

# This Week at ASCARC

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## Middle of May News at ASCARC

- At our **Vernon group home**, Christine and her housemate Claudia participated in a cultural activity for the Mexico holiday **Cinco Di Mayo**. The ladies ate homemade enchiladas and Tres leches cake (a sponge cake made with 3 types of milk). Then they made maracas and sombrero's while staff talked about Cinco Di Mayo and how it came about. **Cinco de Mayo** is celebrated to commemorate the Mexican army winning the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War in 1862. In the United States, the holiday has developed over time into a general celebration of Mexican culture and heritage.



- **Joseph Quintiere (I)** of our Franklin group home and **Bill Neal** from our Stanhope group home completed the Spring semester of the **LACE (Learning At College Experience)** program at **Sussex County Community College**. Both gentlemen joined several others with enjoying learning at the College. SCARC board member and Kittatinny High School teacher **Patti Nugent** founded and directs the LACE program.



- An unexpected day off from the Hampton Center day programs, led the guys from **Fredon group home** to visit a local **Sugar Sweet Farms** in Lafayette to see how the animals were doing. **Lynne, Fawn, and Glen** (with staff Lori) perked up with their new day's activity.

- We were blessed once again with volunteers from **Pass It Along** who worked at 3 of our group homes last Friday. Specifically, our **Sparta, Val Court, and Wantage group homes** are the more beautiful as a result of their efforts. At Wantage, the PIA volunteers were from **Lakeland Bank, including Mike Imparato** (see photo left). The mission of Pass It Along is to build confident, resilient, compassionate teenagers and community volunteers through ministering to others in Sussex County.



In addition, **Pass It Along** volunteers provided a **Hawaiian Luau at the Hardyston based YMCA** Friday evening to 97 SCARC group home residents and staff.



Thank you Pass It Along for all you do for SCARC! Paul dances with a PIA volunteer.