

FEBRUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER



Dear Families and Friends:

February is a month of love and PLCTA is bringing celebrating LOVE in HUGE way... For the last five years it has been our mission to hold education programs throughout schools across the county. Our children are often victims of relentless bullying so it has become essential to help schools educate students about autism. Compassion, empathy, tolerance, and kindness are not skills children are born with, they are learned in our homes and schools. We hope to play a vital role in helping school districts teach these skills.

Each year we hold a talent show called Raise YOUR Voice. On February 9th we will host our 4th show at Riverside Jr/Sr High School. Please consider joining us for this special event. These students from across the county are trying their hardest to change the world, let us rally to support their efforts. All proceeds are used to support education programs that our foundation holds in April.

By now, you should have received your walk forms. Please send them in as soon as possible as to help us access what is needed. This is our 10th Anniversary Walk for Autism Awareness. We have so many exciting things planned to mark this special occasion. Please encourage as many family members, friends, coworkers etc to join us on April 20th. We are asking all the children to bring bubbles to the walk. We will be having a special event prior to the walk for the children. Remember this year our theme is Bloom Where God Plants You. Help us to make 2013 the best year we ever had. Please ask how you can help to keep our foundation blooming and thriving. Now more than ever, we need to stand united to support our children.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Your President *Kathleen M. Walsh*



FEBRUARY SOCIAL GROUPS



Youth Group-

Valley View Library February 10th {Questions call MaryEllen 346-2955}
Celebrating the Chinese New Year and a Therapy Dog
1:00pm

Middle Group

Bowling Idle Hour Lanes February 14th {Questions call Patti at 563-1852}
12:00pm to 1:00pm

Older Teens and Young Adults-

Bowling Idle Hour Lanes Questions call Mary at 341-3388
February 9th and 23th at 1:00 pm

Upcoming Events-- SAVE THE DATES

March 9th - Easter Egg Hunt All Groups Invited (See Flyer)

April 20- 10th Anniversary Walk for Autism Awareness

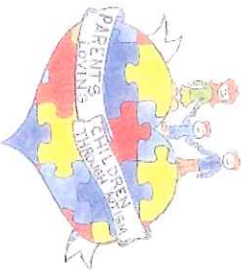
Walk forms can be downloaded from plcta.org or call 341-3388

May 9th- 11th Acknowledgement/ Appreciation Dinner

Invitations are now available for guests. See nomination form enclosed.



February



2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Board Meeting PLCTA Headquarters 7:00pm	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Walk Meeting 7:00 pm at the PLCTA Headquarters	9 Older Teens Young Adults Social 1:00pm at Idle Hour Lanes----- Talent Show 7pm
10 Youth Social Valley View Library 1:00pm	11	12	13 RSVP for Easter Egg Hunt due.	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Walk Meeting 7:00pm Friendlys Group committe picture taken wear your smile!	23 Older Teens-Young Adults Social Group Idle Hour Lanes 1:00pm
24 Middle School Social Bowling 12:00 Idle Hour Lanes	25	26	27	28		

AH  CHOO!

**Spread Kindness!
Love is Contagious!**

Adults \$5.00 Students \$3.00

Raise YOUR Voice Talent Show 4

Saturday February 9, 2013 7:00pm

Riverside JR. SR. High School

Say "NO" to Bullying

PLCTA Easter Egg Hunt



Riverfront Sport Complex
5 W Olive Street
Scranton Pa

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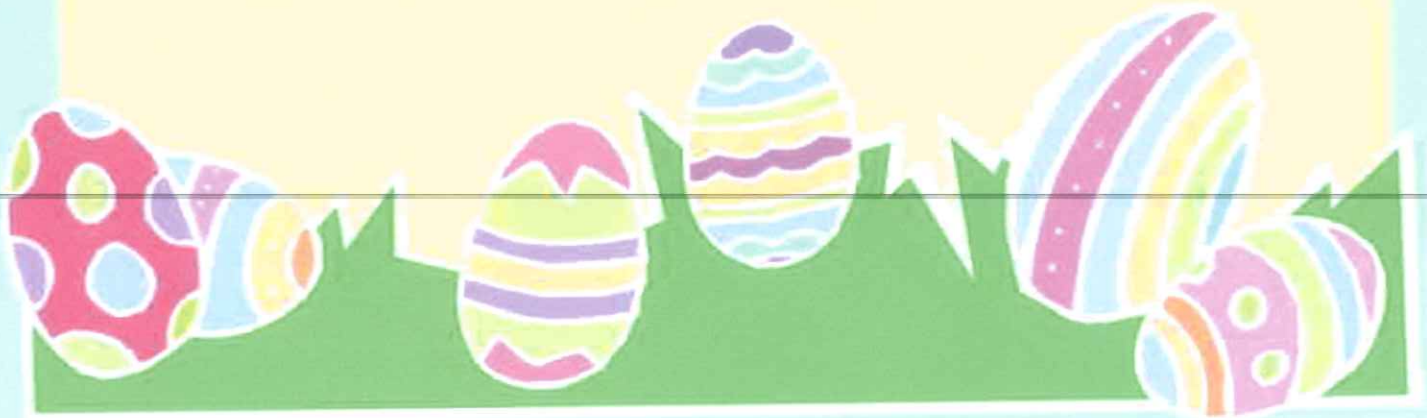
Saturday March 9, 2013
2pm - 4pm



RSVP must be in by:
February 13, 2013



RSVP to Mary Ellen
570-346-2955 or 570-341-3388



**EMBROIDERED PLCTA LOGO SWEATSHIRTS
ORDER FORM
(PLEASE PRINT)**

ORDERS WITH PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED



ORDER WILL NEED TO BE PICKED UP – MAILING IS **NOT** INCLUDED

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY STATE ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

NAVY	RED	Chocolate	SPORT GREY	BLACK
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Cost: Adult – S, M, L, XL \$ 25.00

2X \$ 27.00

Cost: Youth - S, M, L, XL \$ 20.00

TOTAL: \$ _____

MAIL ORDER FORM & PAYMENT TO:
PLCTA 1243 WYOMING AVE 3RD FLOOR
SCRANTON PA 18509



**PARENTS LOVING CHILDREN THROUGH AUTISM
NOMINATION FORM 2013**

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:

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 Thursday, March 14th to:

AA Committee

% Parents Loving Children Through Autism

1243 Wyoming Avenue

Scranton, Pa 18509

Awards will be announced on May 1, 2013



PLCTA Foundation Nomination Criteria

PLCTA FOUNDATION
1243 Wyoming Avenue
3rd Floor
Scranton, PA 18510
(570) 341-3388

Each year PLCTA sends out a nomination form to all members. You can nominate anyone for an award by filling out the nomination sheet. Nominations are then selected by an objective committee. If a nomination is not completed in a category our Board of Directors nominates someone they feel is deserving.

Below is the criteria for our Annual Awards:

Woman of the Year— is given to an individual who stands out in the field through their dedication and work.

Appreciation Award— is generally given to a man or woman who has worked a long time in the field of autism.

Student of the Year— student affected with autism who has overcome obstacles to succeed in their community or school.

Youth of the Year —an individual affected with autism or not, who had made a difference in their community or school by their kindness and compassion.

Sibling of the Year— a sibling who has displayed kindness toward their sibling and others affected with autism.

Angel Award— is given to a business/group/individual who has supported the foundation with a donation over \$500.00 or by holding an event to benefit PLCTA or volunteering significant hours or a service to PLCTA.

Student Angel— is a student who has completed a Senior Project, volunteered significant hours and has demonstrated dedication and leadership.

Retirement Award— this is given to any individual that is retiring.

Each year PLCTA dedicates the dinner in memory of those loved ones whose family request in lieu of flowers, a donation to the foundation. An engraved photo book is set up at the dinner and given to the family. The family is invited to attend the dinner to receive the honor. This was renamed the **Edward Wallace Memorial Award** in 2012, fondly after the first grandfather we lost in our PLCTA family.