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A Message from the Founder and President

Dear Families and Friends:

April is here and PLCTA is ready to spread Autism Awareness through the month! Pre-Registration for the Walk is now closed, but you still may register at 9:00 a.m. at the walk. Arrive early because shirts are available only while supplies last. We are still accepting donations for baskets, raffles and bake sale items. Patti and Maura will be contacting your families to see what you will be donating this year. We need everyone involved to make our walk all it can be. Please note we need volunteers, especially strong men, to help load and unload the trucks. Please consider helping out. We also need volunteers for the day of the Walk. Thanks to all who have been working so hard to make this a wonderful event for our communities.

During April we will also hold our Annual Dress Down Day. Each year we pick a theme that we feel will help our schools and communities. This year, our theme is Buzz Out Bullying. (Please see flyer). If you know a business that would like to participate please let us know. We also are selling Buzz Out Bullying Bees for \$1. All proceeds go directly back to the schools to help bring forth awareness, tolerance, kindness, and empathy. We provide the tools in making this a kinder world, one child at a time.

It was a pleasure to meet with the Scranton Rotary as they presented their proceed check to various Autism organizations that provide wonderful services to children affected with autism. May God bless the Rotary for their dedication to our children. Also, thank you to Patti Duguay for her hard work each year.

Our friends at Minooka Lion's Club will once again hold their Autism Awareness Night (see flyer). PLCTA has received proceeds from this wonderful night since their first event. Please show them your appreciation be attending this special night.

Easter Blessings from your President and Founder,

Kathleen M. Walsh

Recreation News

Come one, come all, to PLCTA's 8th Annual Walk for Autism Awareness at Nay Aug Park on Saturday, April 16th. Our regular social groups will return next month.

Dates to Remember

April 13 - SibShops© - YMCA, Dunmore, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

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

April 30 - The 6th Annual Minooka Lions Autism Awareness Night (see flyer for details).

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.

2011 Walk Meeting

April's Walk meeting will be 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8th, at the PLCTA HQ, Scranton. It is very important that committee chairs attend.



*Happy 10th Birthday to Jonathan Rubino and Mitchell Russavage.
May all your wishes come true!*

SpongeBob SquarePants will attend PLCTA's Autism Walk!

SpongeBob SquarePants will be making an appearance at Your Pixel Perfect's Walk booth from 11:30-12:30. Photos will cost \$5 for a 4x6. 20% of that will go back to the foundation.

Team photos will also be taken at Pixel Perfect's Booth, and individuals and groups can stop by for a photo memory of the 2011 Walk.

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!



Members of the PLCTA Youth Group helped Kathleen Walsh to promote our anti-bullying campaign.

Walk News

WE NEED YOU!!!!

We need volunteers to help John load the truck on Friday, April 15th. Please call 341-3388 if you can help. We need strong men to help out. We also need volunteers for various areas for that day. Please help us by lending just an hour of your time.

Sponsors for T-shirts are finished. However, we are still collecting donations for baskets, raffles and bake sale. We are asking each family to contribute something to our walk. Maura and Patty will be contacting families that have not made contact with us. Every single donation helps to make our walk a success. Call Patti @ 570-563-1852 or Maura @ 908-419-8697.

Registration is now closed. Your family may now register the day of the walk starting at 9:00 a.m. A reminder, also, that Children under 18 are FREE of Charge. Walk T-shirts are only available while supply last, however Post Walk Picnic is free to all that attend the walk. Registration for adults is \$15.00, unless you need a 2x shirt, then it is \$17.00.

Last year we had 2,000 walkers attend. Let's shatter that record. Invite your family, friends, and coworkers to walk for the 25,000 individuals affected with Autism.

We thank all our sponsors, families, and friends for making our 8th Annual Walk for Autism the largest awareness event!!!! God bless you all.

Your 2011 Walk for Autism Awareness Walk Committee



Walk for Autism Awareness 2010 Teams/Contact Information

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Walk Questions/Information

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April 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SAVE THE DATE May 26 Appreciation and Acknowledgement Dinner	Appreciation/Acknowledgement Dinner Invitations available for pick-up from Kathleen on April 1st			PLEASE SEE NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS	1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 7:00, PLCTA HQ	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 PLCTA AUTISM WALK MEETING, 7:00, PLCTA HQ	9
10	11	12 SibShops© at Dunmore YMCA	13 SibShops© at Carbondale YMCA	14	15	16 8TH ANNUAL WALK FOR AUTISM AWARENESS, Registration opens at 9:00.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Easter	25	26	27	28	29	30 The 6 th Annual Minooka Lions Autism Awareness Night, 6:00-11:00 pm

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

*Parents Loving Children
Through Autism
Foundation presents*

**ANNUAL AUTISM
AWARENESS MONTH 2011**



**BUZZ OUT
BULLYING**



DRESS DOWN DAY

Adults \$5 DOLLARS Students \$1

FOR INFORMATION CALL 341-3388



*The 6th Annual
“Minooka Lions Autism
Awareness Night”*

Saturday April 30, 2011

*6 to 11 p.m.
Divine Mercy Parish Hall
(formerly St. Joseph's)
Davis St., Scranton (Minooka)*

For more information or to purchase tickets
contact:
Jack Walsh at 346-2152

All proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the following:

- ◆ The Friendship House Autism Program
- ◆ Allied Services Pediatrics/Autism
- ◆ Parents Loving Children Through Autism
- ◆ Minooka Lions Club Autism Foundation