



## APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Dear Families and Friends:

April is here! Please join us as we embark on a month of raising awareness . We work year round to plan events to help bridge awareness and acceptance through our communities, counties, states and country. As we work toward improving the opportunities for all children through inclusion each one of us is an important piece to that puzzle. Please join us by supporting these vital events. Our walk for Autism Awareness annually cost our foundation \$24,000 to put on. The only way to defer those expenses is for everyone to do their part. Why did we take on such an expensive event? We knew that there was no better way to unite people from all walks of life to celebrate the possibilities of autism. This event is about HOPE. When a family sees their family and friends walking for their child they feel less isolated. They feel supported and understood. As our children are now blooming into adulthood, what better way to show them that they are accepted just as they are? On April 26th, we will begin our day bright and early at 8:30 am to 2:00pm at our Annual 5k Walk and Run at Nay Aug Park, and end it at 6pm at Minooka Lion's Autism Foundation Annual Autism Awareness Night. Both of these events fund money for PLCTA cost free trips and social throughout the year. This year has been brutal in fundraising.! More than ever we are competing with other foundations and businesses for donations. WE NEED 100% participation to increase our budget. If you believe in our mission and enjoy what PLCTA provides for your family we need your help. We thank everyone for your unwavering support! Don't be afraid to become involved. Some of our freshest brightest ideas come from new parents who have just joined our various committees.

What's coming in the next few months of PLCTA? Our Annual Dinner at Radisson. This event spotlights those who stand out in the field of Autism. A nomination form is enclosed. This maybe our last dinner, so if you have never attended, this is the year to do so. Michael Slater will be hosting a Prayer Vigil in June to close out our year of Hope. See flyer for details. Donna Gard at Skye is the Limit and Phil Vullo will be teaming up to host our 2nd Golf tournament in July. This events is to honor the fantastic mommies in PLCTA. Information will be in your May Newsletter.

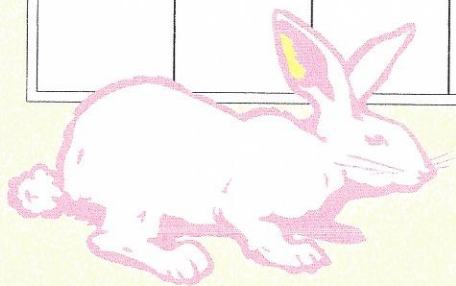
On behalf of our foundation, we thank you for your continued support and love. As Founder and President, I would have never lasted this long without your constant encouragement and the love you continually shower onto me. Your children are my passion and my motivation. I will always be grateful for allowing me to be a part of your lives. With love and appreciation **Kathleen M. Walsh**



2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Light it up Blue	2	3	4 Board Meeting 7pm	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Prayer session 10:00am
13	14	15	16 Walk Meeting 6pm	17	18	19
20 Easter	✝ 21	22	23 Walk Meeting 6pm	24	25	26 Autism Awareness Day
27	28	29	30			



April

**PLCTA Walk/Run for Autism Awareness and Minooka Autism Awareness Night  
April 26th See Flyer for details or visit [www.plcta.org](http://www.plcta.org)**

# P.L.C.T.A. Foundation



## Walk and 5k Run For Autism Awareness

### Saturday April 26, 2014

Nay Aug Park, Scranton



Run registration begins at 7:30 am day of run

\$20 early reg. if recieved by April 11th

\$25 Day of run

5k Run begins at 8:30 am

Starting line near Hanlons Grove

Event timed by Scranton Running Company



Raffles

Music

Post Walk Picnic

Items for sale

Kids games

Information booths



Walk registration begins at 9:30 am day of walk

\$15 early reg. if recieved by April 11th

\$20 Day of walk

Walk begins at

Everhart Pavilion

at 11 am



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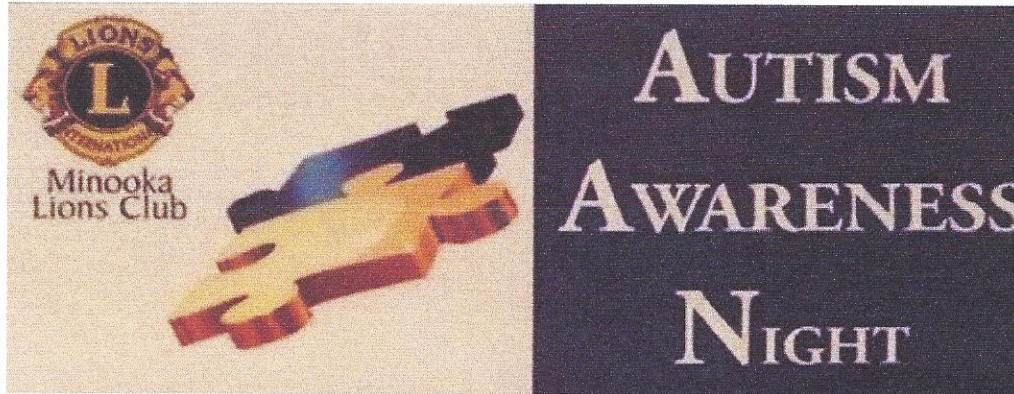
for details & registration info

or visit

[www.plcta.org](http://www.plcta.org)

*click on events/ awareness walk 2014  
for downloadable forms*

All participants in events must be present to receive a shirt



**Saturday, April 26at 6:00pm - 11:00pm.**

Divine Mercy Parish Hall, Davis Street, Minooka Section of Scranton

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Minooka Lions Club is holding their annual fundraiser to benefit local autism programs and is looking for your help.

Tickets are \$15 per person and includes appetizers, beverages, entertainment and door prizes. Tickets can be purchased in advance by contacting [minookaautism@aol.com](mailto:minookaautism@aol.com). ...Tickets will also be available at the door.

To advertise in our program book, provide a theme basket or gift certificate for our raffle, or if your family or business can provide a service or product for our event please email [minookaautism@aol.com](mailto:minookaautism@aol.com) or contact me through Facebook.

Please remember all proceeds from the fundraiser will go to the following:

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

Thank You for the past eight years of faithful support!

See you at the event. THE MINOOKA LIONS CLUB



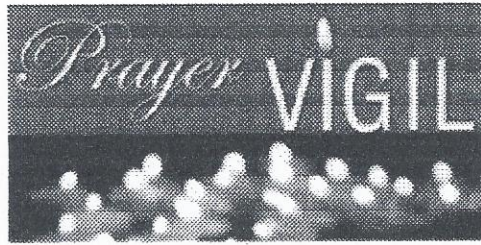
## Did you hear the News?

Extra, Extra, read all about it, Jesus of Nazareth is risen from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus is the Christian belief that Jesus Christ miraculously returned to life on Sunday following the Friday on which he was crucified. It is the central tenet of Christian faith and theology and part of the Nicene Creed: "On the third day he rose again according with the scriptures." Yes, my friends Jesus Christ is alive! It is true that He died and was buried, in common with all other men, but unlike other men He returned from the dead, resurrected his own body, and made it immortal, as he emerged from the tomb. The Gospel of Mark, Chapter 16:5 states that, the women who went to anoint the body of Jesus entered the tomb and found a young man clothed in a long white garment; and the women were afraid. The man said to them "Be not afraid, you are seeking Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they have laid him." The verse continues (16:7) by the man saying "Be on your way and go and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead." We too are entrusted with the good news of Jesus rising from the dead, this is our mission to go out in Jesus' name to all the world and proclaim that HE is risen from the dead, we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.

Wishing you and your family, a Happy and Blessed Easter Sunday.

Michael



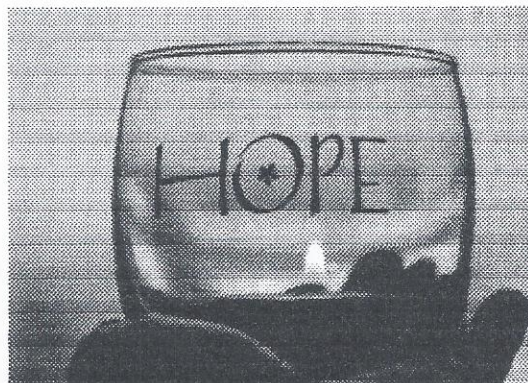


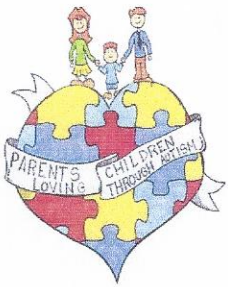
**Please join the PLCTA in a Candlelight Prayer Vigil For Hope on Thursday, June 19, 2014, 7:30-8:30pm at Nay Aug Park as we end the PLCTA theme year of hope. The vigil will take place at the bandstand, located directly across from the Everhart Museum. A candlelight vigil is an act of worship. It is a time for prayer and reflection as we come together in solidarity praying that our spirits will be renewed with God's hope.**

**(Please bring a candle with you)**

**Please mark your calendar and join us on June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Michael**





**PARENTS LOVING CHILDREN THROUGH AUTISM  
NOMINATION FORM 2014**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

The above-mentioned nominee exemplifies a commitment to Autistic children according to the following:

- He/she provides support to Autistic children within the community, which encourages positive relationships in safe places and within consistent boundaries through participation in constructive activities.
- He/she provides positive developmental experiences that surround Autistic children with support, empowerment, and opportunities for constructive use of time.

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE NOMINEE'S NAME ON THE ESSAY YOU  
WRITE!**

I believe this nominee is worthy of this award from Parents Loving Children Through Autism because:

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Please indicate which award you are nominating the person for:

\_\_\_\_ Woman/Man of the Year      \_\_\_\_ Student of the Year

\_\_\_\_ Sibling of the Year      \_\_\_\_ Youth of the Year

\_\_\_\_ Angel Awards

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this form by Tuesday, April 15th to:*

*AA Committee*

*% Parents Loving Children Through Autism*

*1243 Wyoming Avenue*

*Scranton, Pa 18509*

*Awards will be announced on May 1, 2014*

# Spring Fling Social Hour @ the Library!



A fun opportunity for teens with special needs to make new friends and catch up with old ones!

**Where:** Abington Community Library

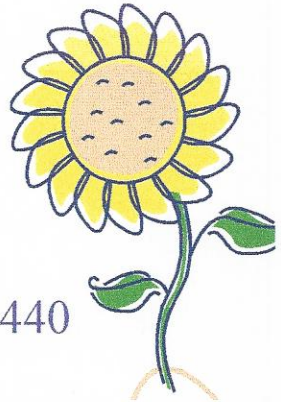
**When:** Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00-:600 pm

**What's in store:** Crafts, games, storytelling, snacks, Wii and a good time!

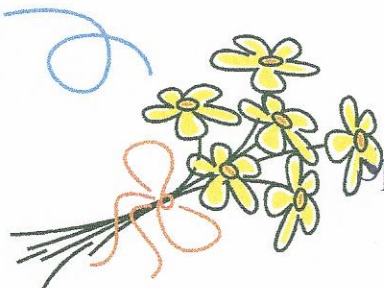
**How to sign-up:** RSVP to [lgardoski@albright.org](mailto:lgardoski@albright.org)

**What to bring:** yourself and a smile!

Please contact [lgardoski@albright.org](mailto:lgardoski@albright.org) or call (570) 587-3440 and ask for Laura with any questions or concerns



See you there!



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