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A Message from the Founder and President

Dear Families and Friends:

Thanks to all who made our 9th Annual Dinner Autism - Never Give Up Hope such a special night. There's nothing like the feeling of being surrounded by supportive friends who truly support our foundation and children and being able to say THANK YOU!!! Enclosed is the inside of the program for those of you that could not attend. My hope is that the dinner put a spotlight on what can be accomplished through love and support! It was an honor to award such wonderful individuals!

I would like to again thank all the school districts that participated in Dress Down Day. It was so exciting to pick up new schools this year. I appreciate the help in spreading the word about our Annual Event. In a survey of three 2nd grade classes, 50 children admitted to have been physically bullied by a peer or sibling. Nineteen students are on facebook. We need and must "do better" in protecting our children by teaching self empowering statements. Enclosed is information for you to help your child.

I would like to wish the PLCTA fathers a wonderful Father's Day. You all make me so incredibly proud.

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.

YOUTH SOCIAL (12 & UNDER) & YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL (12-15 YEARS OLD)

The Youth and Young Teen Socials for June will be swimming at the Dunmore YMCA on Sunday, June 19th, 1:15-2:15 p.m. Siblings are welcome as PLCTA has reserved the entire pool.

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 11th and Saturday, June 25th. **Please plan to arrive by 12:45** to get your shoes and ball. Please note that the snack bar will be closed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

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

Dates to Remember

June 3 – Girls Just Wanna Have Fun, Memorable Occasions, 268 Main Ave., Duryea, 7:00 – 11:00 pm. See flyer for more information!

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

June 8 - SibShops© - YMCA, Carbondale, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

June 11 – Vikings Helping Vikings Summerfest, Taylor Library, check-in begins at 8:30 am.

Our Condolences to...



Dr. Stephen Voyce and family on the passing of your Father and Grandfather. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow and may their memories bring you comfort in the difficult days ahead.

The Arc Requests PA Budget Advocacy for Adult Services

Urge Senators to Fix Budget for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities

Governor Corbett proposed his budget in March and the PA House of Representatives passed its version of the budget May 25th. The budget is now in the hands of the PA Senate. While The Arc of PA is pleased that early intervention funding is increased to serve additional children with developmental delays and special education funding is not cut, the budget does not include any new funding for people languishing on the emergency waiting list and it includes an arbitrary \$27 million cut to food and housing costs for people living in group homes.

For details and to submit a form email, please visit:

<http://capwiz.com/thearc/issues/alert/?alertid=48218541>

Walk Photos Available

Your Pixel Perfect has proofs from the Autism Walk available online at:

<http://yourpixelperfect.instaproofs.com/enterEvent.php?id=368853>

Orders accepted online!

Vikings Helping Vikings Summerfest

Please let's support Paul Brennan and his foundation. He has given our foundation a ton of support in the last 3 years.

Summerfest is a fundraiser for the VHV Scholarship Program on Saturday June 11th. The day begins with a 5K run/walk. Pre-registration is \$10. Race Day registration is \$15. Check in is 8:30-9:00am in the Taylor Public Library parking lot. The race begins at 9am.

After the race, come over to the stadium for a fun filled day of entertainment. There will be great food and music. A children's area will provide plenty of fun including a Bounce House, Dunk Tank, and face painting and Ronald McDonald will be there from 12-2pm. There will be many beautiful baskets and gift certificates to take chances on.

Hero of Humanity Awards will also be presented.

Hope to see you all there to support this great cause.

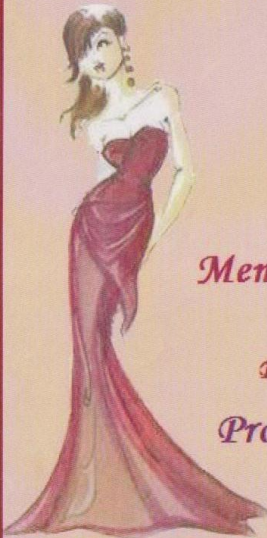
For more info, please contact: VIKINGS HELPING VIKINGS, info@vikingshelpingvikings.com or Paul M. Brennan, Founder & CEO of VHV at paulmichaelbrennan@gmail.com



kevingraphics@gmail.com - 407-625-1392

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun

*Dig out your old dresses ladies...
and get ready for "Prom Night" Fun!*



Music and Dancing

Buffet Dinner and Cash Bar

Women 21 and over

Friday, June 3rd, 7pm-11pm

Memorable Occasions 268 Main Ave. Duryea

Tickets \$35.00

Prom Style Photos will be available for purchase

*Proceeds Benefit Parents Loving Children
Through Autism*

For Tickets and information contact:

Chris Koytek : 457-0655

Chris Palonis : 561-5714

Kim Donaghey : 561-5864 or.. 562-1570

Sponsored by :

Mom Prom of NEPA

Congratulations to PLCTA's Honorees

Sibling of the Year

Joey Laske, Scranton High School

Youth of the Year

The Abington Heights Football Team

Leader of the Year

Coach Joe Repshis, Head Football Coach AHSD

Student of the Year

Benjamin David Knox, Abington Heights Middle School

Appreciation Award

Mike Washo, Lackawanna County Commissioner

Man of the Year

Charles Leo Ph.D., Psychologist

Retirement Award

Mrs. Catherine Rachkowski

Student Angels

Matt Briskie, Riverside High School
Marquis Ivey, Abington Heights High School
Kelly Strickland, Abington Heights Graduate
Emily Tisdell, Riverside High School

Memorials

Anthony Marciano
Barbara Fogley, R.N.
Frank Colletti
Jeanne M Heffron, R.N.
Lucy DeLuccie
Catherine DelRossa

Angels Awards

Distant Thunder Motorcycle Club
Minooka Lion's Club Autism Foundation
Rotary Club of Scranton
Keystone Sanitary Landfill, Inc
Wegmans
Mrs. D's Pizza & Hoagies
Nick and Suzanne Serniak
Michael Dessoie
Michael Slater
Riverside Elementary West

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*2011 Acknowledgement &
Appreciation Dinner*

P.L.C.T.A.

*Parents Loving Children Through Autism Foundation
9th Annual Acknowledgement & Appreciation Dinner*

*May 26, 2011
6:00 PM*

Radisson Lackawanna Station Hotel

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Welcome Kathleen M. Walsh, Founder, President of PLCTA

Instrumental Performance Michael Hopkins

Dedication of Dinner Marilyn Woellmer

*We would like to dedicate this night in memory of our
loved ones whom we lost this year in our PLCTA family.*

Anthony Marciano, Loving Family Member

Barbara Fogley RN, Mother of Roseanne, Nana of Hunter Polishan

Frank Colletti, Great Uncle of Vito Sabia

Jeanne M Heffron RN, Great Nana of Danny Stefani

Lucy DeLuccie, Mother of Nick, Grandmother of Nicky DeLuccie

Catherine DelRossa, Loving Family Member

Invocation Michael Slater

Dinner

Musical Performance Rocky Gregorski, Scranton High School

Power Point — Autism — Never Give Up Hope Sal Zaydon

"2011 MEMORIALS"

Intro of PLCTA Board/Committees Kathleen M. Walsh

Teacher - Professional Appreciation Ellen Boyer

Acknowledgement Awards

Sibling of the Year Joseph Peter Laske, Scranton H.S.

Youth of the Year ..The Abington Heights Football Team

Leader of the Year Coach Joe Repshis, Head Football
Coach, Abington Heights S.D.

Student of the Year Benjamin David Knox,
Abington Heights Middle School

Appreciation Award Commissioner Michael J. Washo

Man of the Year Charles Leo Ph.D., Psychologist

Retirement Award: Catherine Rachkowski,
Clarks Summit Elementary School

Student Angel Awards

Matt Briskie, Riverside High School
Marquis Ivey, Abington Heights High School
Kelly Strickland, Abington Heights Graduate
Emily Tisdell, Riverside High School

Angel Awards

Distant Thunder Motorcycle Club *Wegmans*
Minooka Lions Club Autism Foundation *Michael Dessoy*
Rotary Club of Scranton *Nick & Suzanne Serniak*
Keystone Sanitary Landfill, Inc. *Michael Slater*
Mrs. D's Pizza & Hoagies *Riverside Elementary West*

Closing Remarks Kathleen M. Walsh



Frank Colletti



Barbara Fogley, RN



Catherine DeRossa



Lucy DeLuccie



Jeanne M Heffron, RN



Anthony Marciano

PLCTA Board of Directors Nomination Form

This is the current nomination form for PLCTA's 2011-2013 Board of Directors. Nominations for the Board are open for all positions. In July's newsletter, a ballot will be sent with your newsletter. As a member, you will be required to fill it out and send it back to headquarters. If you have a nomination to run against any of the returning board members please fill in their name and mail back by June 20, 2011. Thank you!

President

Kathleen Walsh

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Tammy Galavitz {Lori Stedina will be stepping down}

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Christina Santiago

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Mary Albano

Children's Activity Director

MaryEllen Frommert





June 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Girls Just Want to Have Fun, 7-11:00, Duryea	4
5	6	7 SibShops© at Dunmore YMCA, 5:00-7:00 pm	8 SibShops© at Carbondale YMCA, 5:00-7:00 pm	9	10	11 TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL , 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes Vikings Helping Vikings Summerfest, 8:30 am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 YOUTH & YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL , 1:15-2:15, Dunmore YMCA.	20	21	22	23	24	25 TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL , 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes
26	27	28	29	30	PLEASE SEE NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS	

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.

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 Need help registering? Contact Mike at webmaster@plcta.org



PLCTA'S ANNUAL FUN DAY

PLACE: Knobel's Amusement Park, 391 Knobels Blvd, Elysburg Pa 17824

DATE: Sunday, August 14, 2011

TIME: Park opens at 11am-closes at 10pm

LOCATION: Pavillion "V"

LUNCH: 12:30 pm at Pavillion "V"- Free for members of PLCTA and their immediate family. \$8.75 per person for friends and extended family members (children under 4 are free.) Lunch is BBQ Chicken, Cole Slaw, Hot Dogs, Macaroni & Cheese, Drinks and Ice Cream.

TICKETS: Each child of a PLCTA member will receive \$20.00 worth of tickets good for rides, games, pool & refreshments. Please check in with Mary Albano at Pavillion "V" to receive your tickets.

DIRECTIONS: I-81 South to I-80 West. Take any of the 3 Bloomsburg exits, (232, 236, or 241) Follow PA42 South to Catawissa. Cross bridge and watch for 487 South to bear right up incline. Follow PA487 South for 6 miles. Turn left at the light into Knobels.

POINT OF CONTACT: MARY ALBANO 570-606-6930 LEAVE MESSAGE

NAME: _____ #ADULTS _____ #CHILDREN _____

OF NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING: _____

RSVP BY JUNE 30, 2011. SINCE TICKETS ARE PRE-PURCHASED,
THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS FOR LATE CALLERS.