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A Message from the Founder and President

Dear Families and Friends:

Thanks to all that came to celebrate our 10 year anniversary. Together, we accomplished so much during the past ten years. I can only pray that God will bless our foundation with many more years of success in touching the lives of families affected with autism. We have so much to be proud of. This year two of our PLCTA students were honored with Student of the Year and Youth of the Year. Seeing both of them sit with 240 people so well behaved, accepting their award with such grace and dignity, and making their speeches was so very rewarding to all of us who have watched them grow and bloom over the years. Our children are accomplishing so much. I hope our dinner will always be a way to share these celebrations with others. Keep Dreaming Big! Enclosed is a copy of our program for those that could not attend. The dinner was dedicated in memory of Delbert E. Herne, Shirley R. Pehanich, Stephen Voyce, Taylor Karl Whitman, and Mary Williams, who will continue to live in our hearts forever.

As we close out another fiscal year for PLCTA, we have a lot of exciting events planned for the summer for the children. Please check out updates on the calendars. Also, do not forget to RSVP for our Annual Fun Day coming up in August. That is always a great time.

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PLCTA needs Volunteers

Wal-Mart is allowing PLCTA to do a coin drop at their Dickson City location on Sunday, June 10th.

This is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for our foundation.

We need 2 people, each hour, for 2 doors.

Parent/child teams are most welcome!
(Parent/caretaker must remain with children while working.)

Please contact Kathleen at PLCTAFoundation@aol.com if you would like to help out.
Hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thank you!

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I still need volunteers for the coin drop at Walmart in Dickson City on June 10th. We are asking the children to volunteer. Thank you in advance for those who have emailed me to date.

I'm wishing you all a wonderful summer. Hoping it will be filled with wonderful memories for all.

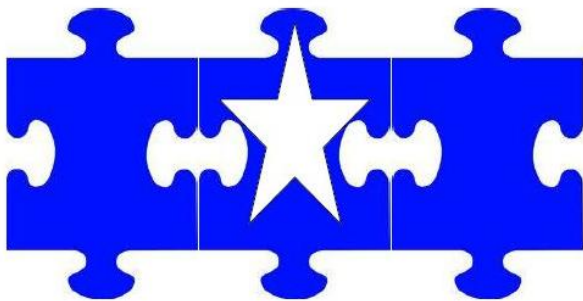
With Love,
Your Founder and President,
Kathleen M. Walsh

Dates to Remember

May 15 - SibShops© - YMCA, Carbondale, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

May 16 - SibShops© - YMCA, Dunmore, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

June 10 – **PLCTA Coin Drop**, Wal-Mart, Dickson City, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.



U-Aut-2-Act!

**Week-Long Summer Theater
Program for children with ASD**

June 18th -22nd

August 6-10th

Ages 8-11 ~10 am until 11:30 am Ages 12-15 ~ 12:30 until 2 pm

Under the direction of Geri Featherby, 23 yrs. theater educator/ performer

e-mail uaut2act@gmail.com or call 570- 878-3397 for registration form

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.

JUNE'S YOUTH SOCIAL (12 & UNDER)

June's Youth Social will be a Gaming Event at the Valley Community Library in Peckville on Sunday, June 24th, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Enjoy the use of the Valley Community Library's wii, Xbox 360, and Kinects. Please **RSVP by June 16th** to Mary Ellen at 346-2955.

YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL (12-15 YEARS OLD)

June's social will be bowling at the Idle Hour Bowling Lanes, on Saturday June 9th at 1:00 p.m. Please arrive by 12:45 p.m. to get your shoes and ball.

July's social will be a trip to the Keystone College Astronomical Observatory on Tuesday, July 24th (rain date is Thursday, July 26th). We will be meeting at the Lackawanna County State Park.

RSVPs are required! Please call Patti at 563-1852 to RSVP and get meet-up instructions.

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, June 9th and 23rd and July 14th and 28th. **Please plan to arrive by 12:45** to get your shoes and ball.

PLCTA'S ANNUAL FUN DAY

PLCTA's Annual Fun Day will be at Knoebel's Grove on August 19th. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. in Pavilion "V" and each child will receive a book of tickets worth \$10. RSVPs and questions can be directed to Mary Albano at 606-6930.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

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

2012 Acknowledgement & Appreciation Dinner





June 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PLEASE SEE NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS		1	2	3	1 PLCTA BOARD MEETING, 7:00, HQ	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes
10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19 SibShops® at Dunmore YMCA, 5:00- 7:00 pm	20 SibShops® at Carbondale YMCA, 5:00- 7:00 pm Summer begins	21	22	23 TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes
24 YOUTH SOCIAL, Valley Community Library, Peckville 1:00-3:30 pm	25	26	27	28	29	30

To be included in PLCTA's newsletter, please submit your events by the 20th of the month prior to your event.

Calendar items in **bold** print are PLCTA Foundation sponsored events. The PLCTA Foundation provides notification of third-party events in our calendar as a courtesy and assumes no responsibility for those events.

Download a color copy of this newsletter in PDF format after joining www.plcta.org!
Need help registering? Contact Mike at webmaster@plcta.org

GOLF for AUTISM

Children on the Autism Spectrum between the ages of 10 and 18 are invited to play a **free-of-charge** round of golf!

July 18, 2012

Registration begins at 9:00 am, shotgun start at 9:30 am



455 Green Grove Rd -
Scott Township, PA 18447
570-254-6979

(Rain date: July 19th)

Age Division	Number of Holes	Tees Played
10 - 14	3 Holes	Par 3 Tees
15 - 18	6 Holes	Par 3 Tees

*If there are two or more children in one family participating, they will be grouped together regardless of the divisions listed above.

Each participant is required to have a family member (caddie) present throughout the entirety of the round. In addition, chaperones will be appointed to each group.

Golf clubs are not necessary!

If you would like to have your child participate and do not have equipment, clubs will be provided!

Lunch (choice of hamburger or hot dog plus drink) will be provided after the round.

Please fill out the following form and send to the address below by July 11.

Selena Cerra
1221 Crystal Lake Blvd,
Fell Township PA 18407

Any questions/concerns
please call Selena Cerra at
570-280-5026

Registration

Name: _____ Age: _____ T-Shirt Size: S M L XL

Name of Caddie: _____ Contact Number: _____

Address: _____

Special Notes about Participant: _____

Any extra donations made through sponsors will be given to the PLCTA



- I have my own clubs! I need clubs!

PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING:

In consideration of the acceptance of my application, I do hereby for myself; my heirs; executors and administrators waive, release and forever discharge Scott Greens Golf Club and its employees, officers and assigns of from claims for damages to person or property which may be sustained or occur during participation in tournament should any occur. I certify that the participant is in good physical condition, allowing him/her to participate in the tournament. I understand that any insurance claims will be filed with my personal insurance.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

"2012 MEMORIALS"



Delbert E. Herne



Shirley R. Pehanich



Stephen Voyce



Taylor Karl Whitman



Mary Williams

*10th Anniversary of
The Parents Loving Children
Through Autism Foundation*



*2012 Acknowledgement &
Appreciation Dinner*

P.L.C.T.A.
Parents Loving Children Through Autism Foundation
10th Annual Acknowledgement & Appreciation Dinner

May 24, 2012
6:00 P.M.
Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel

Welcome Kathleen M. Walsh, Founder, President of P.L.C.T.A.
Memorials-Dedication of Dinner Marilyn Woellmer
We would like to dedicate this night in memory of our beloved family members that we lost this year in our P.L.C.T.A family.

- Delbert E. Sterne
- Stirley R. Pefanich
- Stephen Joyce
- Taylor Karl Whitman
- Mary Williams

Song Selections: Abby Milton
Invocation Michael Slater
Dinner
Intro of P.L.C.T.A Board/Committees Kathleen M. Walsh
Acknowledgement of 10th Anniversary Michael Slater / Kathleen M. Walsh
Slide Presentation
Acknowledgement Awards

Sibling of the Year Kayleigh Tokaski,
Abington Heights Middle School
Youth of the Year John Michael Gigliotti,
NHS/Carbondale

Student of the Year Samantha Luvo,
Abington Heights High School
Student Angel Awards

Chad Boné, Boné Studios
Maré Donaghey, Riverside
Samantha Mickevicz, Lackawanna College
Samantha Anne Milliken, Egg Harbor Twp H.S., N.J.
Nathan Wnuk, Lakeland

Teacher/Professional Appreciation Mary Albano
Youth Group of the Year West Side Invader
Football Team

Woman of the Year Michaela Moore, Director of
Camp Create / All about Theater
Retirement Award Sam Sica, Abington Heights
Director of Special Education

Angel Awards Rose Ellen Skodacek, Mid Valley
Director of Special Education
Allied Services
Autos for Autism
Distant Thunder Motorcycle Club
Minooka Lion's Autism Foundation
Rotary Club of Scranton
Stshops of Carbondale & Dunmore
Mrs. D's Beer & Subs
Dempsey Linen Supply
NEPA Mom Prom
Brookview Farms
Scranton Times-Tribune
Studio ZP

Closing Remarks Kathleen M. Walsh

Youth Group of the Year
Mid Valley's Friends of Rachel Club

*I have this theory that
if one person can go out
of their way to show
compassion then it will
start a chain reaction of
the same.*

—Rachel Scott



The Parents Loving Children Through
Autism Foundation honors the memory
of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the
Columbine School shooting by
Acknowledging Mid Valley's Friends of Rachel
Club as a 2012 Youth Group of the Year. May we
all be inspired by Rachel's spirit of kindness.