

Newsletter - Spring 2017



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Happy Spring From Welcome Change!



UPCOMING CONFERENCES

In June, Alice & Diana will be presenting a 10-year anniversary screening of *Body & Soul: Diana & Kathy* at the 6th Annual IAC Conference in New York City. The IAC is the Interagency Council of Developmental Disabilities Agencies and we are pleased to be celebrating Diana and Kathy as two trailblazing self-advocates at this event. The presentation takes place on June 8th at 3:15 pm at The Graduate Center on Fifth Ave and 34th. We hope to see you there! Click [here](#) for more info.



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In addition, Diana & Alice will also be presenting *Body & Soul*; *Diana & Kathy* at the NACDD (National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities) Annual Conference in Salt Lake City this July. They will be featured in a moderated panel that will focus focus on self-determination, the progress we are making, and the alternatives to guardianship. The panel will also feature policy specialist **Jeffrey Miller**, Director of the Illinois Council on Developmental Disabilities **Kimberly Mercer-Schleider**, and Aging and Disabilities Program Specialist **Linda Kendall Fields**. The conference will be held from July 11-14. Feel free to email us about details as the event approaches. If you are in the Salt Lake City area we would be happy to arrange additional screenings and meet with you.

Lastly, as we celebrate 10 years of *Body & Soul*, we also reflect on the loss of one its greatest champions, Sheila Romano. Sheila was the former head of the Illinois Developmental Disability Council as well as a caring and generous friend to Diana and Kathy. It feels strange to watch the film and feel that she is no longer with us. She is dearly missed.



We just heard from Dick Peterson at the Kiwanis International that over 30,000 students have used *The Collector of Bedford Street* in the Key Leadership training program. We miss Larry, too, but his legacy continues.



A group photo of the Key Club International Leadership program.

Alice continues teaching at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. She is also on NYU's Council on Disability Studies. Alice is completing her documentary about affordable housing, *Miracle on 42nd Street*.

Hope you are enjoying the spring weather! We enjoy keeping our followers up to date with everything that is happening here at Welcome Change. If you like receiving updates, also subscribe to our Trusted source. Trusted Source is a free monthly newsletter from Welcome Change featuring media on life with disability.

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