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**For those of you that did  
not send Kathleen an  
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possible:  
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## *A Message from the Founder and President*

Dear Families and Friends:

By now all of you should have received your walk registration forms for our Annual 2012 Walk for Autism Awareness. You can help us out if you would register ASAP. This helps us estimate how many shirts and food items we need for our post walk picnic. It also gives us a chance to process these forms before the teams forms start to come in. With the limited amount of volunteers this will really help.

February 18, 2012, is the deadline for T-shirt sponsors. If you know a business that would like to be on the back of the shirt, please go to our website [www.plcta.org](http://www.plcta.org) and download a form. We are asking each family to contribute a basket for the walk. PLCTA supports all the social groups, trips, conferences and awareness events. This is the time we ask the families to give back. Liz and Heather are volunteering to purchase items for anyone family that would opt not to do a basket. We will however, be asking each family to contribute in some way to the success of the walk. Save the dates for the following events. Our walk is April 21, 2012. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and the Walk will begin at 11:00 a.m.

Our greatest needs for volunteers are to load the truck the day before the walk, set up the day of the walk, and tear down after the walk is finished. We really need younger adults to help us bring the stuff back to the headquarters at 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you know of any volunteers, please let us know at 341-3388. If you know anyone that loves to bake, please ask them to consider contributing something to the bake sale. Many grandparents can't walk but want to know how they can help. This is a great way to make them feel included. Thanks to everyone for their support as we prepare for another amazing event!

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President  
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Our Annual Dinner is set for May 24th at the Radisson in Scranton.

We are planning the second part of our transition conference for late spring. Look for details in your March Newsletter. Transition should be an ongoing planning process. Ask any parent in PLCTA and they will tell how complex this can be. PLCTA will try to bring you information to help you navigate this time period as best as possible.

I would like to wish all my PLCTA children, teens, and young adults a Happy Valentine's Day. My wish is that you will always be surrounded by enough love, encouragement and HOPE to nourish your goals and dreams.

With Love,  
Your Founder and President,  
*Kathleen M. Walsh*

## *Dates to Remember*

**February 3 – PLCTA Board of Directors**, 7:00, HQ.  
**February 15 - SibShops© - YMCA, Carbondale**, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

**February 17 – PLCTA Walk Meeting**, 7:00, Allied Services Board Room, Morgan Highway. Photo will be taken before the meeting.

**February 21 - SibShops© - YMCA, Dunmore**, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

**March 9 – PLCTA Swim Trip**, Carbondale YMCA, 6:00-8:00 pm, RSVP to Mary Ellen at 570-346-2955.

**March 9 – TABS Swim-Gym-Pizza** (for ages 13 & up), Carbondale YMCA, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, \$10/family, RSVP to 570-267-7820.

**April 21 – 2012 Autism Walk**, Nay Aug Park, Scranton.

**May 11 – TABS Swim-Gym-Pizza**

**May 24 – Appreciation & Acknowledgement Dinner**, Radisson, Scranton.

## *Recreation News*

### **NOTICE FOR ALL SOCIAL GROUPS**

Please respect the age ranges of our social groups. We are trying to provide social opportunities for all of our children living through autism.

### **YOUTH SOCIAL (12 & UNDER)**

PLCTA's Youth Social will be held at Idle Hour Bowling Lanes, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 19th. **Please plan to arrive by 12:45** to get your shoes and ball.

### **YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL (12-15 YEARS OLD)**

Our young teens will be meeting for a pizza (& video games!) social on Monday, February 6th, at 6:00 p.m. at Vincenzo's Pizza, Main Ave., Scranton. Please RSVP to Patti at 563-1852.

### **TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL (16 & OLDER)**

For children with autism who are 16 years old or older, PLCTA's Teen Social will be held at Idle Hour Bowling Lanes, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 11th and 25th. March's dates are Saturday, March 10th and March 24th. **Please plan to arrive by 12:45** to get your shoes and ball.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT**

PLCTA's Headquarters at 570-341-3388 and leave a message.

## **PLCTA March Trip**

**Friday, March 9  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Carbondale YMCA**

**Open to all age groups.**

**RSVP to Mary Ellen,  
570-346-2955,  
by March 5, 2012.**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 <b>PLCTA BOARD MEETING, 7:00, HQ</b>	4
5	6 <b>YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL, 6:00, Vincenzo's Pizza, Main Ave., Scranton</b>	7	8	9	10	11 <b>TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes</b>
12	13	14	15 SibShops© at Carbondale YMCA, 5:00- 7:00 pm	16	17 <b>PLCTA WALK MEETING, 7:00, Allied Services Board Room, Morgan Highway.</b>	18
19 <b>YOUTH SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes</b>	20	21 SibShops© at Dunmore YMCA, 5:00- 7:00 pm	22	23	24	25 <b>TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes</b>
26	27	28	29			<b>PLEASE SEE NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS</b>

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 Need help registering? Contact Mike at [webmaster@plcta.org](mailto:webmaster@plcta.org)

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