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A Message from the Founder and President

Dear Families and Friends:

Thanks to all who were 2012 T-shirt sponsors. Shirts are now being printed. Thanks to Ash Lyn Photography for volunteering their time to come out and take our walk photo. It was truly appreciated.

We will now be accepting donations for our basket raffle and scratch offs. We are still asking our families to donate a basket or \$10.00 to our basket raffle (see enclosed flyer). Please send in your walk registrations ASAP. By processing most of the registrations we can focus our time on the many teams that register in March. Thank you for your help!

A thanks to Spencer Williams for hosting Pennies for PLCTA. Total amount raised was \$12.00. Thanks to all who participated. We are proud of Spencer's accomplishments especially his recent scores on the SATS.

Every three months PLCTA hosts a trip wherein all our age groups of children, teens, and young adults can gather. This month we will host a swim trip (check monthly events for details) Thanks to TABS for graciously sharing their night with us so all the families can experience the extraordinary pool at the YMCA in Carbondale.

Enclosed is a nomination form for our Annual Dinner. Nominations are due back on March 15. If you would like to attend the dinner on May 24th or request invitations for your professional staff please call the headquarters at 341-3388.

Please save the date for the Right to Education Task Force on April 10th. I will be doing a presentation on Bullying.

Happy Spring to all!

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

Dates to Remember

<u>March 2</u> – PLCTA Board Meeting, 7:00, HQ <u>March 9</u> – PLCTA Swim Trip, Carbondale YMCA, 6:00-8:00 pm, RSVP to Mary Ellen at 570-346-2955. <u>March 9</u> – TABS Swim-Gym-Pizza (for ages 13 & up), Carbondale YMCA, 6:00 - 8:00 pm, \$10/family, RSVP to 570-267-7820.

<u>March 16</u> – PLCTA Walk Meeting, 7:00, HQ <u>March 20</u> - SibShops© - YMCA, Carbondale, 5:00 -7:00 pm. <u>RSVP required</u>, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

March 21 - SibShops© - YMCA, Dunmore, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

<u>March 23</u> - PLCTA Walk Meeting, 7:00, HQ <u>April 10</u> – Right to Education Task Force presentation on Bullying.

<u>April 21</u> – 2012 Autism Walk, Nay Aug Park, Scranton.

May 11 – TABS Swim-Gym-Pizza
May 11 - Lehigh University's 40th Annual Education
Law Conference: The Evolution of a Revolution,
http://www.lehigh.edu/specialseminars/agenda.s
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<u>May 24</u> – Appreciation & Acknowledgement Dinner, Radisson, Scranton.



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)

PLCTA's Youth Social will be a Pizza & Ice Cream Social at the Food Court at the SteamTown Mall, Scranton, at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 25th. Jungle gym and video games are also available. **RSVP to Mary Ellen at 346-2955**.

YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL (12-15 YEARS OLD)

Our young teens will be meeting for a pizza (& video games!) social on Monday, March 19th, at 6:00 p.m. at Vincenzo's Pizza, Main Ave., Scranton. **RSVP is required**, call 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, March 10th and 24th. **Please plan to arrive by 12:45** to get your shoes and ball.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

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

PLCTA March Trip

Friday, March 9 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Carbondale YMCA

Open to all age groups.

RSVP to Mary Ellen, 570-346-2955, by March 5, 2012.



March 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	PLEASE SEE NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS			1	2 PLCTA BOARD MEETING, 7:00, HQ	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 PLCTA SWIM PARTY, 6:00-8:00 pm, YMCA, Carbondale TABS Swim-Gym, 6:00-8:00 pm, YMCA, Carbondale	TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes
11	12	13	14	15	PLCTA WALK MEETING, 7:00, HQ	17
18	YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL, 6:00, Vincenzo's Pizza	20 SibShops© at Dunmore YMCA, 5:00- 7:00 pm	21 SibShops© at Carbondale YMCA, 5:00- 7:00 pm	22	PLCTA WALK MEETING, 7:00, HQ	TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes
25 YOUTH SOCIAL, 1:00, SteamTown Mall Food Court, Scranton	26	27	28	29	30	31

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

Download a color copy of this newsletter in PDF format after joining www.plcta.org!

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

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.



PARENTS LOVING CHILDREN THROUGH AUTISM NOMINATION FORM 2012

Name of Nominee:					
Address:					
Telephone No:					
The above-mentioned nominee exemplifies a co collowing:	ommitment to Autistic children according to the				
positive relationships in safe places and tion in constructive activities.	dren within the community, which encourages within consistent boundaries through participa-				
 He/she provides positive developmental support, empowerment, and opportunities 	experiences that surround Autistic children with				
	NEE'S NAME ON THE ESSAY YOU				
WR	ITE!				
believe this nominee is worthy of this award froecause:	rom Parents Loving Children Through Autism				
Please indicate which award you are nor	minating the person for:				
Woman/Man of the Year	Student of the Year				
Sibling of the Year	Youth of the Year				
Name of Nominator:	Angel Awards Phone #				
Please return this form by	Thursday, March 15th to:				
AA Co	mmittee				
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1243 Wyoming Avenue Scranton, Pa 18509 Awards will be announced on May 1, 2012					