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## *A Message from the Founder and President*

Dear Families and Friends:

Happy New Year! We hope that everyone had plenty of Holiday Blessings!!

Thank you to all who came out to support our December events. Thanks to all the performers and sponsors who supported Raise Your Voice 3. We have a wonderful slide show and pamphlet on Bullying that will be available. Thanks to Samantha Milliken and Sal Zaydon for their hard work in putting together a slide show that we will use for many years to come. Hopefully, we have brought to light a very important issue affecting not only our autism population, but many of our school-aged children as well.

Thanks to all who made our parties a success. Thanks to Santa and his Elves for stopping by to make our children so happy. Thanks to all who worked hard to put the parties together. Our board works hard all year round to make great things possible.

Thank you to Patti Duguay and the Rotary Club of Scranton for another wonderful auction. PLCTA appreciates your hard work and dedication.

This year we will celebrate our 10th anniversary together. We have many wonderful things planned for your families. If you would like to serve in our foundation please let me know. We need everyone to make our foundation strong.

On behalf of PLCTA, our prayers are that 2012 brings health, happiness, and love to all.

Your Founder and President,  
*Kathleen M. Walsh*

## 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.

### YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL (12-15 YEARS OLD)

Our young teens will be meeting for a pizza social on Monday, January 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pizza Hut in Clark Summit. Please RSVP to Patti at 563-1852.

### 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, January 7th and 21st. **Please plan to arrive by 12:45** to get your shoes and ball.

### YOUTH SOCIAL (12 & UNDER)

The Youth group will be going to First Class Gymnastics in Jessup for an obstacle course and snacks (please bring a snack, either for your own child or enough to share with everyone). Join us from 12:00 – 2:00 on Sunday, January 15th. **RSVP to Mary Ellen Frommert, 346- 2955, by January 8th (please do not call the HQ!).** There will be a waiver from First Class Gymnastics for the parents to sign, which will be available at the gym or you can download it from <http://www.firstclassgymnastics-cheer.com/>

### FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

PLCTA's Headquarters at 570-341-3388 and leave a message.

## Dates to Remember

**January 6** – PLCTA Board of Directors, 7:00, HQ.

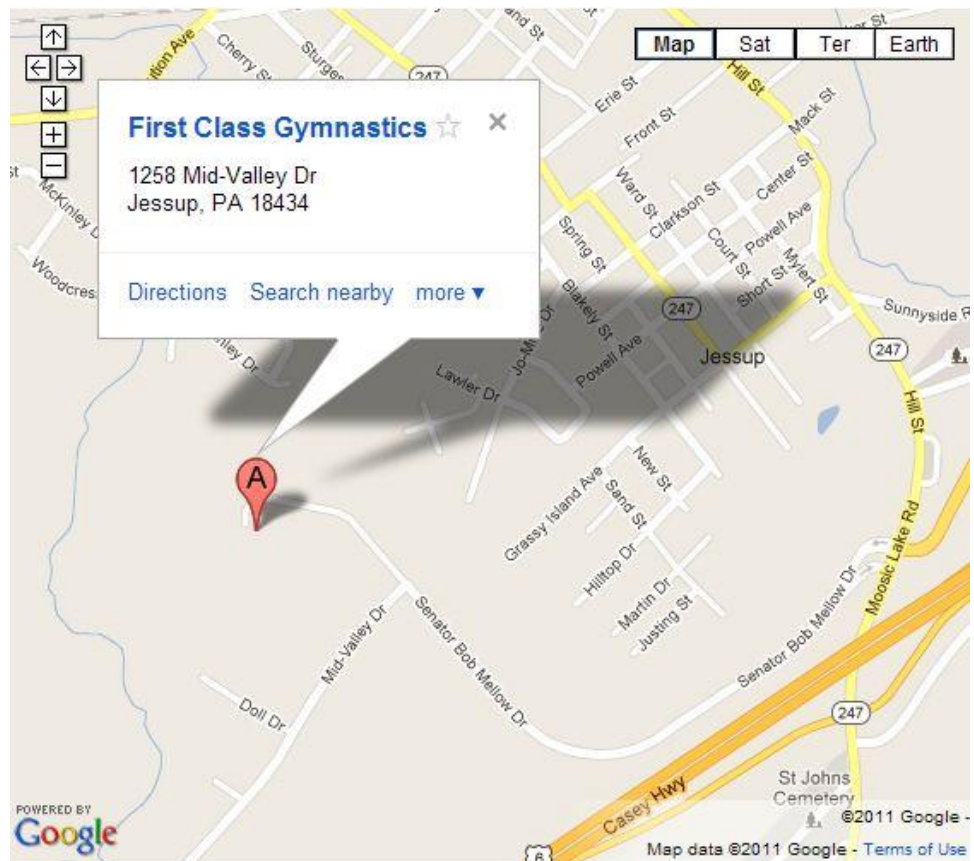
**January 13** – PLCTA Walk Meeting, 7:00, HQ.

**January 17** - SibShops© - YMCA, Dunmore, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

**January 18** - SibShops© - YMCA, Carbondale, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

## Walk Meeting

January's walk meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 13th, at 7:00 p.m., at the PLCTA Headquarters.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 <b>PLCTA BOARD MEETING, 7:00, HQ</b>	7 <b>TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes</b>
8	9	10	11	12	13 <b>PLCTA WALK MEETING, 7:00, HQ</b>	14
15 <b>YOUTH SOCIAL, First Class Gymnastics, Jessup, 12-2:00</b>	16	17 SibShops© at Dunmore YMCA, 5:00-7:00 pm	18 SibShops© at Carbondale YMCA, 5:00- 7:00 pm	19	20	21 <b>TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes</b>
22	23 <b>YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL, 6:00, Pizza Hut, Clark Summit</b>	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				<b>PLEASE SEE NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS</b>

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