



MAY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families and Friends:

I never planned to spend my life dedicated to bringing positive changes for the children with autism in NEPA. When my husband asked me to marry him, I called to find a school for John. I was told to rethink my move, because NEPA was in the “dark ages” in terms of services and education for children. After moving her from New Jersey, I asked why my child was not receiving gym, music and art. I was told he would not receive these things because he had autism. These two events and many others altered my life course.

On Wednesday May 1st, PLCTA will begin our 11th year of supporting families. What I want everyone to know is that NOTHING prepares a person for the heartbreaking stories that each family endures. What do you say to a parent who calls in tears because they feel alone and hopeless? What do you say to a grandparent who asks if I think their grandchild will ever speak? What do you say to a parent whose child was sent home from school for using scissors incorrectly- knowing that the school district just broke the law? What do you say to the parent who has a 25 year old adult that can't find employment? What do you say to the single parent who might lose their job because they can't find childcare for their 16 year old child. What do you say to the parent who just found out their child was abused by their classroom teacher and they are sobbing on your porch? What do you say to a sibling who feels resentful because their brother or sister requires so much time? What do you say to the couple that are splitting because of the stress autism has put on their marriage?

Sometimes I have no answers for a family. Sometimes all I can do is say understand your pain, give you a warm embrace and pray with you and for your family. Sometimes I assure you that God loves your child as much as you do. Sometimes I sit on the porch and cry with you...and sometimes you have to look into your eyes and say, "I have no answers for you.

Almost daily, I receive a call from a parent thanking me for supporting a family through a difficult time. I say what I say to all my families..." I love your child as my very own. As we embark on our 11th year, my hope is that God will bring a greater understanding and compassion for every family that continues to love your child through autism. As we embark on our 11th year, I ask you to join us in praying for all the families.

When I launched PLCTA some of your children were just 3 years old. Now my PLCTA babies are into beautiful teenagers and I have a flock of new 3 year olds. I carry each story in my heart and each child has my heart! I love my PLCTA families! May God bless our foundation always!

Happy Birthday PLCTA! Your Founder and President Kathleen M. Walsh



PLCTA Social Groups for May

Youth Group- Will be swimming at the YMCA in Carbondale on May 17th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Please rsvp to MaryEllen using you full name and phone number.

Middle Group- Will be going out for pizza at Rosario's on Highland Ave in Clarks Summit on May 13th at 6:00pm. Please rsvp to Patti @ 563-1852

Older Teen to Adult- will be bowling on May 11th and May 25 at 1:00pm No rsvp required. Please be there 15 minutes prior to pick out shoes.

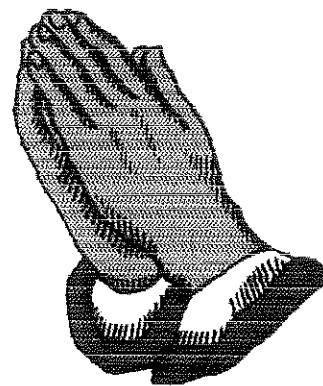
Save the date: A picnic will be held on June 22nd at Lackawanna St Park at Pine Pavillion. Details will be in our June Newsletter.

Dear Families and Friends:

The influential French theologian John Calvin stated that when we pray “Our prayer must not be self-centered. It must arise not only because we feel our need as a burden we must lay upon God, but also because we are bound up in love for our fellow men and women that we feel their need as acutely as our own. To make intercession for men and women is the most powerful and practical way in which we can express our love for them.”

Please know, that every second Saturday of the month we are praying for you, as well as those family members, relatives, friends, and neighbors you have asked us to pray for through your internet prayer requests.

If you would like to submit a prayer request, all you have to do is log onto the PLCTA Foundation website and click on the more link and submit your request.



Thank you

Michael Slater-Spiritual Moderator

Dear Family and Friends:

Due to Mother's Day weekend, the prayer group will **NOT** meet on Saturday, May 11th, rather will meet the following Saturday, **May 18th** at 10:00am, at Kathleen Walsh residence, 404 Carnation Drive, Clarks Summit.


The group will resume meeting the Second Saturday of the month beginning on Saturday June 8th.

Thank you

Michael



May 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 PLCTA Annual Dinner 6:00pm Radisson Scranton	10	11 Older Teen-Adult Bowling 1:00pm Idle Hour Bowling Lanes
12  Happy Mother's Day to all.	13 Middle Group Social 6:00pm Rosario's in Clarks Summit	14	15	16	17 Youth Social Group YMCA in Carbondale 6-8pm	18 Prayer Group at the Walsh Home 10:00am
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Teen-Adult Bowling 1:00pm Viking Helping Vikings Festival 9am Taylor at football
26 Car show for PLCTA 9:00am across from pool at Nay Aug NEPA Cars for the Cause 2013	27	28	29	30	31	



NEPA CARS FOR THE CAUSE

Join us once again Sunday May 26, 2013 starting @ 9 a.m. near the pool @ Nay Aug Park, Scranton PA. We are changing the venue this year but not the reason we are getting together! We will be donating 100% of our proceeds to the PLCTA Group. (Parents Loving Children Through Autism).

ALL - CARS - TRUCKS - BIKES....
ANYTHING WITH WHEELS IS WELCOME!!!!

We had a great turnout last time and can only hope to outdo ourselves this year!!!

Like our page NEPA Cars For A Cause !

**PARENT'S LOVING CHILDREN THROUGH AUTISM'S
FIRST ANNUAL
CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**



WHEN: July 21, 2013

TIME: 1:00 Shotgun

PLACE: Scranton Municipal Golf Course

1099 Golf Club Road

Mt. Cobb, PA 18436

TEAMS: Captain and Crew

COST: \$75 per person or \$300 per team
(includes Green fees, cart, refreshments
during tournament, gift bags, and din-
ner buffet.

For more information or to reserve a
spot, please contact Donna at The
Skye's The Limit Event Planning at
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at theskyesthelimit@live.com.



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