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A Message from the Founder and President

Dear Families and Friends:

Happy Anniversary PLCTA! We have now been together 10 years. In 10 years we changed NEPA for the better. Our children are achieving things once thought impossible. We have become an extended family rich with friendships and unconditional love. We hope PLCTA is a place you have found comfort over the past 10 years.

Thanks to every single person who made our 9th Annual Walk a huge success. Our walk committee made a promise 9 years ago that this event would not just be a fundraiser but it would be an event that would be a symbol of hope for every family affected by autism. Thanks to the families, friends, sponsors, walk teams, walkers, volunteers, and football teams, we have accomplished this goal. It takes a village to put on this walk. I have an incredible Walk Chair, John Stedina, Board of Directors, and Walk Committee who works from July to April. No one will ever know what it takes to put this event on, but I do, and so I thank ALL of you for your dedication and love for our children and foundation. Next year our walk will be held on April 20, 2013, and it will be our 10th Anniversary. Mark the date because you will not want to miss this!

Please note our website has changed; you can now access your newsletter without using a username or password. Perhaps you will want to move to the website instead of receiving a paper newsletter? Let us know by contacting Tammy at 341-3388.

Thanks to Minooka Lions for another wonderful night of awareness and thanks to Scranton Rotary for presenting PLCTA with the proceeds from their last Holiday Auction. Thanks to the Rotary Club and Patti Duguay for their years of service.

A reminder that our 10th Anniversary Dinner will be held on May 24. Contact us if you wish to attend. This is a parent night only, except for the students being honored.

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

Dates to Remember

May 11 – TABS Swim-Gym-Pizza (ages 13 & up), \$10/family, RSVP to 570-267-7820.

May 11 - Lehigh University's 40th Annual Education Law Conference: The Evolution of a Revolution, <http://www.lehigh.edu/specialseminars/agenda.shtml>

May 15 - SibShops© - YMCA, Carbondale, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

May 16 - SibShops© - YMCA, Dunmore, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

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

June 10 – **PLCTA Coin Drop**, Wal-Mart, Dickson City, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

PLCTA needs Volunteers

Wal-Mart is allowing PLCTA to do a coin drop at their Dickson City location on Sunday, June 10th.

This is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for our foundation.

We need 2 people, each hour, for 2 doors.

Parent/child teams are most welcome!
(Parent/caretaker must remain with children while working.)

Please contact Kathleen at PLCTAFoundation@aol.com if you would like to help out.
Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thank you!

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.

MAY'S YOUTH SOCIAL (12 & UNDER)

MAY'S YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL (12-15 YEARS OLD)

RSVPs were due April 30th for May's Youth and Young Teens Social (Trolley ride on Saturday, May 12th). Please arrive promptly at 11:45 a.m., as the trolley will leave without you. **Sorry, we cannot grant any exceptions to the RSVP deadline.** Siblings welcome. Contact Mary Ellen with any questions at 346-2955.

JUNE'S YOUTH SOCIAL (12 & UNDER)

June's Youth Social will be a Gaming Event at the Valley Community Library in Peckville on Sunday, June 24th, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Enjoy the use of the Valley Community Library's wii, Xbox 360, and Kinects. Please RSVP by June 16th to Mary Ellen at 346-2955.

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, May 19th and 26th and June 9th and 23rd. **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.



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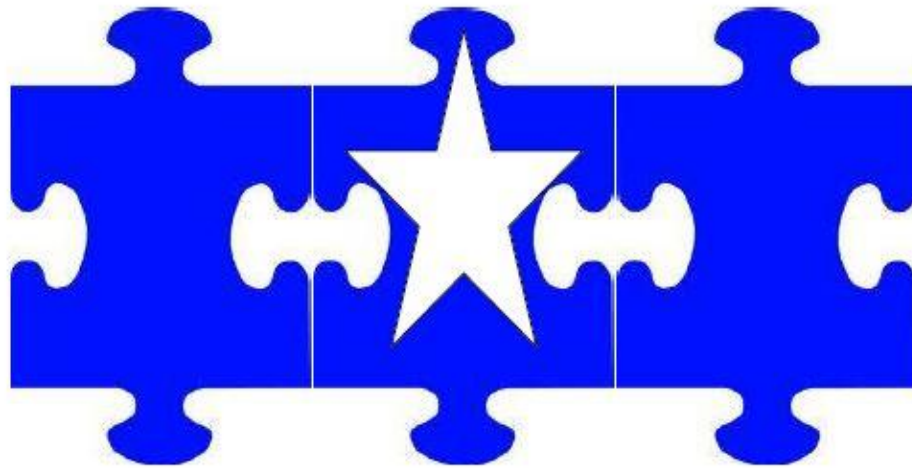


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PLEASE SEE NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS		1	2	3	4 PLCTA BOARD MEETING, 7:00, HQ	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 TABS Swim, Carbondale YMCA, 6-8:00 Lehigh U Conference	12 YOUTH & YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL, 11:45 am, Trolley Ride
13 Mother's Day	14	15 SibShops© at Dunmore YMCA, 5:00- 7:00 pm	16 SibShops© at Carbondale YMCA, 5:00- 7:00 pm	17	18	19 TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes
20	21	22	23	24 10th ANNUAL APPRECIATION & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DINNER	25	26 TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30	31		

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.

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Need help registering? Contact Mike at webmaster@plcta.org



U-Aut-2-Act!

Week-Long Summer Theater
Program for children with ASD

June 18th -22nd

August 6-10th

Ages 8-11 ~10 am until 11:30 am

Ages 12-15 ~ 12:30 until 2 pm

Under the direction of Geri Featherby, 23 yrs. theater educator/ performer

e-mail uaut2act@gmail.com or call 570- 878-3397 for registration form