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A Message from the Founder and President

Dear Families and Friends:

Thanks to everyone who sent in a sponsorship to become a T-shirt sponsor for our Annual Walk for Autism. Thanks to your support, 2,000 T-shirts have gone to print. We will now be accepting donations for baskets, raffles and bake sale. Please note that Registrations and Team Registrations are due on March 25, 2011. After March 25th, you will have to register the day of the walk.

Now is the time to encourage your friends, families, and community groups to come out and walk. Help us to make our walk a huge success. We need volunteers!!!! Please contact the headquarters if you can volunteer. We need men for the day before the walk to load the trucks at the headquarters and other locations with John Stedina. We are asking our PLCTA families to donate a basket for the walk. Please call the Basket Chairs, Liz or Maura, to let them know what you will be donating. If you cannot donate a basket, consider donating an item to the raffles.

Enclosed in this newsletter is a nomination form for our 2011 Annual Appreciation & Acknowledgement Dinner. The nominations forms will be due on March 20th. Invitations will be available for pick up on April 1, 2011. You will only be able to get invitations from Kathleen and guests will be limited this year. If you have any questions feel free to email me kwalsh@plcta.org or call 650-5485.

Thanks to everyone who attended the Valentine's Day Party. It was a wonderful time for all! Thanks to Mary for planning such a wonderful night for all and for all those who volunteered and donated to make the party such a success.

If you would like to get your newsletter online, you may do so by setting up a username and password. If you need assistance with this, Mike can answer any of your questions by contacting him at webmaster@plcta.org. Please note in order for Mike to approve your username, you must have filled out paperwork to become a member. Mike has been given a list and will let you know if you are an active member of PLCTA.

Again, the next two months are so very busy. Please think about asking how you can assist the board and committees. Thanks to all who give their time so freely to help our foundation and children thrive.

Happy Spring!!

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's Youth Social will be bowling at the Idle Hour Bowling Lanes, at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 20th. Siblings are welcome, and **RSVPs are required** by March 15th (no exceptions!). To RSVP, call Mary at 606-6930 and leave a message. Please arrive 15 minutes early to get your shoes and ball.

YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL (12-15 YEARS OLD)

The Young Teen Social will be Saturday, March 26th, at 1:00. March's social will be video games, pizza, and socialization at Vincenzo's Pizza, 131 N. Main Ave., Scranton. Please RSVP to Patti (563-1852) by March 25th. No siblings.

TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL (16 & OLDER)

PLCTA's Teen to Adult Social will be held at Idle Hour Bowling Lanes, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 12th, and on Saturday, March 26th. **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.

Transition Toolkit Available

A free Transition Toolkit is available from Autism Speaks at:

http://www.autismspeaks.org/community/family_services/transition.php

If your child is between the ages of 14 and 22, you may also request a free hard copy, which includes local resources, be mailed.

Dates to Remember

March 8 - SibShops© - YMCA, Dunmore, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. **RSVP required**, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

March 9 - SibShops© - YMCA, Carbondale, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. **RSVP required**, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

March 11 - TABS Swim (13 & older), Carbondale YMCA, 6:00-8:00 pm, \$10, RSVP to 282-2210.

April 1 - **Appreciation/Acknowledgement Dinner Invitations available for pick-up.**

April 16 - **Walk for Autism Awareness**, Nay Aug Park, Scranton.

May 6 - "No More Meltdowns: Handling Challenging Behaviors & Teaching Social Skills" with Dr. Jed Baker, www.cscinc.org/events.

May 26 - **Appreciation and Acknowledgement Dinner**, 6:00 p.m., Radisson, Scranton.



Our Condolences to...

the family of Roseann Polishan on the passing of her Mother, Barbara A. Fogley, R.N. and to the family of Erin Stefani on the passing of her Grandmother, Jeanne M. Heffron, R.N. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow and may their memories bring you comfort in the difficult days ahead.

2011 Walk Meeting

March's Walk meetings will be 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 18th, and Friday, March 25th, at the PLCTA HQ, Scranton. It is very important that committee chairs attend.

Download a color copy of this newsletter in pdf format after joining www.plcta.org!
Need help registering? Contact Mike at webmaster@plcta.org

Research Deadline Extended

Last month, we shared a letter seeking participants for a Research Project regarding Beliefs, Attitudes, and Assumptions of Professionals and Parents Regarding Students with Autism and Inclusion.

The deadline for this Project has been extended.

Details can be found in February's newsletter or www.plcta.org. Any questions can be directed to Gloria Gigliotti, email gigi@echoes.net, phone 570-282-1102.

Please send your child's school photo for inclusion at PLCTA's 2011 Appreciation & Acknowledgement Dinner to:

Kathleen Walsh
404 Carnation Drive
Clarks Summit, PA 18411

Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE – Fri, May 6, 2011

No More Meltdowns: Handling Challenging Behaviors & Teaching Social Skills

Keynote: Jed Baker, Ph.D.

Author of 5 award-winning books, international advisor & lecturer related to social skills training and behavior management

- Workshop and strategies
- Resource Fair
- Training materials
- Box lunch

Presented by

ARCH of Lehigh Valley
Autism Society of America, LV Chapter
Community Services for Children, Inc
Glenn Koch & Associates, Inc
Lehigh County, Early Intervention
Northampton County, Early Intervention
The Arc of Lehigh & Northampton Counties

Time: 8:00 am—3:00 pm
Date: Friday, May 6, 2011

Venue: DeSales University
(5 miles south of Rt 78/412 interchange; 1 mile north of Rt 378/309 intersection)

Price: \$75 Professionals
\$20 Parents

Continuing education

- Act 48 for Teachers
- CEUs for Social Workers
- CE credits for PA Psychologists
- Others pending

For more information, contact Sara George at Community Services for Children.

Phone: 610-437-6000, ext 2101
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www.cscinc.org/events



Walk for Autism Awareness 2010 Teams/Contact Information

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Walk Sponsors

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Team Registrations- Team Tent

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Mary Ellen Frommert,
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Home 346-2955, Cell 877-8060

Children Characters

Gloria Gigliotti, 947-4084

Raffle Donations

Tammy Galavitz, vitzie@verizon.net,
Home 282-1757, Cell 878-6913

Information Booths

Colleen Melnick, party8939@aol.com,
Cell 241-8639, Work (Scranton
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Bake Sale Items

Laura DeLuccie, Home 343-7852
Kathy Moroski, Home 347-1435

Volunteers Set up Break Down

Mike Scarantino,
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Technology Team

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Walk Questions/Information

Lori Stedina, Cell 677-2576



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>SAVE THE DATE April 16 – 9th Annual Walk for Autism Awareness May 26 – Appreciation and Acknowledgement Dinner</p>		1	2	3	4 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, HQ, 7:00	5
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20 PLCTA YOUTH SOCIAL (12 & UNDER), 11:00, Idle Hour Lanes A&A DINNER NOMINATIONS DUE	21	22	23	24	25 PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR AUTISM WALK PLCTA AUTISM WALK MEETING, 7:00, PLCTA HQ	26 PLCTA YOUNG TEEN (12-15) SOCIAL, 1:00, Vincenzo's Pizza, Scranton. PLCTA TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, (16 YRS & OLDER), 1:00-3:00, Idle Hour Lanes
27	28	29	30	31	PLEASE SEE NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS!	

To be included in PLCTA's newsletter, please submit your events by the 20th 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.

