

Special Olympics Maryland Area Memo

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Welcome

If there are any members of your area's leadership who are not currently receiving the Area Memo, please send their names and email address to jabel@somd.org.

Shout out a volunteer

This memo's shout outs go to...

Shout out to Chris King and Mike Malinoski for all your work in starting the bocce program in Cecil County! Very exciting to be offering another sport training and competition opportunity, and it couldn't be done without all your work to make it happen. Thank you both!

Please use the link below to submit your shout outs!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LV88QG9>

Spring Area Director Meeting- Register Today!

We're just a few weeks away from our Spring Area Director webinar and meeting. Please use the links below to register!

Webinar	3/27 7:00pm	https://somd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqf-Chpz4pGdNMnwFFNFU85nH-eFyf6PsL
Meeting	4/1 9:00am	https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8P5M7TJ

NEW FOR THIS MEETING: Because members of our Development Department will be on-site to talk about topics including: Area Program Grant Writing, Collaborative Fundraising, and Fundraiser risk management, please share this meeting with your Fundraising Coordinators! Their section of the meeting will be approximately 9:00am-11:30am. They are welcome to join us for lunch and then we'll continue with just Area Directors/Assistant Area Directors for the remainder of the meeting.

(NEW) Jersey Mike's Day of Giving

It's almost time for Jersey Mike's Day of Giving! Special Olympics Maryland is excited to partner with 11 stores across the state where 100% of sales from those stores on March 29 will support Special Olympics Maryland!

Partner stores this year are:

- Baltimore: 3611 Washignton Blvd. Suite 100
- Baltimore 7976 Honeygo Blvd
- Clinton: 8797 Branch Ave.
- Dundalk: 1401 Merritt Blvd, Suite 1
- Dunkirk: 10107 Ward Road
- Edgewater: 11 Lee Airpark Dr. Suite 400
- Glen Burnie: 6640 Ritchie Highway
- La Plata: 105 Drury Drive, Suite A
- Salisbury: 1405 S. Salisbury Blvd
- Waldorf: 3728 Crain Highway, Unit 103

(NEW) 2023 Brave in the Attempt Talks

Six speakers from Special Olympics Maryland and other external agencies will take to the stage on June 20th, 2023 from 6pm-8pm for the First Lady presents Brave in the Attempt Talks.

The talks are 5-7 minute TED-Talk style presentations around a common theme.

This year's theme is "**Lead the Way**" where speakers will share their experience in leadership and how they or others Lead the Way.

This year's speakers include Clara Scholz, Charles Gaines, Alexea Wentz, Matt DiGilio, Abby Knight and Dominique Palmer.

We are happy to host this year's talks at the Jim Rouse Theatre 5460 Trumpeter Rd, Columbia, MD 21044 in Howard County.

There will a short reception at 6pm followed by the talks at 7pm.

Tickets are FREE but we request that you reserve them through our ticketing system to help us have a better understanding of size of crowd that night.

Ticket sign up available here <https://support.somd.org/event/2023-brave-in-the-attempt-talks/e458207>

(NEW) JTCC Spring Tennis Clinics

FREE tennis clinics are still taking place at the JTCC in College Park! These are great opportunities for athletes and Unified Teammates of ALL abilities to get on court! No previous tennis experience is needed---come join the fun!

All Sessions are on Sunday from 4:00-5:30

Pre-Registration is required. Just the JTCC Form Below

[https://jtcc.clubautomation.com/calendar/event-info?id=72463&style=0&isFrame=0.](https://jtcc.clubautomation.com/calendar/event-info?id=72463&style=0&isFrame=0)

- **Elizabeth Kramer, Sports Director**
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Alpine Skiing	Kayaking	<i>Locally Popular Sports: Figure Skating, Sailing, Short Track Speed Skating, Duckpin Bowling</i>
Bowling (10 pin)	Swimming	
Cycling		

If you have questions regarding multi-sport events, or USA/World Games, please contact:

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Summer Games	Fall Sports Festival	USA Games
Winter Games		World Games

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IUS Athletics (T&F)	IUS Outdoor Bocce	IUS Tennis
IUS Indoor Bocce	IUS Strength & Conditioning	

Overall Sports Leadership (any sports/competition questions that aren't related to a specific sport)

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Questions?

If You Have Any Questions on Any Other Non-Sports-Related Issues, please contact a member of the Local Programs Team

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