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## SPARC A Strong Team !!

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Our friend Jeff surrounded by his many friends at Therapeutic Recreation this summer



## A Super SPARC Summer

What a summer SPARC had together! Thanks to county partners we were able to enjoy many community outings as a club.

This year SPARC kicked off the summer by going to Kyle's for a gathering and a barbecue! We got to see all of the rose bushes and listen to great 50's music while eating. We enjoyed hanging out in the sunshine and eating ice cream for dessert!

We also went bowling. Everyone got pins down and one person got three strikes in a row. We had a great time! All of the

food and drinks that we had were really yummy!

We also went to Fair Oaks mall. At the mall, we all got to look at things that interested us. We got to have a big lunch, shop, and buy things! Ellen and Cathy got to hang out extra long until Ellen's mom

We went on a field trip every week. We went to: Costco, Reston Town Centre, the Marriott twice to help volunteer with the ARC, Grace Art Center, and Wolf Trap to see an Opera and a African-Stomp show.

By The SPARC club



## A Loss for SPARC

By Ryan Cotnoir  
SPARC recently bid a tearful farewell to one of its original members, Jeff Watkins, who passed away on August 28, 2008. Jeff was not only a strong supporter of SPARC but he also served a term as president of the Therapeutic Recreation advisory council which gave him an opportunity to voice his opinions on issues concerning the state of Therapeutic Recreation and all of the programs it sponsored. Jeff was a cheery and upbeat friend to all of us and he often shared wonderful stories about his years attending Perkins Institute in Boston.

## A Loss at SPARC — Jeff

One of the things Jeff and Ryan had in common is that they both attended Fairhill Center which was a separate wing of Fairhill Elementary school . And they often reminisced about that over lunch . Jeff was a very courageous man who did all he could with what senses he was able to use .One of the unique abilities that set him apart from his friends was that he had an incredible memory for precise dates and years in which holidays fell on Another event that will always be remembered are the

wonderful concerts that he and his long-time friend Philip put on for us.

A lunch was was held at Magill's pizza on September first in order for the club to gather together to fondly recall the joyful times that they had spent with Jeff

Jeff was a true friend to all who knew him and spent time with him . He will be truly missed.



## Upcoming Fundraiser—Place Your Orders

Marylou Cotnoir has some exciting news. She has become the new Virginia representative for Jubilations Cheesecakes.

Marylou's new business venture is solely for the purpose of helping organizations like SPARC with fundraising.

Marylou is briefing all club members and families at SPARC Family and Friends Night Oct 27th.

We'll be looking for groups who would like to help fundraise for SPARC like church, women's leagues, clubs, and corporate sponsors. Marylou will provide the support we provide the friends!!

## Meet Club Member Elise....

Names are drawn for the featured club member. Three names were then drawn to select the club member interviewers. Here's Ellen, Cathy and Ryan as this month's reporters interviewing Elise!

Ellen: What do you like to do for fun?

Elise: Anything on the computer: drawing, instant messaging, Facebook, etc. Talking on the phone, hanging out with friends, eating, shopping, and listening to music!

Ellen: When did you graduate from high school?

Elise: This past June.

Ryan: When were you born?

Elise: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1986

Ryan: How did you find out about SPARC?

Elise: Through friends and my mom.

## Meet Elise (continued)

Cathy: What do you like to do when you go home from SPARC?

Elise: Take a nap, daydream, and watch TV!

Cathy: Do you like sports?

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## SPARC Wish List

There's always a wish list to work toward filling.....

- C.P.A !!!!!
- A Public Relations Specialist !
- Digital Photo Frame for presentations
- Video Camera for the club
- Adobe Photoshop for Home
- Adobe Acrobat Writer
- Laptops—Refurbished Recycled
- Clue — DVD
- Wii
- SPARC tee shirts
- Branding for Success by Larry Checco
- The Fundraising Habits of Supremely Successful Boards by Jerold Panas or any other Panas books

## Be Sure to Check Out SPARC Notecards !

Please ask about our special notecards dedicated to our most our best friends Jeff and Ahmed.

Please also see our continuing growth of notecards throughout the year.

We have some holiday and winter cards ready for you to order.

SPARC notecards are \$12.00 for a box of 8 cards and that includes sales tax.

Support club members as they learn to run their own small business.

Please see Monica or any club member if you have a location to

sell our notecards!!

All images are photographed by SPARC club members with an adapted camera.