

Parents Loving Children Through Autism Foundation
MARCH NEWSLETTER

In March the wind blows down the door and spills
my soup upon the floor. It laps it up and roars for
more. Blowing once blowing twice blowing chicken
soup with rice...Maurice Sendak



Dear Families and Friends:

Can you believe that we are a month away from our 10th Anniversary Walk for Autism? If you have not sent in your registration yet, please do asap. Please check out contact form if you need to speak to our walk team for anything. As always, we are looking for basket, raffle and basked good items. You will find a letter from Heather DeNinno about the basket raffle for our families. Remember, PLCTA does not require a membership fee. Trips and social groups are cost free, however, we must all work hard when these fundraising events come along. Please invite your family, friends, coworkers etc to come walk with us. Remember to bring your bubbles... we will hold a special celebration prior to the walk for to celebrate our anniversary. Thanks to all our 2013 T-shirt sponsors. T-shirts have now gone to print.

Our Raise YOUR Voice 4 Talent Show was such a huge success this year. Thanks to all the performers for using their talents to change the world. There are so many people to thank for making this show possible. Thanks to the sponsors, volunteers and those who donated. Each year we put on this show to promote kindness, compassion and tolerance in our schools and communities. We use the proceeds (after show expenses) to bring programs into our schools throughout the month of April. This year I will present a very special book called Leo the Late Bloomer. I highly recommend this book. Remember, we all bloom in our own time and own special way.

Invitations are now available for our Annual Acknowledgement and Appreciation Dinner on May 9th. As part of our mission, each year we allow our parents to invite someone special that has helped their child achieve success. That individual will receive a dinner and gift on behalf of our foundation. We believe that it's important to appreciate those who work hard for our children. This is also a special night to show others what amazing accomplishments our children are achieving with support and love. Invitations are available by contacting me kwalsh@plcta.org

We look forward to seeing all of you at our Easter Hunt on March 9th.

Happy Spring!



Kathleen M. Walsh

PLCTA Social Groups for March 2013

Teen and Young Adult Social (17 years old and above) will be held on March 23rd at Idle Hours at 1:00pm. No RSVP required

Youth Group Ages 3 to 12
Young Teen (13 to 16)

Easter Egg Hunt on March 9th at Riverfront Sports Complex 5 W Olive Street Scranton PA 12pm to 2pm
RSVPs had to be made by February 13th to attend. Questions please call MaryEllen at 346-2955

As always parents can choose what social group best fits their child's development stage but you may only choose one group per month to attend. Those bowling should arrive 15 minutes prior to get shoes.



Prayer Group Forming

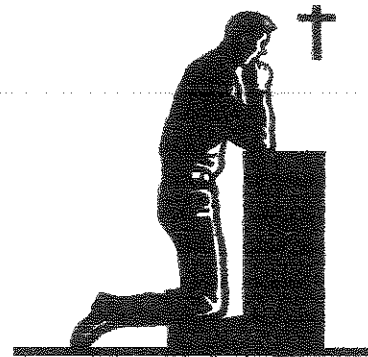
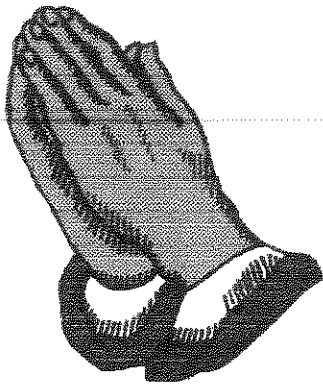
Prayer is one of the powerful tools God has given us.

In the Gospel of St. Matthew Chapter 21: verse 22 it states “If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.”

Do you know someone who is in need of prayer? Or do you have a personal intention that you need to bring to prayer? If the answer is yes, why don't you consider joining the prayer group.

The group will meet ever Second Saturday of the month at the residence of Kathleen Walsh, 404 Carnation Drive Clarks Summit at 10:00am.

The first meeting will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 10:00am.



Hope to see you on April 13th

Michael Slater-Spiritual Moderator

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”
(James: Chapter 5:16).

The Empty Tomb

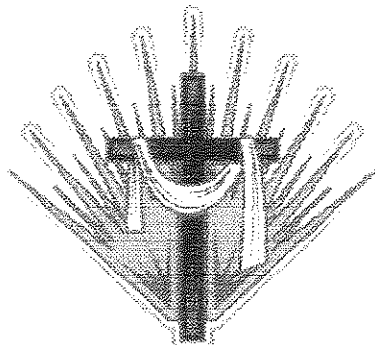
Dear Family and Friends:

The Easter story is perhaps the most well known event in the Bible. On Easter Sunday, we hear about the historical testimony of Jesus Resurrection from the dead as it is proclaimed to us. We listen to the words of the Gospel writers as they announce that the Lord is Risen, if you read any of the four Resurrection narratives, you will read about two women who went to the tomb early on that first morning to anoint the body of Jesus. As they approached the tomb, they noticed that the stone has been rolled away from the opening, and as they entered, they were shocked to see that the body of Jesus was gone, they feared the worst, and they began to panic, and wonder if someone has stole his body. *If you have children, you know what that fear is like, you are in the mall, park, or store, one minute they are right by your side, and the next they are gone. You begin to panic, fear sets in and you desperately begin your search. You try not to think the worst, finally you find your child, and that panic and fear is now turned into relief and joy. The same feelings were felt by these women, they thought Jesus was taken away, that he vanished from their sight, and is gone forever. But, the story has a happy ending, an angel announced to them, that he is he alive and has been raised from the dead. As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on March 31st let us remember just like the two women in the Gospel stories who were given the charge to preach and give witness to Him. Let us do the same, for we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.*

To you and your family, a very Happy and Blessed Easter Season.

Christ is Risen, Indeed He is Risen!

Michael Slater



March 2013



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Board Meeting 7pm	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Easter Egg Hunt 12-2
10	11	12	13	14	15 Walk Meeting at 7pm	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Bowling 1pm Deadline for Walk Pre Registrations
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Happy Easter to all.						

Parents Loving Children Through Autism Foundation
1243 Wyoming Avenue, 3rd Floor, Scranton, PA 18509



Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

As you already know, Parents Loving Children Through Autism (PLCTA) provides a loving, nurturing environment for children with autism to start their journey. Through the years they attend social groups, trips, and family outings specifically designed to foster growth. No child is ever turned away. Unlike many other businesses that support children with autism, 100% of the monies raised for PLCTA go directly toward events to support the children. Our foundation is run by volunteers.

On behalf of the PLCTA Foundation, I ask that you once again consider donating to our 2013 Walk, which will be held on **Saturday, April 20**, at Nay Aug Park in Scranton. Please consider donating to our basket raffle. You can either send in items to make a basket or a monetary donation to buy items will be accepted.

Donations can be sent directly to the PLCTA headquarters:

*Parents Loving Children Through Autism
Attn: Walk Basket Raffle
1243 Wyoming Avenue, 3rd Floor
Scranton, Pa 18509*

Thank you in advance,

Heather DeNinno

Heather DeNinno
10th Annual Walk for Autism Awareness
Basket Raffle Chairperson



Walk Dates and Information

Thank you to our 2013 T-shirt sponsors. T-shirts are now being printed.

We are still accepting donations for baskets, raffles and baked good. Please see contact form enclosed or call 341-3388.

Team and Individual Walk forms are due on March 23rd. Make sure you save money by sending in your form before the due date.

Invite your family, coworkers, friends, neighbors to join us for our 2013 Walk. All forms may be downloaded on plcta.org

There are some wonderful prizes to earn for getting pledges to walk. Check out the incentives for 2013 on your walk form.

Please remember to bring bubbles the day of the walk. Kathleen and John will be calling the children to the start line for a special celebration of **Bubbles For Autism**. Each bubble will represent love and hope for children living with autism around the world.

Our walk will begin at 11am. Registrations begins at 9:30am. Walk festivities will begin at 10:00am with a warm up by **Zumba with Studio ZP**, then we will have **Bubble of Love and Hope** at 10:30am and walk will begin at 11:00am **Post Walk Picnic** will follow right after walk. Make sure you bring extra cash so you don't miss out on all the fun. We have the greatest basket raffle around! Together, we can make this another record breaking year! See you on April 20, 2012!!!

Talent show to promote kindness

BY JOAN MEAD-MATSUI
Abington Journal Correspondent

More than 160,000 students miss school a year from issues relating to bullying. According to Kathleen M. Walsh, Parents Loving Children Through Autism Foundation founder and president, each year millions of children and youth experience the humiliation and devastating effects of bullying.

Organizers of the "Raise Your Voice Talent Show 4" are working toward building a kinder world with their theme for this year's talent show, "Spread Kindness. Love is Contagious."

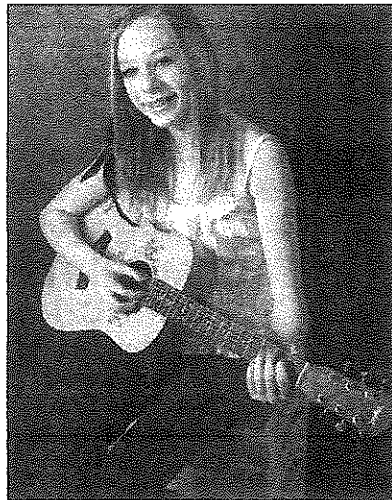
"The concept is to have students from many schools coming together for a single cause," she said.

Their message will be heard loud and clear as they sing, play instruments and dance.

"We have everything from Taylor Swift to Beatles," said Walsh of the talent show Feb. 9, Riverside Junior/Senior High School, Taylor, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

A special tribute to Rachel's Challenge in honor of Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine School shooting, will be performed by Mid-Valley and Dunmore FOR clubs. Rachel's Challenge is a non-profit, non-political, non-religious organization based in Littleton, Colo. "This is our 4th Annual

Show," said Walsh. "The show was created by juniors from Abington Heights High School, Chelsea Maloney and John Milliken, as their senior project in 2009 and funded by Parents Loving Children Through Autism and generous sponsors." Walsh added that Marquis Ivy, Chloe Maloney, and now Samantha Milliken, all Abington area residents, have continued to lead the show with amazing performers including approximately 20



Eighth grade student, Alyssa Lazar has performed in the last three "Raise Your Voice" talent shows, and this year will perform a song she wrote titled, "In Crowd" and Taylor Swift's "Mean," according to Kathleen M. Walsh.

students from the elementary to college level set to perform. Caelan Baden, Taylor, a fourth grade student is one of the younger students to return to the stage this year.

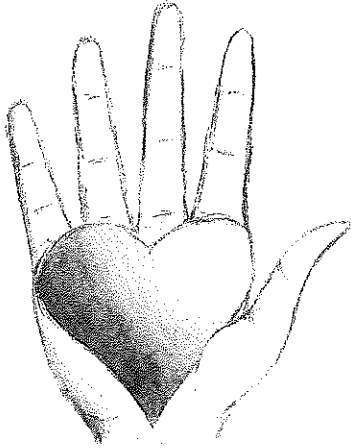
Samantha Milliken, 22, Clarks Summit, along with D.J. Mike Walton will host the show. Milliken said, "I hope that the show teaches about the effects of bullying and hopefully it will change students' perspective on bullying in the future." Last year she designed a slide show that was presented at the Right to Education Task Force.

The show is funded through the Parents Loving Children Through Autism Foundation and "generous sponsors in the community."

A bake sale, information regarding bullying issues, wrist bands and T-shirts will be available in the lobby and there will be giveaways between songs to keep the audience involved.

Tickets for Raise Your Voice Talent Show 4 are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. All proceeds will fund educational programs to teach compassion, kindness and tolerance. Donations can be made to Raise Your Voice 4, 1243 Wyoming Ave., 3rd Floor, Scranton, PA 18509 and checks should be made payable to PLCTA.

For more information, contact Kathleen Walsh at 570.650.5485.



Raise YOUR Voice Talent Show 4

Samantha Milliken hosted the evening that was held to bring awareness to the bullying problem in our schools and communities. A special tribute to Rachel Scott, the first victim of the Columbine School Shooting was presented by the FOR club from MidValley School District with their leaders. Students took the stage for some outstanding performance from schools across our region. The theme for the show was Spread Kindness. Love is contagious. Performers were

Caelan Baden, Mariah Kumor, Amelia Smicherko, Riverside West Elementary.

Schyler Kelsh Crestwood Middle School,

Alyssa Lazar, Maura Jenkins, Brenna Phillips, Claire Weinberger, Ben Knox Abington Height SchoolDistrict,

Taylor Loungo SusQ Cyber Charter School

Christian Gratz, Katie Evans, Donald Davis, Eric Katchmore, Rachel Barrouk, Rachel Balon, James Yzkamin and Scott Mickavicz.

Lisa Petz volunteered her talent to take all the photos for the night. Please visit her at facebook.com/lisapetzphotography and my website is lisapetzphotos.com.

THANK YOU ALL FOR AN AMAZING NIGHT OF TALENT!!!!

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