



# Tuesday Morning Memo

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009 **HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

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- **MANY NEWS UPDATES ON THE ARC-WISCONSIN WEBSITE**

It has been a busy week. For updates on major news stories related to disability advocacy, please visit The Arc-Wisconsin website at: [www.arc-wisconsin.org](http://www.arc-wisconsin.org).

Recent updates include:

- An article about President-Elect Obama's proposed economic stimulus plan that includes the possibility of a stimulus payment of up to \$500 for eligible individuals and up to \$1000 for eligible married couples. Please note that many people with disabilities were able to take advantage of the 2008 stimulus payments.
- An article about the new balance of power in the state legislature. Representatives and Senators were sworn in on Monday. The article lists many of the top issues that may receive action, including a proposal to require that insurance plans offer intensive treatment for autism. The Arc-Wisconsin will closely monitor this and other disability-related proposals.
- An article about the recent report from a UW-Madison researcher indicating a link between age, birth order and autism.
- A light-hearted article about Lemon, the duck with a disability. Lemon is assisting children in learning to value and emphasize the abilities that every individual can offer, rather than focusing on any disabilities an individual may have.

- **NEW INTERNET RESOURCE AVAILABLE**

Timothy Carey has launched a website geared toward uniting all people with disabilities and organizations for people with disabilities. The Arc-Wisconsin encourages people to visit the DisabilityVoiceSpace website at: [www.DisabilityVoice.us](http://www.DisabilityVoice.us).

- **THE ARC-WISCONSIN WELCOMES NICHOLE HUNKINS AS PRESIDENT**

On January 1, 2009, Nichole Hunkins of Milwaukee officially became President of The Arc-Wisconsin Disability Association. The Arc-Wisconsin welcomes Nichole and expresses gratitude for the service of Past President, Perry Mueller.