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## **CPW's Adult Social Club Relaunch – Hosting a St. Patrick's Day Party**

*Oldest running social club for persons living with IDD in Westchester, Greenwich, and surrounding areas*

RYE BROOK, NY – On Friday, March 15, 2024, from 7 – 9 pm, Cerebral Palsy of Westchester's Pioneer Club is relaunching after being paused for the COVID-19 pandemic, holding its first event of the year a St. Patrick's Day Party and Membership Night. Hosted at the David G. Osterer Center in Rye Brook (on the border of Greenwich, CT) twice a month on Friday evenings, the Pioneer Club is an opportunity for adults ages 18 and older living with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to get together, play games, meet new friends, and have fun. The club uniquely addresses the challenging social isolation that many experience. For more information visit <https://cpwestchester.org/pioneer-social-club/>.



*Pioneer Club annual dinner dance at the Surf Club in New Rochelle, and at the retreat at the Villa Roma resort.*

In addition to the twice a month Friday night theme parties, where singing is popular and Bingo has become a crowd favorite, members of the longest-running social club of its kind in Westchester and Fairfield Counties look forward to the Annual Dinner Dance, often held at the Surf Club in New Rochelle, and a get-away weekend retreat, last held at the Villa Roma resort in the Catskills.

Lisa Ferri and Wendell Rones, Pioneer Club co-coordinators, have created a friendly, life-changing environment, one that evolves to meet the needs and requests of its members. The Club's officers, elected by the membership of 100-plus individuals, assist with the planning and set-up of the events. They canvass the members regularly, asking for feedback, and give constructive suggestions to the venues that are visited.

CPW's **Pioneer Club** formed nearly 70 years ago from a small group of individuals living with disabilities looking for social and recreational activities in their community, today boasts more than 100 members

from Westchester and the surrounding area, including NYC, Connecticut and New Jersey. To find out more, contact Lisa Ferri and Wendell Rones, at (914) 937-3800 ext. 345 or ext. 263; [lisa.ferri@cpwestchester.org](mailto:lisa.ferri@cpwestchester.org) and [wendell.rones@cpwestchester.org](mailto:wendell.rones@cpwestchester.org).

Celebrating its 75<sup>th</sup> year in 2024, **Cerebral Palsy of Westchester's** mission is to advance the independence, productivity, and full citizenship of people living with all developmental disabilities including autism, neurological impairments, intellectual disabilities, epilepsy, and cerebral palsy. CPW's main campus is located in Rye Brook, NY, housing a special education school, an adult day habilitation program and recreation programs. CPW operates the United Preschool Center in White Plains, as well as seven group homes throughout Westchester. Through a comprehensive network of educational programs, day services, residential sites, therapeutic services, employment training, recreation programs and advocacy the agency helps thousands of children and adults in Westchester and Fairfield Counties live more productive and satisfying lives. The organization's motto is: *Realizing Tomorrow's Potential . . . Today!* For more, visit [cpwestchester.org](http://cpwestchester.org).

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Pioneer Club events.



Pioneer Club Officers and Coordinators: (back rows, L-R) Wendel Rones, Dawn Anderson, Vice President Claudia Tomkins, Justin Pessa, Lisa Ferri, Jane Yang, Robert DeCresenzo, Exec. Director Linda Kuck; (front row, L-R) Karen Devaney, President Ollie Lowery