



**Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA)**  
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## **AS HEARD ON WONC FM89.1**

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***We are the Western DuPage Special Recreation Association providing social and recreational programs for children, teens and adults right here in DuPage County.***

### **Congratulations Snowshoe Athletes!**

Though there was no snow, the games DID go on at the Special Olympics Winter Games in Galena! Three days of competition on grassy fields didn't slow them down one bit and they have the medals to prove it.

Here's the roundup:

- Elliot – 2nd in the 50m
- Michelle – 1st in the 100m
- Daniel – 1st in the 100m
- Sami – 1st in the 400m
- Sami – 3rd in the 200m

***Well done everyone!***

### **Congratulations to Jane Hodgkinson!**

WDSRA is proud to honor our former Executive Director as a true **trailblazer in disability advocacy and inclusive recreation**.

On February 12th, we dedicated the Carol Stream Rec & Roll room — the very first Rec & Roll location — as the **Jane Hodgkinson Rec & Roll Room**. This special moment celebrates Jane's 30 years of visionary leadership, her statewide advocacy, and her unwavering belief in **Equal Fun for Everyone**.

Under Jane's guidance, the Rec & Roll Adult Day Program launched at a time when very few adult day options existed. Today, her vision has grown into **seven Rec & Roll sites serving more than 130 adults every year**, shaping a model of community-based adult programming across Illinois.

As Executive Director Dan Leahy shared, *"Jane didn't just lead WDSRA—she reshaped what was possible for adults with disabilities in our region."*

We are deeply grateful for Jane's passion, leadership, and legacy. This dedication ensures her impact will continue to inspire generations to come.

## **Special Needs Movie Screening: GOAT**

**Saturday, 2/21 @ 11am**

**Studio Movie Grill**

**301 Rice Lake Square, Wheaton**

As a reminder, the SMG sensory friendly Special Needs Screenings present movies with the lights up and the volume low. Moving around, talking, and even dancing in the aisles is welcome. Tickets are available at the box office as early as the Wednesday prior to these screenings. Tickets are free for the individual with special needs and their family. Please check the website to confirm dates and showings.

*Complete details at [www.studiomoviegrill.com](http://www.studiomoviegrill.com).*

## **CHEERS TO 50 YEARS OF INCLUSION, IMPACT, AND INSPIRATION!**

WDSRA is proud to celebrate **50 incredible years** of enriching the lives of individuals with disabilities and their families. Throughout the coming year, we'll honor our past, celebrate the present, and look forward to an exciting future together.

Join us as we mark this milestone with:

- **Special anniversary programs** for participants
- **Family celebrations and community events**
- **Meaningful opportunities** to connect and reflect on five decades of impact

Stay tuned for updates! Event and program details will be shared **quarterly in our program brochures**, on **Facebook & Instagram**, and in our **e-news**.

Together, let's make this a year to remember — **50 years strong and just getting started!**

**Wrap** With that, all I can do is wrap it up. If you have any questions about anything we talked about here today, please give us a call. We are happy to answer them all! Contact us at 630-681-0962 or check out our website at [www.wdsra.com](http://www.wdsra.com). And please, stay connected with us by following us on Facebook or signing up for our enews.

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### **WDSRA**

Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA) provides engaging, community-based recreational programs and inclusion services for children, teens, and adults with special needs. WDSRA offers Special Olympics, adapted sports, dance and art programs, camps, trips, special events, and more. WDSRA's mission, the development of individuals through recreation, makes it possible for individuals to grow personally, connect with their community and discover their potential.

WDSRA is an award-winning organization and a cooperative extension of nine park districts serving the communities of Bloomingdale, Carol Stream, Glen Ellyn, Naperville, Roselle, Warrenville, West Chicago, Wheaton, and Winfield.

**MISSION** *We enrich lives, connect communities and create fun through inclusive recreational opportunities.*

**VISION** *A world of opportunities, belonging and individuals reaching their full potential.*

*Learn more at [www.wdsra.com](http://www.wdsra.com).*