



## ***July 2014 Newsletter***

**Dear Family and Friends:**

**What a beautiful way to end our year Hope Floats. Thanks to Michael Slater and all who helped Michael put on the vigil. Thanks to everyone who came out and prayed for our families and children. Another huge thanks to all who placed orders at the 31 Gifts party. The board attended a fundraiser for the Woman's Resource Center in May. By booking a party, we were able to raise more funds for their important mission.**

**We have a busy summer planned so make sure you pay attention to all the upcoming dates and their respected RSVP dates. A summer picnic is planned for July 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at South Abington Park Splash Park. Bring outside toys/equipment for your child. PLCTA will provide the lunch for all. This picnic will combine both the youth and middle school group. Bowling will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> for older teen/ adults.**

**Our Annual Fun Day will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup>. See flyer for details.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> PLCTA Golf Tournament will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who sponsored. Your support is greatly appreciated. We are still looking for teams to golf. Please consider golfing. We also have some teams looking for golfers. Contact us if you are interested.**

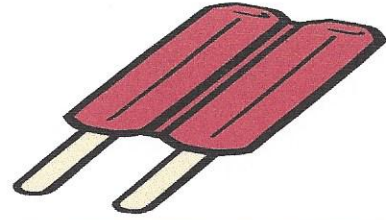
**As we begin our PLCTA 2014-2015 year, much thanks to all who have served especially the board, chairs, committee members and volunteers. Marilyn Woellmer will be joining the board as Secretary. I thank her for filling this important position. As always, we need volunteers to fill many positions this year. If you've thought about serving this is your year. We have many exciting things planned for the foundation.**

**Our year theme will be *Roots Before Branches*. With the help of our Owls Friends we will be presenting a "BE WISE" message in our schools and communities. It is going to be a beautiful theme and year. Check out flyer for details.**

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> to all! Your Founder and President Kathleen Walsh**



# July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 Happy 4th Make lots of memories!!	5
6	7	8	9 Board Meeting	10	11	12 Prayer Group at the Walsh Home Bowling at Idle Hours 1pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Deadline for Knoebels Annual Fun Day	21	22	23 First Walk Meeting	24	25	26 Bowling at Idle Hours 1pm
27 Summer Picnic 11am South Abington Park	28	29	30	31		

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## *Roots Before Branches*

*The reason I chose this theme is I believe now more than ever we need to focus on family. It is where we develop a strong foundation for life. I believe that the roots are the values and morals we have learned over the course of our lives. Each year in the schools, I hold presentations to teach these core character traits, Compassion, Empathy, Cooperation, Courage, Fairness, Helpfulness, Integrity, Respect, Tolerance, and Responsibility. Each month I will put together some ideas and resources taken from one of my favorite guides The Value Book by Pam Schiller and Tamera Bryant. A book I highly recommend.*

*The month we will begin with Compassion and Empathy*

*Activities for children of all ages*

*Always model respect for all living things. Collect harmless insects that get inside the house and let them loose outside. Avoid purposely stepping on insects. Pick only the number of flowers you really need or the amount of fruit you will really use.*

*Use compassion when disciplining. Remember, everyone deserves a warning, and well all make mistakes. Use a kind and tempered voice and be sure the punishment fits the crime.*

*Discuss your feelings of compassion with your children. If you are saddened by something on the news, share those feelings.*

*Use television programs as discussion points for understanding and respecting the feelings of others. Children's television programming is filled with examples- positive and negative.*

*Encourage your children to help you gather items for Goodwill Industries or other charitable organizations.*

*Keep stick-on-stars. When someone in the family does something nice for another family member, let her wear a star.*

### *Activities for older children*

*Take your children to work in a food kitchen or homeless shelter. Encourage your children to make a donation to a toy drive.*

*“Adopt” a child. Many hospitals, shelters, and foster care agencies organize programs for needy children.*

*Hold a yard sale and have your children active in selling unused toys to raise money. Showing your child the power they have to help others is life changing.*

### *Books to share*

*Alexander and the Terrible Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day by Judith Viorst*

*Alfie Gives a Hand by Shirley Hughes*

*Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman*

*Dancing with Indians by Angela Shelf Medearis*

*Feelings by Alike*

*Going Home by Eve Bunting*

*Gracias, Rosa by Michelle Markel*

*Heart to Heart by George Shannon*

*I can Hear the Sun by Patricia Polacco*

*Our Wish by Ralph da Costa Nenez*

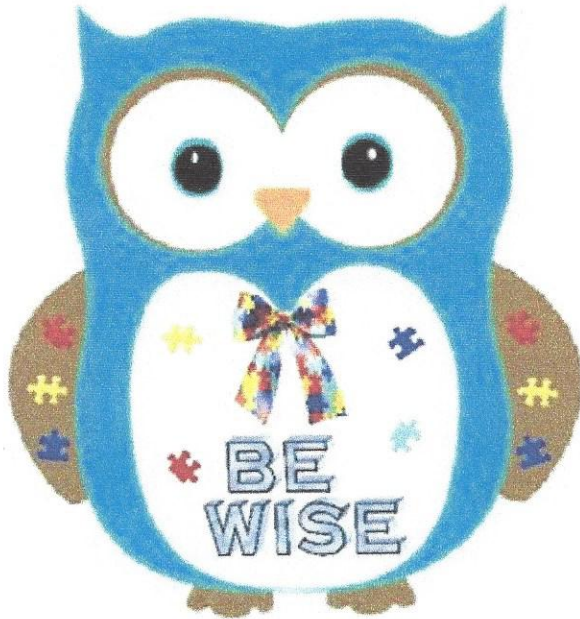
*The Tie Man’s Miracle by Steven Schnur*

*Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen by Dyanne DiSalvo-Ryan*

### *Older Teens*

*Rachel’s Challenge- Daryl Scott*

*Staying Strong 365 days a year Demi Lovato*



## PLCTA "BE WISE" Pledge

{I will be} **BRAVE** enough to stand up for yourself and others

{I will} **ENCOURAGE** my friends to make positive choices

{I will be} **WILLING** to always help those in need

{I will be} **INTERESTED** in causes that affect others around the globe

{I will be} **SENSITIVE** to how people feel and are treated

{I will be} **EAGER** to be the change I want to see in the world

# ***PLCTA Annual Knoebels Fun Day***

***Date: August 17<sup>th</sup> 2014***

***Time: 12:00 till close***

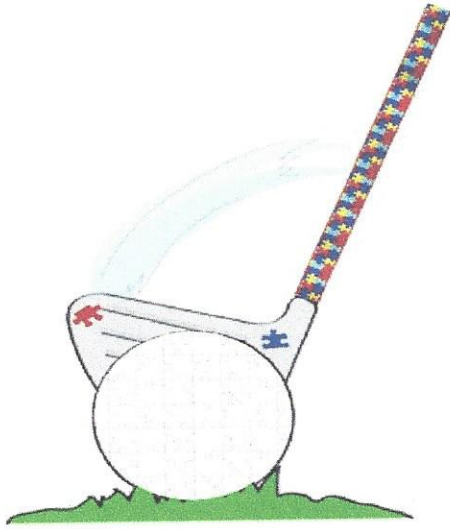
***You may pick up your tickets at Pavilion V. Lunch will be served at 12:30pm***

***Each family will receive food-picnic tickets and \$20.00 in tickets for each family.***

***We will have extra tickets for sale. Extra picnic tickets for anyone out of your immediate family will be \$9.50 (this does not apply to single parents who need to bring a TSS worker etc Please do not order picnic tickets if your family is not eating.***

***Hope to see you all there. Please call MaryEllen Frommert to reserve your spot.***

***RSVP by July 20<sup>th</sup> 346 2955***



**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

All the planning is almost complete on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament.

**WE NOW NEED TEAMS OF 4 TO COME GOLF on July 20<sup>th</sup>. If you know anyone who loves to golf please let them send them our way.**

**Call 570-341-3388**



Parents Loving Children  
Through Autism's  
2nd Annual Golf Tournament  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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TEAM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment must accompany entry—make checks payable to PLCTA  
and mail payment to PLCTA Foundation, 1243 Wyoming Avenue, 3rd  
Floor, Scranton, PA 18509.





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**WHEN: July 20, 2014**

**TIME: 7:00AM Registration**

**8:00AM Shotgun Start**

**PLACE: Scranton Municipal Golf Course**

**1099 Golf Club Road**

**Mt. Cobb, Pennsylvania**

**TEAMS: Captain and Crew**

**COST: \$75.00 per person or \$300 per team**

**(includes golf fees, cart, refreshments,  
gift bags, and lunch buffet)**

**Cash bar available**

**To register at this time call The Skye's The Limit EP  
at (570) 843-6112 or PLCTA at (570) 341-3388.**

**Registrations online will be available soon at  
[www.plcta.org](http://www.plcta.org). Any questions, please give us a  
call!**