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RRAF IS CHANGING FOR THE FUTURE !!

The Board of Directors of RRAF is pleased to announce that Sally Field Mullan has been elected to the office of President. Sally replaces Marilyn Flanagan, who has led RRAF for twenty-five years.

Sally is currently the Coordinator of the Vocational Skills Program at the College of DuPage, offering courses to give entry-level job skills for adults with developmental disabilities.

Marilyn will assume the new title of Senior Vice President of Finance and Business Operations, and will continue in her role as a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Director. This change will allow Marilyn to devote more time to other endeavors on behalf of RRAF, and to continue in her capacity as a surveyor in the area of Employment and Community Services accreditation for CARF International.

Please join us in welcoming Sally Field Mullan to her new role at RRAF and in thanking Marilyn for her many years of hard work and dedication on behalf of RRAF.





FROM THE BOARD:

This will be my first time writing to each of you in my new "role" here at RRAF. I am now Sr. Vice President of Finance and Business Operations, along with continuing to function as the Executive Director when and where needed.

It has been almost twenty-five years since Tom and I discussed my coming to RRAF - working for a few years to help get RRAF stable - and then how I would decide what was next in my life. Those few years have somehow become many. The challenges and successes we've been through on behalf of RRAF and those it serves have been life changing for all of us. And, there is so much we can be proud of.

I have been doing my best these past few years to prepare all of us for the upcoming changes in funding, the changes in the priorities of our State as it relates to services for our folks with developmental disabilities, the

changes seen across our nation in funding initiatives, and the changes that RRAF will need to make in order to transition into its future.

It is now time to begin changing RRAF to transition it into the organization it must become to continue on with the ongoing challenges it will face.

And, I hope that you can appreciate that, even if I'm not yet ready to be "retired" ... I am "tired". So, ready to pass on the reins even further and try to take more time away from the office.

It is also time for a new energy at RRAF. It is time for new ideas and new perspectives. It is time for a reorganization based on the current and perceived future needs of organization. It is time for new leadership.

I am extremely pleased that Sally Field Mullan has accepted the role of President of RRAF. Please join me in welcoming her.

As a continuing Board member, I know you are in very capable hands. And I, Tom, and Roger will support her efforts.

This world of human services has become so much "administrivia" over the years, and it has consumed a greater amount of my time year after year.

Helping RRAF work through the maze of paperwork and changing requirements is where I feel I can best use my talents at this time.

Tom will continue to support and counsel the Board to ensure the best financial and solid business decisions are made.

Roger continues to bring his wealth of history, both as a parent, and as a long time board member and committed fundraiser for RRAF.

Sally, we are standing behind you.

To our families, donors, and community partners, please stand behind her too ... and give her the help and assistance she needs to propel RRAF forward.

A new day is dawning. Let's make it a bright and sunny one on behalf of those RRAF serves.

*Thank you,
Marilyn Flanagan*

OUR NEW PRESIDENT:

Sally Field Mullan is married and the mother of an adult son with autism.

She has over 30 years of volunteer work advocating for services and developing educational opportunities for the developmentally disabled population.

She is the coordinator of the Vocational Skills Program at the College of DuPage, offering twelve courses to teach workplace competencies to special populations. She is also Professor of Computer Information Systems for the College of DuPage, where she created the Game Design and Game Programming curriculum.

RRAF Welcomes New Friends !!

Many thanks
to the
Lombard
Citizens
Police
Academy
Alumni
Association
for
reaching
out to
RRAF.

(And to the
Lombardian for
the feature.)



Donation for a worthy cause

RRAF, WHOSE MISSION IS "to support adults with developmental disabilities and their families by providing on-site and community-based day programming and in-home support services" is located in a building on Main Street, which formerly housed the Lombardian/Villa Park Review. The building, at 613 S. Main St., is now home to RRAF. Members of the Lombard Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association (LCPAAA) were recently welcomed into this facility by Marilyn Flanagan, president of RRAF, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Following a warm introduction by Flanagan, the group received numerous winks, smiles and waves from many of the 21 individuals in this learning environment, which made their visit even more heartwarming. Since the recent closing of the Deicke Home, facilities such as RRAF are absolutely necessary for adults with developmental disabilities, enabling them to spread their wings and learn to care for themselves. The LCPAAA joined in RRAF's mission by donating a check in the amount of \$503. Pictured from left to right are Dan Brink, LCPAAA treasurer; Loretta Kearns, LCPAAA president; Flanagan, president of RRAF and Mickey Rodgers, second vice president of the LCPAAA.

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October 4, 2015**

11:30 am - 3:30 pm

**The Empress Banquets,
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**Admission and Raffle
Tickets will go
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Large beautiful selection
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All proceeds benefit the adults with
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Loyola Lake
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(Note: we are always in
need of jewelry
boxes, too!)

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