



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.*

### **SUMMER LUAU: Aloha & Mahalo!**

**Music, dancing, and friends!** With over a hundred participants and staff, there was no shortage of fun and excitement. From lively music and energetic dancing to the laughter and joy shared among friends, the atmosphere was electric. Thanks to DJ Chryptik, program staff and volunteers for definitely making this an unforgettable night and creating memories!

*Check out all the excitement on our [Facebook page](#).*

### **SHARON GEDVILAS: Retires from WDSRA**

**Congratulations Sharon!** Sharon has had an illustrious 24 year career with WDSRA marked by numerous accomplishments including the complex financial landscape. Throughout her tenure, Sharon played a crucial role in developing and implementing strategic plans, goals and accreditations for WDSRA.

In her finance role, Sharon was part of the team that secured a Gold Medal winning application for NRPA, showcasing WDSRA's excellence AND led her team to receive the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) award an impressive 17 times. This recognition highlights the team's commitment to government financial practices and their outstanding achievements in this domain.

Perhaps where Sharon truly shines is her thoughtfulness for people. She cares about culture, making others feel included and giving them what they need to thrive. She has always kept the well-being of participants, families and colleagues at the forefront.

Congratulations once again to Sharon on her remarkable career and best wishes for a fulfilling retirement!

*Send your congratulations to Sharon on our [Facebook page](#).*

### **DONOR IMPACT: Improved Work Spaces**

WDSRA recently received a \$22,229.91 grant from the Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club for technology upgrades. The grant provides technology support for the Winfield Rec & Roll day program. This will be used for computer training skills, fitness, music therapy, dance, and assorted types of recreation. Additionally, two meeting rooms at the WDSRA office will receive upgrades. These upgrades will enhance virtual programming as well as host professional meetings.

**Thank you Hinsdale Junior Woman's Club!**

**SCREENING: Elemental**

**Saturday 7/1 @ 11am**

**Studio Movie Grill**

**301 Rice Lake Square, Wheaton**

Tickets are FREE for ALL family members of guests with special needs!

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. Please check the website to confirm dates and showings.

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

**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.*

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