



***DISABILITY NETWORK  
OAKLAND & MACOMB  
NEWSLETTER***

*Summer, 2016*



**REGISTER TODAY**



**Disability Network Oakland & Macomb**

**Community Spirit Gala!**

**Friday September 23, 2016**

**Vintage House - 31816 Utica Rd. Fraser, MI 48026**

**6 pm – 11 pm**

Please join us in celebrating as we honor our

**Community Spirit Award Winner**

**Venita King, District Manager - Oakland County**

**Michigan Rehabilitation Services**

for her dedication in bringing schools and Disability Network Oakland & Macomb together to offer more collaborative resources to our students

**Also honored:**

**Unsung Hero Award Recipients - Diaz Dabney and Leon Law**

for their remarkable progress in reaching an independent living goal

**Entertainment**

An adult evening of entertainment and laughter will be had by all as we welcome back our very special Headliner - Hypnotist-Entertainer Extraordinaire

**Kevin Lepine**



(For more information about Kevin Lepine, visit his website at: <http://kevinlepine.com/>)

Proceeds from this event will help develop our new recreation program;

**REC-IT with DNOM**

providing **R**ecreation, **E**ducation and **C**ommunity inclusion for all!

Ticket price includes buffet style dinner, open bar and entertainment.

**\$50 individual**

**\$350 table of 8 (buy 7 get 1 free)**

To register now visit the following link: [Click here to register.](#)

For more information contact Phyllis Reynolds 586-268-4160 ext. 6607

## DNOM STAFF ON THE MOVE

### Fun In The Sun



The staff at Disability Network Oakland & Macomb were rewarded by management for their dedication and hard work with a work place picnic. Featuring a Hawaii theme it was an enjoyable day of games, good food and fun in the sun.

### DNOM goes to Lansing for Legislative Day



Left to right: Catherine Donovan, Melissa Machac, Kelly Winn, Lauren Baker and Phyllis Reynolds

## DNOM SERVICES



DNOM's Empowerment Team - Amy Maes, Traci Comer, Jenell Williams, Jovann Aziz, and Miriam Green

## *EMPOWERMENT TRAINING*

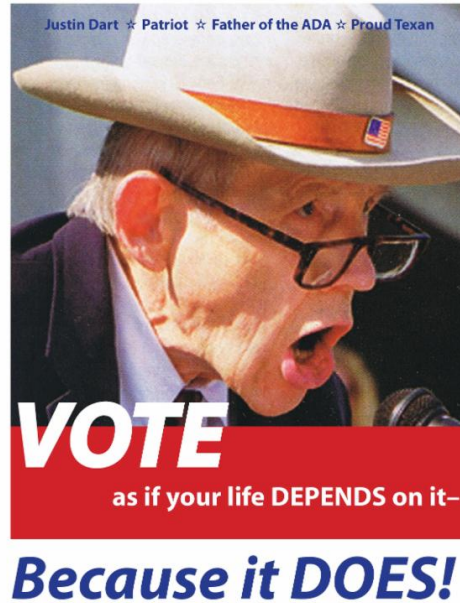
Empowerment training aligns well with DNOM's Mission and aims to increase the degree of autonomy and self-determination in students to enable them to represent their interests in a responsible and self-determined way, acting on their own authority.

This past year DNOM has had the opportunity to expand its Empowerment training to students attending schools in both Oakland and Macomb counties. By working closely with Michigan Rehabilitation Services and more than 9 schools this past year, DNOM has been able to serve more students in transition than ever before.

In Fiscal Year 2017, DNOM hopes to increase its presence in our Oakland and Macomb public schools by reaching even more schools and their students. DNOM's staff will bring even more interactive tools to the training this next year and we are excited to see our services expanding.

If you would like more information on these trainings, please contact Amy Maes

## NEWS YOU CAN USE



Disability Network Oakland & Macomb has joined A Coalition for Transit ([ACT](#)) to draw attention to Southeast Michigan's disjointed regional transit system and the critical need to connect our four counties. According to the CDC, adults with disabilities are twice as likely to lack adequate access to regional transit, preventing them from getting to work, health appointments and grocery shopping.

"Southeast Michigan's four counties are not reliably connected by regional transit," said Kelly Winn, executive director at Disability Network Oakland & Macomb. "This is a major issue for many people with disabilities who desperately need connected regional transit to travel independently. Unless we connect our four counties, people with disabilities will struggle to maintain their independence and for some, it will be impossible."

Become knowledgeable. if you get a chance, watch the video narrated by Emory King, former WDIV news anchor found on the [ACT](#) website . In the video, he makes mention how the RTA Master plan would benefit people with disabilities. Visit the website for a coalition for transit - [ACT](#) Coalition. ACT is focusing on educating the public about the benefits of the RTA's proposed master plan. The [ACT](#) coalition is also responsible for the political campaign aspect and hoping that the residents of four counties, Oakland, Macomb, Wayne, and Washtenaw will vote in favor of passing the millage on November 6th.

## SHAPING THE FUTURE



## DNOM'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>August 2</b>	<b>Michigan Voter's Primary</b>
<b>August 8-12</b>	<b>I Am Successful Summer Camp</b>
<b>August 26</b>	<b>Mobile Outreach at Marquette House, Westland MI</b>
<b>August 28</b>	<b>Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan Walking on the Wild Side Walk*</b>
<b>Sept 1</b>	<b>Mobile Outreach at Milford Senior Ctr., Milford, MI</b>
<b>Sept 29</b>	<b>Mobile Outreach at Edna Burton Senior Ctr., Brandon Twshp, MI</b>
<b>September 15</b>	<b>ADA Employers Seminar</b>
<b>September 23</b>	<b>Community Spirit Gala</b>



\* DNOM will participate in [Jamesons Journey](#) at Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan Walking on the Wild Side walk at the Detroit Zoo. Click the [link](#) to join our team.

## MORE SERVICES AT DNOM



## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Assistive Technology devices promote greater independence by enabling people to perform everyday tasks that were formerly difficult to accomplish. If you have ever had trouble turning the door knob, difficulty putting on your sock or getting in and out of the car, an Assistive Technology (AT) demo may be the resource you have been waiting for.

Jenell Williams, DNOM's AT Specialist, will come to you to provide a one-on-one demonstration of devices including those for bathing, cooking, dressing, grooming, and other daily activities. **There is no cost for this service.** For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Jenell Williams at 586-268-4160, ext 6614.



**myride2** provides access to transportation options via a toll-free, multilingual phone line **(855)698-4332** or **website ([www.myride2.com](http://www.myride2.com))**. Mobility Specialists help determine the best transportation option for the caller or, individuals may visit the website to search for providers or request a ride. **myride2** serves Oakland, Macomb, and WesternWayne counties. The service is free; however, there are costs for the transportation itself.

## SUPPORT DNOM'S MISSION

### Become a DNOM Board Member



- Do you have one free afternoon a month to participate in a board meeting?
- Are you a compassionate person who cares about those who are disabled?
- Do you have experience in fundraising, human resources, human services or education?

Joining the Disability Network Oakland & Macomb Board of Trustees is a way for you to support DNOM's commitment to support personal choice and independence for persons with disabilities. If you are interested in learning more about DNOM while considering joining our Board of Trustees call us at 586-268-4160 or send an e-mail to [kwinn@dnom.org](mailto:kwinn@dnom.org).

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