

Remembering Dr. Raymond Horn

Dr. Raymond Horn, President of the Franklin County Board of MRDD and a champion of education for persons with disabilities, passed away following heart surgery on February 2nd. He was 85.

Initially appointed to the Board in 2000, he was elected to his second term as its President just eight days before his death.

Dr. Horn served in the Army Air Corps in World War II, and afterward joined the Ohio Department of Education where he worked for 57 years, thereby becoming the longest-serving employee in Department history. Positions held include Chief Psychologist, Director of Special Education and Assistant Superintendent.

In 1960, he prepared a study for Governor Michael DiSalle which

proposed that education programs for children with mental retardation be operated at the county level. The Horn Report, as the study was commonly known, helped set the stage for creation of county boards of mental retardation.

In that era, many children with mental retardation were excluded from public schools based on the unfounded belief that they could not benefit from instruction.

Dr. Horn also established training programs for special education teachers, promoted parent advocacy groups, and wrote the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

Recognizing his work, the State Board of Education named him a "Pioneer in Education" in 2002.

Commenting on Dr. Horn, Superintendent Jed Morison said,

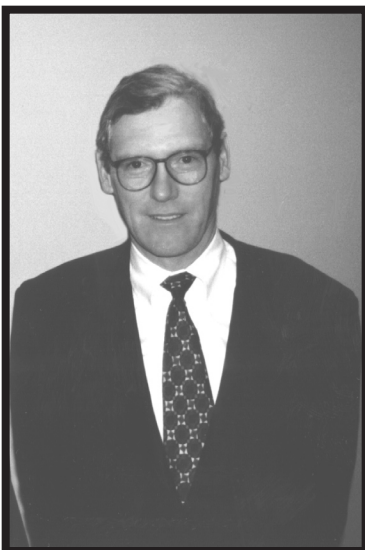


"Ray was a highly respected leader in state government and the education field. He had a unique blend of knowledge, experience, a generous spirit, a great sense of humor, and a

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New officers

As a result of the death of Board President Dr. Raymond Horn last month, the Franklin County Board of MRDD elected two new officers at its regular meeting on February 22nd.



Ben Hale, who had been Vice-President, was elected President. Jerry Saunders was elected Vice-President.

Mr. Hale is the longest-serving Board member in the agency's history, having served initially from 1982 through 1990, and again from 1997 through the present. He is a partner in the law firm of Smith and Hale.

He and his wife, Jan, have two daughters, one of whom is served by FCBMRDD.

Mr. Saunders was appointed a Board member last May. He served on the Finance Committee, of which he became Chairman in January.

Mr. Saunders heads Africentric Personal Development Shop, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that provides personal, family and community development programs.

He is a member of the Columbus Recreation and Parks Commission, and chairs the boards of 100 Black Men of Central Ohio, Inc., and Columbus After School All Stars.



knack for telling fascinating stories.”

Director of Planning Frank Newworked with Dr. Horn at the Ohio Department of Education. He recalled him as “a genius and a

gentleman... a great representative of the greatest generation.”

Dr. Horn was also a Trustee of the Ohio Association of County Boards of MRDD, and VSA Arts of Ohio.

Dr. Horn was survived by his wife, Mary Lee, as well as three children, Marsha Horn, Jo Ray Horn, Mark Horn, and four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Dr. Horn never stopped working...

(The following letter was written by Dave Dohnal, President of the Ohio Association of County Boards of MRDD.)

One seat at our monthly Board of Trustees meeting was sadly empty today. It was the seat of a man who, since 2001, had been a servant to this association. In addition, he had for years, served all of those individuals and families who receive services through Ohio’s county boards of MRDD.

Ray Horn was 85 years old when he passed away earlier this month. His life was full, significant, and impactful, and

his loss will be keenly felt for a long time. All of us hope that after our time here on earth is done, those who remain will benefit from our efforts and that we will leave the world a better place. Without question, Ray accomplished that.

Ray was a man whose life was characterized by faithful service. He faithfully served his country as a soldier, he faithfully served the children of Ohio through his many years at the Ohio Department of Education, and he faithfully served individuals with developmental disabilities through his service on the Franklin County

Board of MRDD and as a trustee of the OACBMRDD. At the time of his passing, Ray was a member of seven different boards of organizations serving individuals with disabilities. He may have retired, but he never stopped working on behalf of the neediest people in our society: children and individuals with disabilities.

He was a pioneer, a servant, a reliable sounding board, a confidant, and my friend.

We will all miss you, my friend. Enjoy the eternal reward you so richly deserve.

Jack Beatty to address families

Jack Beatty, Director of FCBMRDD’s Service Coordination Department, will be guest speaker at the next meeting of Families United to be held on Thursday, March 8th at 7 p.m. The location will be Overbrook Presbyterian Church at 4131 N. High Street.

Jack will share his perspective on the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Profile (ODDP), which is the assessment tool used to determine funding amounts for Individual Option Waiver recipients.

The public is invited.

In memoriam

Ray Jones



The FCBMRDD community mourns the loss of a good friend and effective advocate for persons with disabilities. Ray Jones died unexpectedly at his home on February 15th. He was 61.

Ray’s face was a familiar one at FCBMRDD’s Administration Building whether he was attending a meeting or simply dropping in to share ideas. He was actively involved in many organizations, including Courage, Inc., People First of Ohio, the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, the Mayor’s Committee on Persons with Disabilities, and the Governor’s Council for Individuals with Disabilities.

In recognition of his advocacy work, FCBMRDD

presented him with a Community Star Award last November.

He certainly will be missed.

MRDD month has “Can do” theme

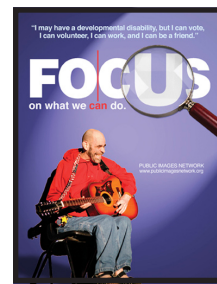
The month of March has again been designated as MRDD Awareness Month. The purpose of this annual celebration is to increase public understanding of mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

The campaign's theme will be “FOCUS on what we CAN do.” According to Superintendent Jed Morison, the theme is a fitting one.

“We are sending a powerful message about the many positive contributions made by individuals with disabilities.”

A kickoff ceremony is planned for the Statehouse Atrium on Friday, March 2nd, beginning at 10 a.m.

FCBMRDD will recognize MRDD Awareness Month in a variety of ways.



All buildings will have copies of the posters. Many classes and adult groups will be visiting their favorite libraries with a poster and a stack of bookmarks.

Some units are taking the opportunity to hold open houses. Northeast will host the Mayor of Gahanna on the 22nd.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Northeast School Spaghetti Dinner. The dinner will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 4: to 8:00 p.m.. Please call 476-0530 for tickets and more information.

Did you know?

You are invited to attend monthly meetings with Superintendent Jed Morison which are held regularly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room 114 at 2879 Johnstown Road.

The group is called “Parent League”, but all family members and guardians of persons served by FCBMRDD are welcome.

ARC has new website

The web site of ARC Industries, Inc., has been updated and improved. To visit the site, please go to any of the following: www.arcind.com, www.arcindustries.biz, www.arcindustries.org or www.arcindustries.net.

Step up to nutrition & health

Healthier you year review by Bernie Thurn

Last March, during National Nutrition Month, this column began as a year long series focusing on various nutrition and health topics. Each month a different message was highlighted. Suggestions for ways to make positive changes were given. The challenge was to add a new healthy habit each month to your lifestyle. It is now time to assess how you have done.

Have you found ways to add more fruits and vegetables, whole grains and calcium rich foods into your diet? Are physical activity, smart snacking and family mealtimes a routine part of your life? Are you more aware of the roles that

fluids (water), food safety, fat intake, and portion control play in overall health?

Hopefully you have practiced at least one suggestion from each column. If so, you now have added ten new habits towards your healthier lifestyle. Food and activity choices made everyday affect not only how you feel today, but in the future as well. Look for ways to continue to build on this start by making small improvements in diet and exercise. Adopt changes for life, not just for now.

This is not the end of “Step up to Nutrition and Health”. To help keep you informed on nutrition and health topics,

this column will be a part of *Dateline* three or four times per year. There are plenty of other topics to cover with more suggestions and challenges to come.

Should you want to find out more information about nutrition and health, a couple of reliable sources of nutrition information that you can access via the computer include www.eatright.org and www.mypyramid.gov.

Remember, it is the small changes we make today that lead to our lifetime of habits. What will you choose?

(Note: The author is a registered dietician.)

Bowling event a hit!

The second annual "For the FUN of it" bowling event was held on January 20th at the Columbus Square Bowling Palace. Over 200 FCBMRDD staff participated.

The event raised over \$2,000 to support Special Olympics, but more importantly, it promoted spirit within the agency, as many people met and had fun with colleagues.

Over 100 door prizes, sponsored by area businesses, were awarded.

Winners of the bowling trophies include: Jeff Rayburn (male high series); Debbie New (female high series); Brian Parks, Jeff Rayburn, James Bay, Rick Armentrout (high team series); Tara Chumley, Dena White, Ann Kommareddi, Farrah Charles (low team series).

Due to the popularity of this event, plans are already being made for the third annual "For the FUN of it" to be held in January, 2008.



The Transportation team of Rick Armentrout, Bryan Parks, Jeff Rayburn, and James Bay took the team high series trophy for the second year.



From left are: ARC West Director Jan Montgomery, ARC East Director Clarice Pavlick, ARC North Director Nan Burns, and ARC South Director Kurt Smith.



Superintendent Morison congratulates Jeff Rayburn of the Transportation Dept. for his trophy for male high series.

Teresa Durbin shows her excitement over winning the grand door prize while Cindy Massenelli congratulates.



From left are members of the Speech Dept.'s "Aim for the LANE" team: Jessica Robenstine, Sandy Tillet-Ferguson, Marcia Backus, and Alicia Alfredo.



Good For You

Notable Achievements in the FCBMRDD Community

Thanks to all who supported the FCBMRDD blood drive on February 22nd. A total of 33 units of blood was collected, which was 10% over the goal. Special thanks to Mary Martin and Carl Scott who coordinated the drive.

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ARC Industries has been honored by the Gahanna Area Chamber of Commerce with its 2006 Business Award. The award recognized ARC's "excellent reputation for business practices, and... commitment to community services and development." Congratulations!

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Kudos to the FCBMRDD Transportation staff for their assistance in delivering holiday food boxes from the WBNS Channel 10 Family Fund. They picked up and dropped off 135 boxes. Special thanks to Dan and Beth Espinoza for all their help!

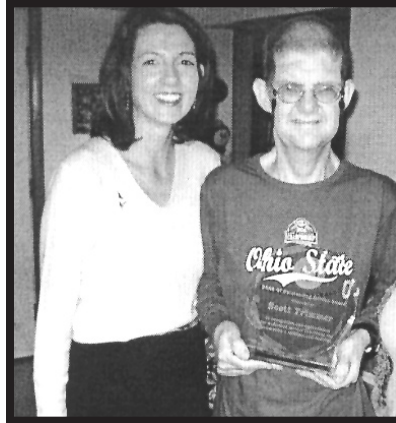
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The success of FCBMRDD's "For the FUN of it" bowling event would not have been possible without the help of these volunteers: Linda Brownley, Chantal Bryant, Dominic Massenelli, Nicole Massenelli, Brandie Viney, Stacey Viney and Vincent Viney. Your hard work did not go unnoticed. Thanks also to Jack Brownley, Dee Hively and Cindy Massenelli who coordinated the event.

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FCBMRDD Board member Jerry Saunders will be recognized by the Columbus Rotary Club as a "Service Above Self" honoree on March 12th. Mr. Saunders' award results from work with the Africentric Personal Development Shop, Inc., of which he is President and Chief Executive Officer.

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The Childhood League has bestowed its 2006-07 Outstanding Service Award upon Scott Trimmer. He has worked for the agency as an aide since 1990. Keep up the great work, Scott!

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Let's give a round of applause to Trevor Henderson, an individual served by FCBMRDD who sang at the inauguration of Governor Ted Strickland.



From left are: ESD Case Manager Martin Goldsmith, Scott Lomax, Roy's Supervisor at Damon's, Roy Sealey, and ESD Trainer Pat Batdorf

Career Milestones

30 years

Michael Laughlin

25 years

Janet Serio

20 years

William Green

Lyn Herron

Kathleen Lind

Francine Steward

Rayjeanna Stowe

15 years

Carolyn Jones

Frank New

Robin Oakley

Sandra Snailham

10 years

Paula Elder

Brian McCoy

5 years

Virginia Curtiss

Jerome Rose

James Watters

Best wishes to Roy Sealey who retired February 2nd after 19 years of dedicated service with Damon's. Patricia Batdorf of Employment Services recalls when Roy had to take 3 bus rides each way to and from his job. Roy's long career reflects his great work ethic, and strong support provided by Damon's.

Dr. Kravitz to offer training

Columbus psychologist Michael Kravitz, Ph.D., will present a training program on Alzheimer's Disease, Down Syndrome and problems of aging among individuals with mental retardation and developmental disabilities on Wednesday, March 21st at the COSERRC Center, 470 Glenmont Avenue. The time will be from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m.

The program is sponsored by the Professional Association for Retardation and approved for certification credit by the Ohio Department of MRDD.

To register, please call 419/ 522-6207 or visit www.par-ohio.org.

Did you know?

The Early Childhood Resource Network (ECRN) has moved to 6877 N. High Street, Suite 209, Worthington.

The program, affiliated with the YMCA of Central Ohio, conducts screenings for children from 6 weeks to 5 years of age, and provides on-site child observations.

ECRN also provides family services for eligible children and their families, and operates an equipment exchange program.

For more information, please call Samantha Stewart at 543-9000.



Calendar

March, 2007

- 2 Kickoff for MRDD Awareness Month, Statehouse Atrium, 10 a.m.
- 8 Families United meeting, 4131 N. High St., 7 p.m.
- 10 Annual Northeast School Spaghetti Dinner, 4:00 - 8:00pm, 500 N. Hamilton Rd. Gahanna
- 13 Franklin County Residential Services Board of Trustees meeting, 1021 Checkrein Ave., 11 a.m.
- 14 FCBMRDD Human Resources Committee meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4:30 p.m.
- 14-15 Ohio Association of County Boards of MRDD Winter Conference, Columbus Marriott North. Call 431-0616 for details.
- 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- 21 Spring begins.
- 21 Parent League meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 9:30 a.m.
- 21 Staff Development Day - schools, ECE and adult programs closed.
- 22 FCBMRDD Finance Committee meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 4 p.m.
- 22 FCBMRDD Board meeting, 2879 Johnstown Rd., 5 p.m.
- 24-28 Spring Recess - schools and ECE programs closed.
- 26 ARC Industries Board of Trustees meeting,

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"Quotable quotes"

"Discipline yourself so others don't have to."

- **Vince Lombardi**

"Those who stay will be champions."

- **Bo Schembechler**

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