



# Miracle



## Special Points of Interest

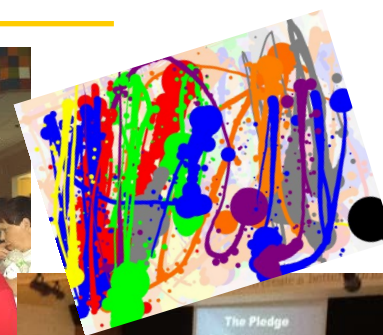
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## Magic Summer

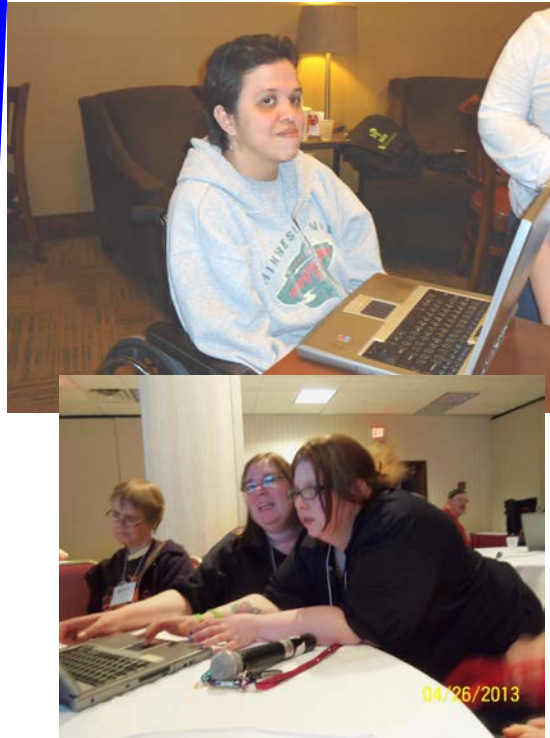
Hello, my name is Jeradine and I would like to tell you about my experience of taking a Partners in Policymaking class. After completing the course I feel am a stronger person and now I can advocate for my self . I would like to go back and help other people. It is good to let other people know that it is important for them to stand up for themselves and to let them know they have rights. I enjoyed taking this class with such friendly coworkers. They made my class more fun. Our class trip to the capital and getting to and meet my legislator was amazing. I learned how to deal with people's emotions and how to better work with others. It was very informative when I asked questions about moving out on my own. There are lots of challenges that come in my life. I have come really far and I proud of myself . ◇



## Shooting Stars: Good Times



## *Shooting Stars' Meetings*



The Shooting Stars SA groups meet:

- Frankettes: every other Monday 10:15-11:00 a.m. at the **North St. Paul** site
- Tuesday afternoon 1:15 to 2:10 p.m. at **3210 Labore**
- Wednesday Morning 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. at **3210 Labore**
- Thursday morning 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at **3210 Labore**

Also Katie has a Self-Advocacy offsite group that meets every other Thursday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at **J. Arthur's** at 2441 Rice Street—Roseville, MN.

Everyone is welcome to join.

Any questions please contact Katie @ 651-815-2262.

## *Shooting Star Family and Friends*



ARE YOU INTERESTED  
IN HELPING WITH THE  
QUARTERLY SA  
NEWSLETTER,  
"MIRACLE"?

Katie M. is looking for Self-Advocates who are interested in helping with conducting interviews, taking pictures, and editing, etc. for the "Miracle" newsletter. If you are interested in helping, please contact Katie. This is a fun and exciting way to get to know other people and make new friends. She also has sign-up sheets in the Commons area and on the work floor.



## Goodbye From Roberta B.

*By Roberta B., Self-Advocate Mentor*



It's been a blast getting to be a peer mentor, part of the Ambassadors for Respect campaign, in addition to being the legislative update columnist and the co-editor for *Miracle*.

Thursday, June 12, 2014 was the last day of me working on-site at Merrick. On June 16<sup>th</sup> I started my summer temp job at the Social Security Office in St. Paul for 4 months (which will end on September 30th). Linda Wetterlin will be my supervisor during the 4 months. I will be working 40 hours a week (full time). The ultimate goal is for me to become a permanent hire, and there is a better shot of me getting to that status by doing the summer temp

than the volunteer internship (which ended on Friday, June 13th). I am going to miss you all as many of you have become great friends to me. If I do become a permanent hire at the Social Security Office, I will go back to part-time status. For the boards, committees, and workgroups that I have been a part of: I will still be serving on The Arc Greater Twin Cities' Self-Advocacy Advisory Committee and Merrick's Board of Trustees. I will be taking a four-month leave of absence from Merrick's Advocacy Committee. I'm no longer serving on: The Arc Greater Twin Cities Board of Directors, the SOS Disability Advocacy Workgroup and their Voter Awareness Subcommittee, plus the planning committee for the "Creative Options Conference"/Self-Advocacy Summit. ♦

## *Ambassadors of Respect Photo Show: Presentations at Elementary Schools*



Ambassadors for Respect team members visited six schools and presented anti-bullying information to 469 students during the 2013-2014 school year.

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*If you have any questions on how to  
write an article please contact the  
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**Shooting Stars "Miracle" is a newsletter written  
by Self-Advocates to share their good news with  
everyone. It is published four times a year.**

If anyone is interested in writing  
an article for the Self-Advocates'  
newsletter "Miracle" please send  
the article to my email address.

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The deadline for the Fall 2014  
issue is October 10, 2014 .

Take a chance to  
show who you are!!!

## Stars of the Season

**Name: Kelly P**

Nominated by: HM

Reasons for nomination:

1. she loves to laugh
2. she is good friend
3. she is a hard worker

**What do you like to do  
in your spare time?**

I like do everything like  
going to the movies,  
hanging out with friends,  
watching TV, and  
making art and crafts.

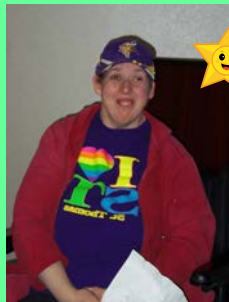
**How has Self-  
Advocacy changed your  
life?** I like seeing all my  
friends and SA changed  
my life around so I could  
speak up for my rights  
and what I believe in.

Smile, it's Summer.

**How long have you been  
at Merrick and what do  
you do here?**

Wow! 25 years and still  
going strong. I have  
worked on the cleaning  
crew for about 7 years  
making sure our building  
is very clean.

**What is your  
inspiration?** Helping  
others and making  
laughter is the best  
Medicine in the world.



**Name: Sheri**

Nominated by: Jeradine

Reasons for nomination:

1. She is very nice
2. She is hard worker
3. She likes to help others

**What do you like to do  
in your spare time?**

I like to go shopping,  
going out to eat, and to  
movies.

**How has Self-Advocacy  
changed your life?**

Help me stand up for  
myself- meeting new  
people and going to  
conferences.

**How long have you been  
at Merrick and what do  
you do here?**

I been here for about 20  
years, working on the  
utility floor—cards  
contract and many other  
contracts.

**What is your  
inspiration?**

Going  
to church every  
Sunday



Living the  
life I choose  
with a smile.