

# *The Parents Loving Children Through Autism Foundation*

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## *A Message from the Founder and President*

Dear Families and Friends:

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Annual Fun Day at Knoebels. It turned out to be such a wonderful day for all of our children. For those that had sick children, our next Annual Event is Roba's. We will see you there. For those that did not cancel, you will be receiving a bill in the mail for your lunch tickets. Our policy is we need a 24 hour cancel on reservations. It's only fair to families and friends that fundraise so hard to make these wonderful social experiences possible.

This summer I had an amazing opportunity to work ESY with many of our children. It was truly a rewarding experience in my life to see the progress our PLCTA children are making. It's been years since I've been in an autistic support class. It was a joy to get up for work each day. Being among my PLCTA babies through older teens was a wonderful blessing. I was encouraged to see how hard the support staff is working to making such wonderful progress with our children. Hats off to those who work so hard for our children!

As we kicked off another school year, we will be holding some fundraising efforts and trips in the Fall. Please take time to look carefully at the flyers enclosed. Many RSVPs will be due in September. We don't want you to miss out.

If you would like to switch and receive your newsletter through our website, this is possible by contacting our [webmaster@plcta.org](mailto:webmaster@plcta.org). New families can now also download forms to join through our website. Sponsor forms for our Annual Walk will be posted. If you know a business that would become a sponsor, please download a form and letter.

On behalf of our foundation we would like to wish everyone a wonderful 2011-2012 school year.

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)

The Youth group will be bowling at Idle Hour Bowling Lanes on Sunday, September 18th, at 1:00 p.m.

**Please plan to arrive by 12:45** to get your shoes and ball.

### YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL (12-15 YEARS OLD)

Tuesday, September 13th, at 6:00 p.m., young teens will be relaxing from the start of school with a pizza party at the Pizza Hut in Clark Summit. Please RSVP to 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, September 10th and Saturday, September 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.

## Dates to Remember

September 9 – TABS Swim-Gym, 6-8:00 p.m., \$10, Carbondale YMCA, call 267-7820 to register.

September 13 - SibShops© - YMCA, Dunmore, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

September 14 - SibShops© - YMCA, Carbondale, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. RSVP required, contact Margie Cosgrove, 282-1732.

**October 8** – PLCTA's Annual Trip to Roba's Farm, RSVP due by September 28th...NO EXCEPTIONS. See flyer for details.

**October 12** – RSVP DEADLINE for Twist and Shout, see flyer for details.

**October 22** – **TWIST AND SHOUT**, see flyer for details.

## Condolences to...



the family of Delbert E. Herne on the passing of your loved one. May God comfort you in this time of sorrow and may their memories bring you comfort in the difficult days ahead.

## Congratulations to...

Kyle and Dana Brown on the birth of their second son!



### Dinner and Walk Photos Available

Your Pixel Perfect has proofs from the Appreciation & Acknowledgement Dinner available at:

<http://yourpixelperfect.instaproofs.com/enterEvent.php?id=390659>

Autism Walk photos are still available for purchase at:

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

Orders accepted online!



# September 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>PLEASE SEE NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS</b>				1	2 <b>PLCTA BOARD MEETING, 7:00, HQ</b>	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <b>TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes</b>
11	12	13 <b>YOUNG TEEN SOCIAL, 6:00, Pizza Hut, Clark Summit</b>  SibShops@ at Dunmore YMCA, 5:00-7:00 pm	14 SibShops@ at Carbondale YMCA, 5:00-7:00 pm	15	16 <b>PLCTA WALK MEETING, 7:00, HQ</b>	17
18 <b>YOUTH SOCIAL, Bowling, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes</b>	19	20	21	22	23	24 <b>TEEN TO ADULT BOWLING SOCIAL, 1:00, Idle Hour Lanes</b>
25 <b>FUNDRAISER @ Kathleen's</b>	26	27	28 <b>RSVP DEADLINE - ANNUAL TRIP TO ROBA'S</b>	29	30	

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

Download a color copy of this newsletter in PDF format after joining [www.plcta.org](http://www.plcta.org)!  
 Need help registering? Contact Mike at [webmaster@plcta.org](mailto: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.



**PLCTA'S ANNUAL  
Trip To Roba's Family Farm**



**Come And Join the Fun**

Date: October 8, 2011  
Location: Campsite # 27  
Time: 5pm – 9pm

*Food, drinks and snacks will be provided  
We will be roasting marshmallows  
Kids will receive a goodie bag  
Everyone will receive a small pumpkin*

Cost: PLCTA Members and Immediate  
Family - NO CHARGE

NON-PLCTA Members/Guests - \$9.50 per person  
(Includes a small pumpkin) payable to PLCTA at Event.

If anyone would like to bring a side dish/dessert, please call Mary & let her know.

There will be no Coffee served. Hot Chocolate will be provided.

NOTE: as we are purchasing the tickets before hand, If you don't show up you will be responsible for the \$9.50.

ticket price day of event is \$ 9.50 ( NO Pumpkin Included)

"NO RAIN DATE"

RSVP's Must be made by  
September 28, 2011  
( There will be NO EXCEPTIONS)  
RSVP's can be made to mary alban  
570-606-6930 leave message





# PLCTA PRESENTS: "TWIST & SHOUT" FOR AUTISM

*Fabulous 50's*

*Disco 70's*



*Sexy 60's*

*Rockin' 80's*

Sat. October 22, 2011  
Tripp Park Community Center  
2000 Dorothy Street - 343-0342

**6pm - 10:30pm**

**Music from each decade by  
"TWO FOR THE ROAD"**

**\$25.00 PP - DANCING, FOOD, DESSERTS.  
CASH BAR- BEER, WINE & SODA**

**BASKET RAFFLES, DOOR PRIZE  
50/50, BEST COSTUME (optional) PRIZE**

**RSVP BY OCT 12, 2011  
MARY ALBANO  
570-606-6930 (leave message)**

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT PLCTA**

**TABS (Transitioning to Adulthood and Beyond on the Spectrum) in  
Partnership with the Greater Carbondale YMCA**



**Greater Carbondale YMCA**

**Please mark you calendars**

Friday, September 09, 2011 @ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Friday, November 11, 2011 @ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Friday, January 13, 2012 @ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Friday, March 09, 2012 @ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
Friday, May 11, 2012 @ 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**All persons with Autism**

**Ages 13 and up.**

**SWIM-GYM**

**Enjoy and Evening of Swimming, Exercise and Pizza!**

**Come, enjoy an outing with peers! Meet the caring YMCA Staff AND enjoy the new  
YMCA Facilities!**

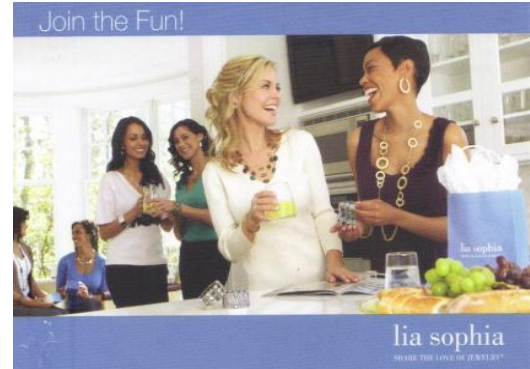
Parents/Siblings welcome at no additional charge!! Help us create and increase opportunities for  
our kids with autism as they transition towards adulthood and beyond!

Cost: \$10.00. To register for the Event: Contact 570-267-7820.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**



*It's a PLCTA Fundraiser at the Walsh Home!!!*

**Kathleen will be hosting a party at the Walsh Home on Sunday September 25, 2011 at 3:00pm-7:00pm 404 Carnation Drive, Clarks Summit**

**We are asking guests to bring: A bottle of wine or alcohol for our "Wheel barrel of Cheer" for the Scranton Holiday Auction.**

**All items earned through this fundraiser will be used for our upcoming benefits. Let's work together to make it a huge success!!**

**Outside orders can be purchased on line @ [www.liasophia.com/malazar](http://www.liasophia.com/malazar); click (View Catalog); type in Kathleen Walsh; It will take you to shopping pages.**