



Spring 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Our Mission & Vision

Our mission is to advocate for the right of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to be regarded as valued citizens with the same entitlements as non-disabled individuals, including the right to lifelong opportunities for personal growth and full participation in the community.

Member Happenings...

We started the year with our **Valentine's Day Dance** on February 12th. Over 100 people ate, danced, and posed for photos! Many thanks to the Elks' club and volunteers who helped make this a really fun time. Terry Stevens & Rob Poquette once again took care of the drinks for everyone.



The **SABE-R** advocacy group met in January, February, and March! Officers were voted in: **Jess Traverse for President, Tony Buck for Secretary and Herman Goldberg for Treasurer**. A big thank you to Herman for his generous donation that will help almost all of the self-advocates attend the annual **Voices & Choices Conference** in Burlington in April! **SABE-R** also voted **Melissa Stevens** to be their **Ally of the Year** and **Jess Traverse** to be their **Self-Advocate of the Year!** All of the group voted for CK to be the group's representative to the Board of Directors at Green Mountain Self-Advocates.
Congratulations to all!

More Member Happenings...

Aktion Club met for the first time as their own group in February! Officers voted in were:

- Steph Lovellette – President**
- Paul Brown Jr. - Secretary**
- Herman Goldberg - Treasurer**

With our new partners at RSVP, the group decorated post cards to be given to shut-ins around Rutland.

Diane, Jess Travers and Tony Buck attended the **Disability Awareness Day** at the State House in Montpelier on March 1, 2023. Jess and Tony both testified! You can see their testimony at <https://tinyurl.com/muvpda9b>



Another surprise at the State House that day was from **Representative Mary Howard** who stopped by our booth and caught up with Jess and rekindled their friendship. Representative Howard also spoke to the House General, Housing and Military Affairs Committee about her meeting with Jess.





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Hope to See You at our...
End O' Winter Dinner Dance

American Legion - Castleton

April 23, 2023

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Thanks to the sponsors of our upcoming dance!



Let us know if you will be attending our events!

CALL ARC Rutland Area Office at 802-775-1370

**ARC Rutland Area Event Calendar
April – May 2023**

Date	Time	Event	Location
April 11	6:00 PM– 7:30 PM	SABE-R Meeting	ARC office
April 20	6:00 PM– 7:30 PM	Aktion Club Meeting	ARC office
April 23	1:00 PM –4:00 PM	END O' WINTER DANCE	American Legion, Castleton
April 26	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM	GMSA Convention	Double Tree Inn - Burlington
April 26	6:00 PM –7:30 PM	ARC Board Meeting	ARC office
May 1	3:00 PM – 4:30PM	Fiddlehead Foraging & Cook 'em Up <i>Be There Or Be Square!</i>	Rutland - TBA
May 9	6:00 PM– 7:30 PM	SABE-R Meeting	ARC office
May 18	6:00 PM–7:30 PM	Aktion Club Meeting	ARC office
May 24	6:00 PM-7:30 PM	ARC Board Meeting	ARC office



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- *Hit the donation button on our website at www.arcrutlandarea.org*
- *Patronize our Sponsors and thank them for helping ARC Rutland Area!*
- *Volunteer your time to support our activities.*

There are so many more ways that you can help us! Please reach out to:

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