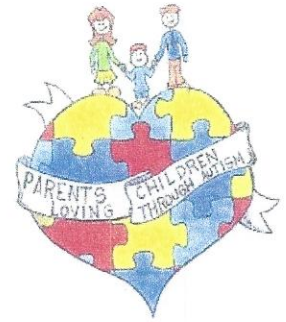
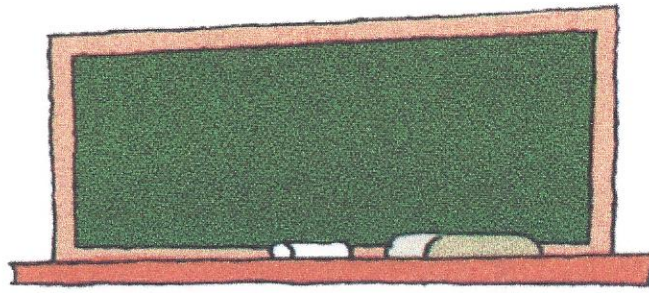


August Newsletter



Dear Families and Friends:

As summer vacation comes to an end, we look forward to a fun filled day at Knoebles on August 18th. Make sure you check your newsletter for the information so you know where and when to report for lunch and the picnic.

Thank you to all that made our "High Hopes" Golf event such a success for our fathers. We hope to make this an annual event. It was so inspiring to see our fathers out there golfing for autism and to celebrate the special men we have in PLCTA. If you ordered a shirt and have not picked it up please do so asap. Thank you to all the Moms who honored their husbands by putting their name on the shirt. Thanks to the golfers and sponsors. The men have all shared their appreciation to us. It was an honor to do this!

Our heartfelt prayers continue to Jimmy and Dawn Bonacci on the recent loss of their precious nephew. There are no words to describe the nightmare this family has endured. Please join us in praying for this family especially for Frankie's mother Robin and his father Frank. May God carry them through this difficult time.

Congratulations to our new board members who were sworn into office. Please check the flyer enclosed on contact information on our new board and chairs. Mary has enclosed a letter about our upcoming Holiday Auction. Save the date...Friday December 6th. It is going to be a great night. We will be kicking this into gear next month. This is a wonderful time to do holiday shopping and have a great "date night" with a great dinner, auction and wonderful music.

Please note our Fall Celebration at Robas has been moved to September this year since this is an off year for our Safety4AllKIDS Conference. Remember to Save the Date: September 28th and RSVP.

I would like to speak briefly to our members of PLCTA. If you have a talent or would like to see a special group added to our foundation, please ask to serve in our foundation. Many of you have branched out over the years to create something that would have really been a benefit for the foundation. We need everyone's talent and energy into making PLCTA all that it can be. If you have an idea or a talent please see us! It's impossible for a few board members to plan and execute so many programs and events without everyone serving. Thank you.

For the PLCTA children returning to school or heading off to college...we wish you all the best.

Your President and Founder Kathleen Marie Walsh



August



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8 PLCTA Board Meeting 7:30 Walsh Home	9	10 Prayer Group 10:00am Walsh Home
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Knoebles PLCTA Fun Day Lunch 12:15	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
	Save the Date: Robas Fall Celebration September 28th			Save the Date: Holiday Auction December 6th		

2013

Dear Members:

As our new term begins, we are proud to announce PLCTA will be holding our 2nd annual Holiday Auction on Friday, December 6, 2013 at the Clarion Hotel. Last years Auction was a huge success, but we couldn't have done it without your help.

This year, in addition to the auctions, we will be adding basket raffles. Below is a list of items needed to make some beautiful baskets. I am asking each family to please consider donating an item or two on the list and bring it to Knoebels Fun Day. We will have a donation box set up, or you can call me at 606-6930 and I will pick it up. John Epp and I are excited to plan this event again and make it another huge success. Thanking you all in advance,

John Epp/Chairperson.....Mary Albano/Co-Chairperson

Jar Candles	Car wash items
Picture Frames	
Any Spa Item	Mens Cologne
Magazines	
Glass Stones	Coloring Books/Crayons
Avon Products	
Silk Flowers	Crayola Items
Baking Items	
Wine/Margarita Glasses	Childrens Books/all ages
Movie/Gift Cards	
Corkscrews	Toys ages 2-10
Any Xmas Item	
Costume Jewelry	Games ages 8-up
Scotch Tape	
Perfume	DVD's-Rated G & PG
Bows/all sizes	

*** Or any items not on the list that you would like to donate.



PLCTA 2nd Annual Holiday Auction Sponsor Form

Name/Business _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Value of Gift Card \$ _____

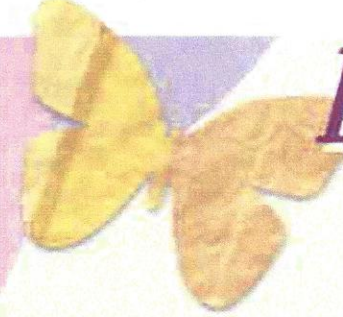
Make checks payable to PLCTA and mail to:

Parents Loving Children Through Autism Foundation

1243 Wyoming Ave 3rd Floor Scranton Pa 18509 Phone 341-3388

Due Date: November 30th

A 501C(3) Tax-exempt Non Profit Foundation



PLCTA'S Annual Fun Day

PLACE: Knoebel's Amusement Resort,
391 Knoebel's Blvd.,
Elysburg, PA 17824

DATE: Sunday, August 18, 2013

TIME: Park opens at 11:00 a.m. ☐ closes at 10:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Pavilion "V"

LUNCH: 12:15 pm. at Pavilion ☐V☐ to pick up tickets. . Lunch begins at 12:30 pm
☐ Free for members of PLCTA and their immediate family (Husband, Wife, Children & Siblings under 18). \$9.25 per person for friends and extended family members (children under 4 are free). The lunch menu includes: BBQ Chicken, Hot Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, Cole Slaw, Ice Cream & Ice Tea.

TICKETS: Each child of a PLCTA member will receive \$10.00 worth of tickets good for rides, games, pool, and refreshments... Please check in with Mary Ellen & Christina at Pavilion ☐V☐ to receive these tickets.

RSVP'S: MUST BE MADE BY AUGUST 2, 2013. (THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS FOR LATE CALLERS ONCE WE GIVE OUR FINAL COUNT) Please call Mary Ellen Frommert at 570-346-2955. If no answer, please leave your name, phone number, number of children, (please specify if under 4 years old) and number of adults. Please speak clearly and spell your last name if leaving a message.

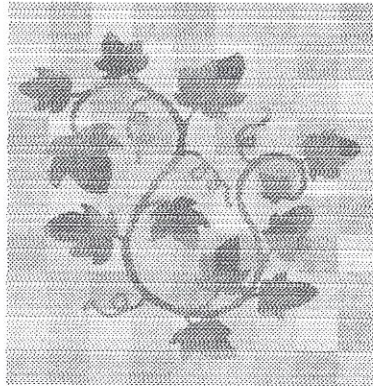
DIRECTIONS: I-81 South to I-80 West. Take any of the 3 Bloomsburg exits (232, 236, or 241), then follow PA 42 South to Catawissa. Cross bridge and watch for 487 South to bear right up incline. Follow PA 487 South for 6 miles. Turn left at the light into Knoebels.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Friends of PLCTA are welcome to attend, as well as extended family members (Grandparents, Cousins, Siblings over 18 etc.)...However, they will have to purchase their tickets at the park and pay \$9.25 for lunch.

POINT OF CONTACT: Mary Ellen Frommert (570) 346-2955



The Vine and Branches



In the Gospel of St. John Chapter 15 verse 5 Jesus states that "I am the vine and you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." You do not have to know much about gardening and plants to realize that a tree, shrub or any plant depends on the trunk and the root system for it to flourish and be healthy. To use the imagery of Jesus, you might say that the trunk of the vine is the "Jesus trunk" because without it the vine is dead. Another imagery would be, our family tree, the trunk is our parents and great-grandparents and we are the branches, we are connected to that "trunk" by blood, much in the same way we are connected to the vine of Jesus by faith and baptism. In baptism water was poured over us and we were grafted into the vine who is Jesus himself. We intimately became connected to him, by his death and resurrection, and received from him all that we need to sustain our lives. We are connected to him when we attend Sunday Worship, and when he hear his word, and receive him in Holy Eucharist. As branches of the true vine, we are kept healthy and alive, and we are connected to the source of life. Whether we talk about being "connected", "abiding", "remaining" or "being joined" one thing is clear, being connected to Christ is crucial. It is the only way to a complete life. So let strive to live everyday of our life by this Gospel verse, and remain connected to that "true" vine, not only when we are down or in need of His help in the midst of the storms of our everyday life but always, for without the vine and our connection to Jesus himself we are nothing. When we cut ourself off from his love and the church we become withered and we die. So remain connected to the true vine so that you will bear much fruit.

By: Michael Slater