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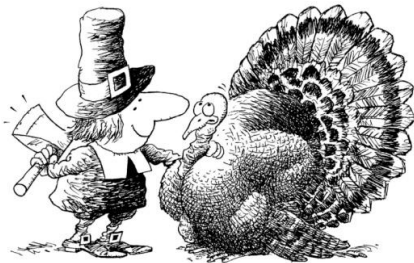
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A Message from the Founder and President

Dear Families and Friends:

Our Annual Robas trip was a blast. I enjoyed spending time with so many of you. Thanks to Mary Ellen for cooking all those hotdogs and thanks for bringing such wonderful food items to share. We were so blessed that the sun came out to make the night so very special. Through our fundraisers we are able to sponsor great events such as the Safety Conference, Robas, and our upcoming holiday parties. We work hard so that we can spend these special times together. There's nothing that warms my heart more than seeing the smiling faces on the children as they enjoy our socials and events. Be sure to check out our flyers for RSVP dates for our upcoming events especially the holiday parties.

As I met with the board on October 18th, I was very pleased at how well the auction is coming together. This was a huge task to take on and not something that we anticipated having to do. I am pleased with how hard the committee is working to make it a success. You can help us in the home stretch by selling raffle tickets and attending the auction. We made the tickets very affordable this year at \$25.00 per person. This includes dinner, a silent and live auction, raffles, and some great music. We are going to kick off the holidays in style. Remember, 100% of the proceeds goes directly to PLCTA. Thanks to all those families who have stepped up in a big way to help.

Along with our auction, planning for our 10th Anniversary Walk is in full swing. We have some special things planned to make our anniversary a time to remember. Our walk has become a significant part of NEPA. I remember when we embarked on our very first walk with just a hand full of sponsors, two pop-up tents, and a group of hard working family members. Ten years later, it is a wonderful celebration of what is possible with hope and love. This year, prior to the start of the walk, I will have the children come up with John and I and we will have Bubbles for Awareness.

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A Message from the Founder and President Continued...

More details will follow in our upcoming letters about the walk. One family has already starting planning their team. Owen's Army will be walking this year. I was touched by this. Isn't that what every child needs, an army to blanket them with unconditional love and support? Our first walk meeting will be held on November 8th at the PLCTA headquarters. Consider joining our committee! We need an "ARMY" to put on this wonderful event.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. May the time with your families be a special time of remembering how blessed we are as a country. May you make abundant memories and traditions. Happy November to all.

Your Founder and President,
Kathleen M. Walsh

Holiday Auction Update

If you plan on **attending the Holiday Dinner/Auction** on December 6th, we need your RSVPs by Saturday, November 17th.

Members who are **selling Raffle Tickets** need to return unsold tickets &/or the stubs/receipts no later than Thursday, November 29th.

Only a limited number of Raffle Tickets were printed. If any tickets are still available for purchase after November 29th, they will be available for purchase at the Dinner/Auction.

Contact Mary Albano at 570-606-6930 for information or tickets.

Dates to Remember

December 6 - Christmas Auction, 6:30 pm, Clarion Hotel Ballroom, Scranton (see flyers).

December 8 – PLCTA Holiday Party (13-adult)

December 16 – PLCTA Holiday Party (12 & younger)

Recreation News

A NOTE ABOUT OUR SOCIALS

Due to the various developmental ages among our children, we will no longer dictate what social group your child should attend. We have set guidelines as to what ages are recommended but you know your child best. If you feel your child is not ready to advance to the next group that is ok. If you feel like your child is too mature for another group that is ok too. As always, your child can not attend more than **one social a month** and **siblings only attend the youth group.** Be aware of what groups need RSVP calls when choosing a group for your child. Any question, please call and ask.

YOUTH SOCIAL (12 & younger)

November's social will be Saturday, November 17th, 2:30 p.m., at First Class Gymnastics in Jessup. **RSVP to Mary Ellen** at 346-2955 and please bring a snack to share.

YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL (13-15)

November's social will be a trip to Aunt Annie's Pretzel Factory at the Steamtown Mall on Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m. **RSVPs are required** for this factory tour and pretzel making social, call Patti at 563-1852.

TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL (16 & older)

The Teen Bowling Social will be held at Idle Hour Bowling Lanes, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 10th and 24th. **Please plan to arrive by 12:45** to get your shoes and ball.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTIES

December's socials will be the annual holiday parties at Idle Hour Bowling Lanes. Please see the enclosed flyer for important details. RSVPs are due Monday, November 26th!



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT

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



November 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SAVE THE DATE! Dec 6 – Holiday Auction Dec 8 – Holiday Party (13-adult) Dec 16 – Holiday Party (12 & younger)				1	2 PLCTA BOARD MEETING, 7:00, HQ	3
4	5	6  Election Day	7	8	9 TABS Swim/Gym, 6:00 pm, Carbondale YMCA, Call 267-7820 to RSVP	10 TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes
11  Veterans Day	12	13 YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL, 6:00, Aunt Annie's Factory Tour	14	15	16	17 YOUTH SOCIAL, 2:30, First Class Gymnastics, Jessup DEADLINE for Purchasing Holiday Dinner/ Auction Tickets
18	19	20 SibShops© at Dunmore YMCA, 5:00-7:00 pm	21 SibShops© at Carbondale YMCA, 5:00-7:00 pm	22  Thanksgiving	23	24 TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes
25	26 RSVP DEADLINE for PLCTA Holiday Parties (both age groups)	27	28	29 DEADLINE for Raffle Ticket Returns	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 copy of this newsletter in pdf format after joining www.plcta.org!



PLCTA Holiday Auction



Plcta's Holiday Auction Raffle Tickets

1st Prize \$1,000.00 Cash

2nd Prize Kindle Fire



3rd Prize \$ 150.00 Cash

Ticket Price \$ 5.00 Each

Drawing Date is December 6, 2012

For Tickets Contact
Christina Santiago
570-510-8032
csantiago@plcta.org





PLCTA's Holiday Auction

Holiday Auction

is

December 6 ,2012

6:30pm

Clarion Hotel Ballroom

300 Meadow Ave

Admission Tickets on Sale Now

\$25.00 per person

Includes

Appetizer, Dinner, Dessert, Coffee, Tea

There will be

Cash Bar, Silent Auction, Live Auction

Door Prize and Raffles

All Tickets Must be Purchased in Advance

For Tickets Contact:

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Event



Tickets



PLCTA's Holiday Christmas Parties



Teen Social Group & Young Teen Group

Ages 13 - Adult

Christmas Party

is at

Idle Hour Lanes

on

December 08, 2012

2:00pm - 4:00pm

RSVP Due by: November 26, 2012



Youth Social Group

Ages 12 & Under

Christmas Party

is at

Idle Hour Lanes

December 16, 2012

2:00 - 4:00pm

RSVP Due by: November 26, 2012



RSVP to Mary Ellen Frommert
at 570-346-2955 or
Headquarters 570-341-3388
PLCTA Children & Siblings Only
Children Must Attend their Age Group Party
Must RSVP By Deadline
No Exceptions

