

# *The Parents Loving Children Through Autism Foundation*

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## *A Message from the Founder and President*

Dear Families and Friends:

It was nice to see so many of you at our Holiday Parties. Big thanks to our Santa's and Elves for making the children so happy. Also thank you to all who made 2010 a wonderful year in PLCTA.

As we begin the New Year I want to bring some things to your attention. As many of you know our Walk continues to grow each and every year. It was necessary to move our sponsor deadline to February. Sponsors letters went out in September. For those of you that will be seeking sponsorships this year I've enclosed another sponsor form. Our Annual Walk for Autism Awareness is our biggest fundraiser for the year. This is your chance to give back to the foundation. We are asking that each family put together a basket of your choice for the walk. I wanted to give each family time to do so. We have committees that need volunteers. Please consider helping. We are always looking for help!

I would like to thank the 2010 sponsors, performers and volunteers of the 2nd Annual Raise Your Voice for Awareness. The show was a huge success. Ben Knox from PLCTA took the trophy for his wonderful Michael Jackson tribute. Thank you to Marquis Ivey for taking on the show as his Senior Project.

Are you looking for a place to celebrate Valentine's Day? PLCTA will be holding a Valentine's Party at the Polish Club in Scranton. A flyer is enclosed with all the information. Plan a DATE NIGHT for a great cause!

On behalf of PLCTA I would like to wish everyone a Happy 2011! May your year be filled with health, happiness and love.

Your Founder and President  
*Kathleen M. Walsh*

## 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)

This month, the Youth Social will be a trip to see Yogi Bear at the Marquee Cinema, Lackawanna Ave., Scranton. Please arrive by 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 9th.

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

The Young Teen Social will be held in conjunction with the Teen to Adult Bowling Social this month. The Young Teens will have their own lane. Bowling is 1:00-3:00 p.m., on Saturday, January 8th and 22nd. **Please plan to arrive by 12:45** to get your shoes and ball.

### 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, January 8th and 22nd. **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.

## Dates to Remember

January 11 - SibShops© - YMCA, Dunmore, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

January 12 - SibShops© - YMCA, Carbondale, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

January 14 - TABS Swim/Pizza Party (13 & up), YMCA, Carbondale, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Carbondale YMCA, 282-2210.

February 12 - PLCTA Valentine Fundraiser. See flyer for details.

## 2011 Walk Meeting

January's Walk meeting will be 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 21st at the PLCTA Headquarters in Scranton.

## Fundraising Corner

### VALENTINE FUNDRAISER

Bring your honey and dance the night away on Saturday, February 12th, 7:00 p.m. - midnight, at the Polish Club in Scranton. Tickets must be purchased in advance! See flyer for details.

### SWEATSHIRT SALE

In time for the fall, we are repeating the sweatshirt sale. An order form is included in this newsletter. Choose the colors and sizes you want, and send your order form and check to PLCTA. You will be contacted for pick-up.

### GERTRUDE HAWK CHOCOLATE BARS

PLCTA has an assortment of Gertrude Hawk chocolate bars for sale. If you'd like to purchase some, please contact a Board Member or call the Headquarters at 570-341-3388

# HAPPY

# NEW YEAR!



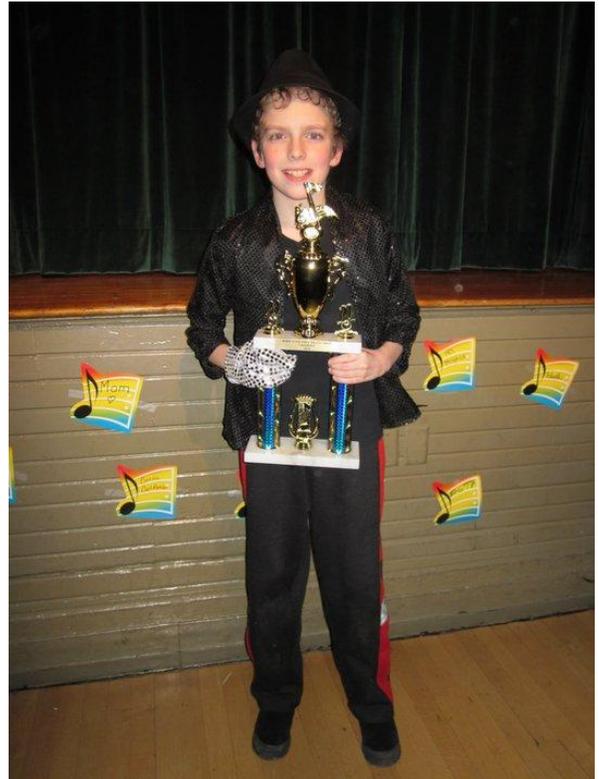
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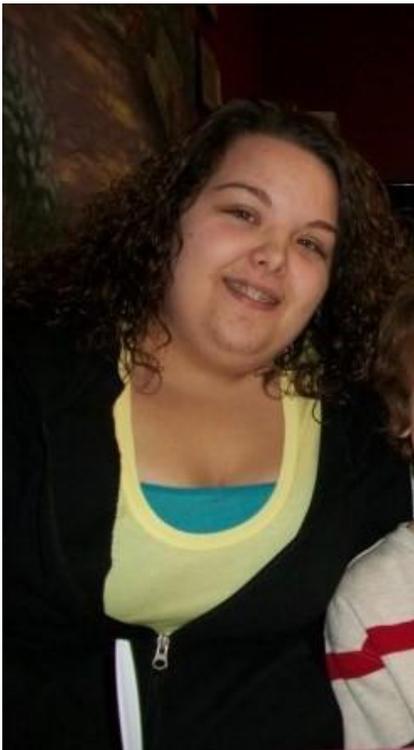
## *Thank You for Raising Awareness*



Riverside High School Football Player Matthew Briskie stops in the Elementary School to teach Life Saving 911 tips as part of his Senior Project



Benjamin Knox takes 1st place for his tribute to Michael Jackson.



Riverside High School Student Emily Tisdell completed her Senior Project by doing 25 hours of Walk for Autism tasks.



Santa takes time to hear the wishes of our PLCTA families.



# January 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>SAVE THE DATE!</b> <b>February 12 – PLCTA Valentine Fundraiser</b>					1
2	3	4	5	6	7 <b>BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, HQ, 7:00</b>	8 <b>PLCTA YOUNG TEEN (12-15) &amp; TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, (16 YRS &amp; OLDER), 1:00</b>
9 <b>PLCTA YOUTH SOCIAL (12 &amp; UNDER), Marquee Cinema, 9:30</b>	10	11 SibShops© at Dunmore YMCA	12 SibShops© at Carbondale YMCA	13	14 TABS Swim/Pizza, Carbondale YMCA, 6:00	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 <b>PLCTA AUTISM WALK MEETING, HQ, 7:00</b>	22 <b>PLCTA YOUNG TEEN (12-15) &amp; TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, (16 YRS &amp; OLDER), 1:00</b>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31		<b>PLEASE SEE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS!</b>			

To be included in PLCTA's newsletter, please submit your events by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to your event.

Calendar items in **bold** print are PLCTA Foundation sponsored events. The PLCTA Foundation provides notification of third-party events in our calendar as a courtesy and assumes no responsibility for those events.



**PLCTA'S  
Valentine's Day Fundraiser**

**Date: February 12, 2011**

**At**

**Polish Club**

**1817 Brick Ave**

**N. Scranton**

**Time: 7:00pm to 12:00am**

**Food, Dessert, Cash Bar**

**Music by DJ Deb**

**Basket Raffles, Silent Auction, 50/50**

**& Karaoke**

**Tickets: \$20.00 Per Person**

**Tickets Must be Purchased in Advance**

**Need ticket to get in**

**To Purchase Tickets Contact**

**Mary at 570-606-6930 by Jan 26, 2011**

**All Proceeds Benefit Parents Loving Children  
Through Autism Foundation**



# EMBROIDERED PLCTA LOGO SWEATSHIRTS ORDER FORM

(PLEASE PRINT)

ORDERS WITH PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED



ORDER WILL NEED TO BE PICKED UP – MAILING IS **NOT** INCLUDED

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY STATE ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAVY	RED	WHITE	SPORT GREY	BLACK
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Cost: Adult – S, M, L, XL \$ 25.00

2X \$ 27.00

Cost: Youth - S, M, L, XL \$ 20.00

QTY	SPECIFY SIZE YOUTH OR ADULT	SPECIFY STYLE ZIPPER OR PULLOVER	COLOR	COST

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL ORDER FORM & PAYMENT TO:  
PLCTA 1243 WYOMING AVE 3RD FLOOR  
SCRANTON PA 18509