nature into his pictures."*

- Henry Ward Beecher

These words well describe Betty Brauchle. She not only brightened her own world, but the worlds of everyone who came in contact with her. She understood her calling in life and lived to serve others.

Elizabeth DeMoville Brauchle was born and raised in Mississippi on June 15, 1945. She'd often share stories about growing up in the south and lessons she'd learned along the way. She also perfected the "Southern Belle Voice", but generally saved it for those "special conversations". If she was inviting you into her office and using her "SBV", you just knew you were in some sort of hot water. But Betty was also very gracious and would turn the hot water into a cup of tea.

Betty was a leader who had a great love for all she met and painted them into her picture to help grow The Epilepsy Center, the heart of her being. In 1990, she introduced the PGT (Practically a Golf Tournament) and we're still yelling "FORE!"

She was a mentor. In the beginning of her career at The Center, Betty also did counseling. It was then that she met Davie and his mom, Estil. Just a few weeks ago, Estil said to me, "Betty Brauchle helped me to be the kind of mom I needed to be for Davie. She helped me so much." Betty loved and served this agency from 1986 to 2004. That is Betty's legacy.

On May 13th, with her husband and best friend, Harry, by her side, Betty finished her picture.