



# The Family Buzz

Bancroft's Electronic Newsletter for Family Members

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*Award winners Donna Icovino, Bernie King and Todd Emmons pose with Bancroft Program Director and honorary SWOT team member, Michael Rogers, at the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities awards luncheon.*

## Upcoming Bancroft Events

Bancroft Volunteer Appreciation Dinner  
April 30, 2009  
6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Bancroft School Gym  
Haddonfield Campus  
(856) 429-5637, ext. 273

CSA Spring Picnic/  
Baseball Game  
May 1, 2009  
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Campbell's Field

## State group commends persons served and family member

The New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities recently honored self-advocates Todd Emmons, Russell Fried and Bernard King, as well as parent Donna Icovino, for their advocacy efforts.

Emmons, Fried and King received a Community Building Award as members of a statewide group at the council's April 9 awards luncheon in Trenton. The men are members of the Seeking Ways Out Together (SWOT) Team, a group of self-advocates who help others improve their lives and encourage choice-making. Specifically, SWOT Team members help those leaving developmental centers transition successfully to community

(856) 428-0685 ext. 128

### DD Workshop: Introduction to Data Collection

May 20, 2009

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Farrington Building

Haddonfield Campus

(856) 429 5637 ext. 453

### Bancroft Prom

May 31, 2009

7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Merion House

507 S. Kings Highway

Cherry Hill, NJ

(856) 429-5637, ext. 356

### Golf Tournament

June 1, 2009

11:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tavistock Country Club

Woodcrest Country Club

(856) 348-1164

### Staff Festival

June 3, 2009

12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Haddonfield Campus

(856) 348-1199

### Mullica Hill Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

June 5, 2009

1 p.m.

Mullica Hill Campus

(856) 769-1300

### Staff Festival: Mullica Hill

June 10, 2009

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Mullica Hill Campus

(856) 348-1199

### School Dance/ Prom

June 12, 2009

3:00 p.m.

The Bancroft School at

Voorhees Pediatric Facility

1304 Laurel Oak Road

Voorhees, NJ

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"This award tells us to continue our mission, so that our brothers and sisters can live lives of opportunity, dignity and freedom," according to the group's acceptance remarks provided at the luncheon.

Donna Icovino - mother of Michael - received the Elizabeth Boggs Advocacy Award for her tireless and passionate efforts on behalf of New Jersey families. "I am grateful for your diligence and your persistence," wrote another family member in a recent note to Icovino. "Accept this award knowing that we at Bancroft are all giving you a standing ovation."

Congratulations to all for the well-deserved recognition!

### Special thanks from Mullica Hill Program

Persons served and staff in Mullica Hill would like to recognize two families for their recent generous donations:

- The Granraths, for supplying all the ice cream and toppings for the campus' first ice-cream social
- The Wills family, for providing a \$100 ShopRite gift card and several Philadelphia Phillies collectibles, which were given as gifts during the program's Easter egg hunt and dinner

**Thank you very much, Granrath and Wills families!**

## Play golf - and see a comedian

We hope all our golfing families and friends will join us for Bancroft's annual Golf Tournament - an important and fun fundraiser for the organization.

The June 1 event will be held at two different courses: Woodcrest Country Club in Cherry Hill and Tavistock Country Club near Haddonfield - each of which offers unique charms.

Popular comic Joe Conklin will entertain during the dinner reception at Tavistock. The longtime Philadelphia radio personality is most famous for impersonating local sports figures on WIP radio's morning show. His stand-up routine is legendary, with uproarious send-ups of athletes, politicians and film stars.

Tournament registration is at 10:30 am. Shotgun starts are 11:30 am at Woodcrest and noon at Tavistock. Registration cost includes greens and cart fees, lunch, dinner, entertainment and gifts.

(856) 566-0634

Walk NOW for Autism  
June 13, 2009  
8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Bishops Gate Corporation  
Center  
Mt. Laurel, NJ  
(856) 429-5637, ext. 273

Senior Graduation  
June 17, 2009  
3:00 p.m.  
The Bancroft School at  
Voorhees Pediatric Facility  
1304 Laurel Oak Road  
Voorhees, NJ  
(856) 566-0634

For registration or sponsorship information, please visit <http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=ao5789cab.0.0.7n9pimcab.0&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.bancroftneurohealth.org%2F&id=preview> or contact Heidi Rixman at (856) 348-1164 or [hrixman@bnh.org](mailto:hrixman@bnh.org). Or, for a copy of the registration brochure, [visit here](#).

## Big wins for Bancroft bowlers

After weeks of practice and matches, seven members of the Bancroft Bulldog bowling team competed in the New Jersey State Special Olympics Bowling Tournament last month in Stratford. Congratulations to the following students, who placed at the top of their division:

**1st place:** Catherine Black  
J.B. \*  
Matthew Maranon

**2nd place:** Tyrell Boston

**3rd place:** Michael Albanese  
Paul Morris  
Kyle Stricker

Kudos to all of our athletes, each of whom showed great sportsmanship and played well. The coaches are proud of everyone, and we thank each of you for the wonderful memories.

*\*Name withheld by guardian.*



*Tom Braubitz (left) and Peter Fisher (center), individuals served at Bancroft's Flicker Residences, create artwork based on*

*concepts they learned during their tour of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.*

## Reflections on an Art Museum

*The following item was written by Peter Fisher, a man served at the Flicker Residences, after an April 2 outing.*

We first had a guided tour of the new exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. We then participated in an arts and crafts shop. We learned all about symmetry. We each got to create a demonstration of the concepts we learned. With colors and craft supplies we modeled the style we had just viewed, with lines giving different perspectives. Each person served got to express their impression of the exhibit through their own artwork.

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## Execs update families at dinner meeting

The Bancroft Family Council hosted a dinner meeting last week, to update all Bancroft families on a variety of important matters. In addition to council members and Bancroft's executive staff, about 20 family members attended the meeting. We appreciate their time, interest and participation.

### **Here's a brief recap of the presentations:**

President Toni Pergolin discussed Bancroft's strategic planning efforts. The purpose of this extensive process is to ensure Bancroft's future for the people we serve and their families. Strategic initiatives are under way in five categories, to strengthen service delivery and the organization's stability:

- Clinical excellence
- Employer of choice (most desirable employer in our field)
- Financial stability
- Family friendliness
- Positive image

Pergolin also reviewed the organization's financial position, and presented hot-off-the-press findings of our recent family satisfaction survey, which were very positive.

Joan Galon King, vice president of development, reported on fund-raising efforts, including strategies to encourage greater support - especially "unrestricted" gifts, which can be used where the funds are most needed.

Dan Keating, vice president of family services and government relations, and Family Council members shared details of our efforts to promote family partnerships, including the creation of a Family Resource Center. Council members provided their contact

information to attendees, and encouraged all Bancroft family members to contact them with any suggestions.

[Click here for a copy of the presentation.](#)

[Click here for a copy of the Family Council contact list.](#)

[Click here for an overview of Family Council accomplishments.](#)

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## Is your laundry out of control?

### Try our wash-and-fold service!

If you live in or near Voorhees, N.J., consider "out-sourcing" your laundry - while helping to employ adults served by Bancroft. Button Hole Wash and Fold - a Bancroft-run business - will pick up, sort, wash, dry, fold and return your laundry to you. Same-day service is even available, all at reasonable prices.

[Click here for a flyer](#) with contact and pricing information. Please feel free to copy the flyer and spread the word!

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## Fun events planned at Mullica Hill

The Mullica Hill Campus's Recreation Committee has scheduled the following fun activities for May and June:

**May 8:** Movie night

**May 12:** Worship/Bible study

**May 26:** Coffee night

**May 30:** Carnival Day (rain date 6/6/09)

**June 13:** Fishing Tournament

Ideas and suggestion are welcome! Please contact Operations Manger Heather Motley at (856) 769-1300, ext. 531 or by e-mail at [hmotley@bnh.org](mailto:hmotley@bnh.org).

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