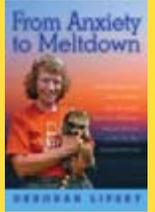


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9th Annual Walk for Autism

By Susan J. Vincent

Summer 2011



A Tremendous Thank You to the more than 1,200 participants of this year's Walk for Autism event held on May 1, 2011 at Bangor, Biddeford and Farmington. We were fortunate to have beautiful spring weather and raised over \$51,000!

Over 106 teams were formed by families, friends, co-workers, students, providers, and educators of children on the spectrum. We all came together to share, support and give hope to those whose lives have been affected by autism and show that they are not alone. The Walk for Autism is ASM's biggest fundraiser of the year and supports Camp Summit, a free summer camp for children on the Autism Spectrum, as well as other programs for the autism community here in Maine.

This year teams again put thought and creativity into their t-shirts in support of a loved one. Not only does this show that they belong to a particular team, but it also contributes to this very special experience by starting conversations about their unique designs.

Fire trucks were at each site, and the firemen talked to the children and even let them try on gear and climb into the truck! Having first responders at these events shows the children and individuals on the spectrum that they are the "good guys" and not to be afraid of them. We want to thank emergency professionals from Bangor

Fire Dept., Biddeford Fire Dept., Farmington Fire Dept., and York County Sheriff's Office.

Local television crews and reporters were present to cover this event, this is essential for getting family stories and information to the community.

Community Health & Counseling and Stillwater Academy collaborated this year with ASM for the Bangor Walk and offered crafts and raffles. Their presence was an enormous help. Food and beverages were donated and offered at the event.

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President's Message

Well, spring is here again, and did we ever pick the best day for our Walkathon! We did! It was a beautiful, sunny, Sunday, with ne'er a cloud in the sky... and what a walk it was! This was our best year ever, and a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, walked, and supported our Walkathon this year. Together we raised over \$50,000.00 to support Autism Awareness throughout the state of Maine. What an awesome job each of you did to make this possible and I, personally, want to applaud your efforts. With so many budget cuts to so many programs we can now breathe easier knowing that we will be able to continue to provide individuals with autism and their families with the support, advocacy, and information they need to better access the educational, vocational, recreational, and medical services in their communities. In the coming year you will see more Autism Awareness workshops throughout the state, as well as additional Autism Information Specialists with expertise in transition planning and adult services, and more summer camp programs for children with autism spectrum disorders. We are also planning a big conference in the fall of 2012 to address services, programs, and issues specific to the needs of adults with autism. Thanks to all of you who spent that one beautiful, sunny day in May to make this all happen.



With spring changes come, and so we have some new changes from the Autism Society (aka ASA or Autism Society of America). There will no longer be a single membership fee for both the Autism Society (of America) and ASM (Maine), as this unified approach to membership in both the national and state autism societies did not seem to work as well as it was thought. Consequently, ASM will be conducting its own membership drive with separate fees for membership in ASM, and separate fees for membership in the Autism Society (Autism Society of America). If you receive donation requests in the mail from the national office of the Autism Society asking for donations for your town or city, please know that this money does not stay in Maine. The only donations and membership monies that go directly to ASM will come to you on letterhead from the Autism Society of Maine. If you have any questions about mailings regarding membership or donations, please don't hesitate to call the ASM office.

Another change at the national level is that each state now has a delegate to represent their state regarding national concerns. I am the delegate for the State of Maine and will be attending the National Autism Conference in July. At that time I will be meeting with delegates from all of the states and the National Board to share our concerns about issues directly related to autism. I welcome input from all of you and will be happy to bring your concerns to the National Board. Please email ASM with concerns or issues you would like addressed, as I will be putting a letter together to bring to that conference. In that letter I will list the issues relevant to autism from the "Maine perspective". I look forward to representing Maine at this conference, and will be sharing whatever information I learn when I am there in the next newsletter.

So, I sign off this message with a familiar chant..."Rain, rain, go away, Come again some other day..." Sunny days are ahead of us!

Lynda J. Mazzola, President, Board of Directors
Autism Society of Maine

Editorial Notes: Maine Autism Connections and Autism Society of Maine programs and services are made possible by donations from people like you and funding from the Maine Department of Health & Human Services. We hope you will also visit us online at <http://www.asonline.org>, where we have a great deal of information available about autism, programs, resources, news, a calendar of events, legislation and more.

5th Annual Ride for Autism

Ride for Autism
September 24, 2011
Kennebunkport Conservation
Trust Building
50 mile ride starts at 8am
25 mile ride starts at 9am

www.firstgiving.com/ASMMaine Go to Ride for Autism. You can register as an individual or as a team. If you want to, you can also set up your own fund-raising page. There will be a hearty lunch and entertainment provided after the ride. Bring the whole family. Kids can enjoy the bouncy house or a fun ride of their own.



Please join the Autism Society of Maine for our 5th Annual Ride for Autism. Our route is set along the beautiful coast with many breathtaking views. Visit our site for more details and to register:

Membership News

As of April 1, 2011 the national Autism Society decided not to continue unified membership with its chapters. The Autism Society of Maine will now have its annual membership drive in January 2012. We will honor all memberships that have signed up through national. You may sign up for our membership at any time using the following fee structure: Family Member/Individual \$25, Champion \$75, Professional \$150, Lifetime \$1,500

ASM's Annual Family Retreat Weekend July 15, 16, and 17th

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(See retreat application in this issue)

Please join us for our annual Family Retreat Weekend held at the University of New England, Biddeford. We look forward to seeing families that have come in the past and to meet families new to the Family Retreat. There will be supervised games and activities for the children, family entertainment, and parent workshops.

This year's theme is "TROPICAL ISLAND".....So bring

your grass skirts and tropical birds.

We will also be featuring your own talents. If you or your child has a special talent and you want to share it with other families, then come ready to showcase your talent. Friday night in the Hang (near registration table) you can have up to 15 minutes on the stage to do your thing. I do ask that if you or your child would like to do this, then email or call us so we may schedule you a time slot.

Summer Camp

We still have openings for the 8th Annual Camp Summit. Applications are not available online. Parents must call ASM to have one mailed to them. Summer camp runs for 4 weeks. The first session will be July 25 – August 4, and the second session is August 8 – August 18. Each session is Monday – Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. The camp is located in Farmington. All applications go through a screening process, and families will be notified no later than June 24.

Camp Summit is free to families. Paid members of ASM will be considered first before non paid members.

FMI please contact ASM at 800-273-5200.



Autism Awareness Month

The Autism Society of Maine planned many activities for April in celebration of Autism Awareness Month. Free Autism Awareness packets were provided by ASM that included information appropriate for autism awareness displays at schools, workplaces and libraries.

A Heartfelt Thank you to Members of ASM and the Community for hosting fundraisers to benefit ASM and also to those that put up an Autism Awareness Displays.

Events in April

- Autism & Strategies Workshops – Hosted by ASM
- Dr. Paula Kluth Conference – Hosted by ASM
- Sensory friendly movie that featured “RIO” - funded by the Lewiston/Auburn Rotary Club
- Awareness Night – Hosted by The Portland Pirates
- Autism Awareness Day at the Ballpark – Hosted by The Portland Sea Dogs

Fundraisers

- Culinary Lunch – Hosted by Bath Regional Career & Technical Center
- Dance Recital – Hosted by the Studio for the Living Arts that featured many dancers from different studios
- Farmington Elks Lodge – Held a dinner, dance and raffle
- Jean Day – Brann & Isaacson
- Jean Day – Lehr Insurance Agency
- Lee Auto Mall – Facebook challenge
- Magic Show – For Brian’s Team organized by the St. Clair Family
- Order of the Assembly #9 Rainbow Girls – Silver Collection
- Pampered Chef – Hosted by Linda Chamberlain
- Potluck Dinner – William S. Cohen School – Hosted by the Boosters Club, Student Council and Learning Group Voices of Change
- Sanford Elks Lodge - Held a dinner, dance and raffle
- School Walk – Leonard Middle School Students and LICA group
- Scrapbooking – Hosted by Corinne Saindon
- Slide-a-Thon – Hosted by the Whitehouse Family at the Calvary Temple – Assembly of God
- Yard Sale – Organized by Mary Fitzgerald and Tom Darr



Children in grades K-2 at Lunt School were read the book “Since We’re Friends” by Celeste Shally and David Harrington. It was then discussed how each class could be a good friend to someone with Autism. Their choices were written on each puzzle piece and put together to form a heart.



Nathan Webster and his mom Wendy created a display at Walker Memorial Library in Westbrook.



Kristie Libby made this display for the Penobscot Valley Hospital

Autism Awareness Month



In recognition of Autism Awareness, the Falmouth High School made this sculpture of an autism puzzle ribbon that had many small puzzle pieces glued on it by students and faculty.



Scrapbooking Fundraiser



Leonard Middle School Students



Scrapbooking Fundraiser



Elks Club Sanford



Pampered Chef Party Fundraiser

9th Annual Walk for Autism

And the Bangor and Farmington sites had vendors.

Our online registration with FirstGiving was a success and went relatively smoothly (just a few glitches to work out for next year). It enhanced and promoted team spirit with the option to create your own fundraising page and share with others by “spreading the word”. It’s not too late to give to this fundraiser if you haven’t already. The FirstGiving Walk page will be open for donations until the end of July.

There were many volunteers who devoted their time. Each one of you has our full appreciation. Thank you to our Team Leaders: Cathy Dionne (Bangor), Darlene Lepoff (Biddeford) and Jean Mason (Farmington).

FirstGiving: firstgiving.com/ASMMAINE/Event/walkforautism

Photos can be seen on ASM’s photo gallery: asmonline.org/gallery.asp.

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The Grand Luncheon Entrance

By Deb Lipsky

Last month I was the keynote speaker for a benefit luncheon. Dressed in khaki Dickie pants, polo shirt, and new balance sneakers, this ensemble was made complete with my trademark paranormal investigator's ball cap. Since I only travel with an extra large backpack I insist it stays with me whenever I travel wherever I go so naturally I was wearing my pack as I arrived at the presentation site. Upon entering the building my aire of confidence was shattered by the elegance of the banquet hall. Crystal chandeliers, and the patrons all in semi-formal attire awaited my arrival. Completely shocked by this visual display and in my woefully under dressed attire, I spontaneously (others prefer the word impulsively) yelled out, "Oh Shit-....ta-ke- mushrooms!!!" (emphasis on the 1st syllable of the 1st word). I don't know who let out the louder gasp, me or the people there as all eyes turned towards me. As I was ushered up to the head table where I would be sitting it was quite a chore not having my bulky backpack slam up against the closely arranged elegantly dressed tables sporting crystal goblets and fine china. Once I got to where I would be sitting, I decided to take off my backpack which weighed a good 40 lbs between what I packed for the trip and all the souvenirs I scooped up at the local tourist haunts. As I slid the shoulder straps off this jumbo pack complete with numerous extra hooks for attaching more gear, I didn't realize that one of the hooks from the butt pack had snagged in the rear pocket button hole of my slacks. Expecting the pack to just drop gracefully to the ground I was unprepared for the sudden jerk as it slammed into my butt sending me flying. With flailing arms and a dangling backpack nipping at my heels, I stumbled by the front tables like a psychotic fashion model on a runway. To complicate matters even further, the pack was hung up at just the right angle where I couldn't grab it and the sheer weight of it was more than my slacks could tolerate. Fearing that a monumental wardrobe malfunction was eminent, I clutched my belt buckle for dear life so that my pants wouldn't race to my ankles and I prayed, "Dear Lord don't let today or this audience be the ones to witness my first ever public "lunar experience" (i.e. mooning the crowd). Thankfully with the strength that would be the envy of Zena Warrior Princess my hand grip kept the

slacks in an upright and vertical position. Nonchalantly (at least in my mind) I managed to hop, skip, and jump (literally) my way back to my table sporting the world's largest fanny pack that was now spilling its contents. It's hard to look sophisticated and most importantly unnoticed when your backpack looks like it is pooping out clothes with every step you take. Feeling as entangled and helpless as a dolphin caught in a fishing net I was able to enlist the aid of 2 people sitting next to me by just my mere pitiful expression.

Finally when this public display of awkwardness was over I sat down pretending nothing unusual had just occurred. I wanted to put that experience behind me (excuse the pun) and having worked up a thirst, I reached for the crystal glass goblet containing sweet tea and ice. As I lifted the glass, the intricate paper doily stuck to the bottom of the glass stem. I started to sip the tea avoiding the peacefully perched slice of lemon on the rim. Halfway through my drink the doily became unstuck and began a free fall towards the table full of food. In stunned silence I observed the 6" paper snowflake gliding toward the plate full of salad of the person sitting on my right. With every ounce of mental concentration I tried to will it away from its intended target to no avail. At that

moment the peacefully perched lemon slice suddenly slid down the rim and slapped me in the cheek. The sensory sensation took me by surprise causing the arm holding the glass to recoil just enough so that my elbow landed on the perfectly placed utensil arrangement. With the precision befitting of a military guided air strike I watched in horror as first the salad fork, then the regular fork, followed up by the desert spoon launched and cruised through the air like weapons of mass destruction. With 100% accuracy they managed to plop themselves in the lap of the unsuspecting patron sitting next to me. Stoically trying to hide intense feelings embarrassment, I just leaned into this person with this incredibly stunned look and asked her, "So are you enjoying your meal?"



AIS Article

The Autism Society of Maine (ASM) completed its 2011 Autism Information Specialist training in March. Five people have been added to the program: Erin Dimbleby, Mary Fitzgerald, Vanessa Florencio, Karen Gorris-Hicock, and Chris Park.

Autism Information Specialists contract with ASM for individual assignments. These assignments vary from talking with families as a support person to attending educational (IEP) or vocational (PCP) planning meetings to giving public presentations. They provide valuable resource information to individuals, families, service providers, employers, schools, and agencies across the State. They promote and encourage understanding, empathy, and compassion for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). They are knowledgeable and responsive to the needs of those involved in the lives of people with ASD.

Currently we have Autism Information Specialists in the following locations:

Auburn	East Millinocket	New Sharon
Bangor	Edmunds	Northport
Brewer	Ellsworth	Portland
Bridgton	Fairfield	Presque Isle
Brownfield	Georgetown	Sidney
Cape Elizabeth	Kennebunk	Vassalboro
Dexter	Lincoln	

Our goal is to have an Autism Information Specialist in every county in the State. We are still looking for people to cover the following counties: Knox, Lincoln, Piscataquis, and Somerset. If you are interested in becoming a part of this program and want to know more about it, please call Darlene Lepoff at 1-800-273-5200. Our next training will be in the winter of 2012.

Autism Society of Maine Store

You may purchase these items and more on the ASM website: <https://www.asmonline.org:4441/productcart/pc/home.asp> or by calling us at 1-800-273-5200.



Autism Awareness Window Cling
8" x 3 7/8" \$5.00



Autism Awareness Magnet
8" x 3.5" \$5.00



Mini Magnet
2" x 4" \$3.00



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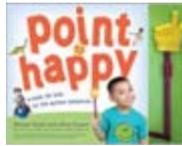
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Welcome to the Autism Society of Maine Library!

Point to Happy; A Book for Kids on the Autism Spectrum by Miriam Smith & Afton Fraser

By pointing to the pictures in this book, children will learn to convey their immediate wants and needs, experiences, and most important, their feelings. The simple motor task of using the included pointer helps children focus. Book includes a pointer.



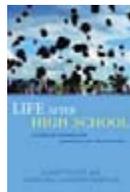
(DVD) We Thought You'd Never Ask; Voices of People with Autism by Paula Kluth

First person accounts provide a window into the lives of those affected by autism. Understanding autism MUST begin with the authentic voices of those on the spectrum. There has not been another film quite like this before - a must see.



Life After High School by Susan Yellin & Christina Cacioppo Bertsch

A Guide for Students with Disabilities and Their Families - This book provides complete overview of issues students/families will need to consider to succeed in college or work. Legal documentation to receive support and accommodations at college, entrance exams, selecting a college, and achieving medical and financial independence away from home are just a few subjects covered in this book.



Ready, Set, Potty! by Brenda Batts

Potty training a child with developmental disorders can be a real challenge, and sometimes the extra difficulties make you feel as though you've tried everything, and failed. This book shows you can overcome problems, big and small, and provides tried-and-tested methods that really work, tailored to each individual child.



My Child Has Autism, Now What? - 10 Steps to Get You Started by Susan Larson Kidd

This concise, no-nonsense book will enable parents to regain control of the situation and take the first practical steps towards a calm and happy life with newly-diagnosed child. The author has



developed ten manageable steps covering key aspects of life for a child on the spectrum including sleeping, eating, and toileting through adapting the home, creating routines, and exploring therapy.

How to Talk to an Autistic Kid by Daniel Stefanski

Ages 8 - adult. Inviting and to-the-point, this book will give kids and adults the confidence and tools needed to befriend kids with autism. Daniel's upbeat and often funny advice will help you figure out what's going on inside and autistic kid's head so you can get to know each other better.



Unlocked by Karen Kingsbury

Holden is an 18 year old with autism and is bullied at school. Ella is a cheerleader and star of the drama club. She discovers that they were friends when small. Frustrated by the way peers treat Holden, Ella decides to take a stand against the "in" group. She pulls the drama club and Holden together hoping this time, friendship, faith, and the power of a song will be strong enough to open the doors to the miracle Holden needs.



A Collection of Books Written by Wendy Lawson and Donated by Jessica Kingsley Publishers. Wendy is a writer, speaker, and professional, who has Asperger's Syndrome and is also the mother of a boy with Asperger's.

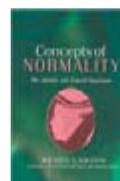
The Passionate Mind - How People with Autism Learn

Wendy lays out her groundbreaking theory of Single Attention and Associated Cognition in Autism (SAACA), an approach that explains autism in terms of the unique style of individuals on the autism spectrum. When this unique learning style is understood, valued and accommodated, individuals on the autism spectrum.



Concepts of Normality - The Autistic & Typical Spectrum

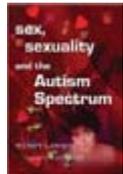
This book explores how individuals and society understand "normal" in order to help demystify and make accessible a full range of human experiences. Wendy outlines the theory behind the current thinking and beliefs of Western society that have led



to the building of a culture that fails to be inclusive.

Sex, Sexuality, and the Autism Spectrum

This book is about how the differing cognitive style and sensory profiles experienced in ASD impact upon communication and relating. It uses plain language and attempts to address ordinary questions and the everyday stuff of discovering self and other. It takes the reader through the range of knowledge from how to teach sex education to dating, relating, and owning one's own sexuality.



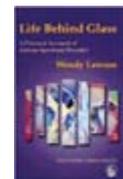
Build Your Own Life

Author's constructive outlook is offered directly to other people on the autism spectrum. Wendy shares her understanding of how to take control of your own life and strengthen it against life's storms.



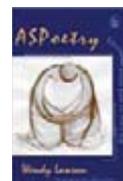
Life Behind Glass

A personal account of autism spectrum disorder.



ASPoetry

Illustrated collection of poems and short prose pieces; both reflective and life-affirming, these poems offer evocative glimpses of the Asperger experience and will enrich readers' understanding of autism spectrum disorders.



Understanding & Working with the Spectrum of Autism

As an adult educator with Asperger Syndrome, with training in psychology and family issues, Wendy offers a valuable contribution to understand and work with individuals with autism spectrum disorder.



Friendships - The Aspie Way

Insightful and relevant to people both on and off the autism spectrum. Fresh approach to a universal issue in human relationships.



From Anxiety to Meltdown by Deborah Lipsky

How Individuals on the Autism Spectrum Deal with Anxiety, Experience Meltdowns, Manifest Tantrums, and How You Can Intervene effectively.



Ways to Give

There are many ways to give to the Autism Society of Maine. We rely on donations and fundraisers to help cover the cost of our programs and activities that bring awareness and community to individuals and families impacted by ASD. Here's how you can help:

- Donate to us during our second *Autism Society of Maine Fall Annual Appeal*.
- General donations may also be made anytime of the year online using our secure donation forms (or you can download and print our PDF forms) at:

http://www.asmonline.org/involved_donations.asp

- Memorial donations to the Society in memory of a friend or loved-one may also be made at:

http://www.asmonline.org/involved_donations.asp

- Donations through Network For Good may be made at:

<https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/ExpressDonation.aspx?ORGID2=010407346>

- Donations via Facebook, powered by the Network for Good, may be made at:

<http://apps.facebook.com/causes/238491?m=3f1cca43>

- Donations through United Way can be directed to the Autism Society of Maine. For more information, visit:

http://www.asmonline.org/involved_donations_united_way.asp

- Host a fundraiser with proceeds going to ASM. Some of the past and current fundraisers have included: Avon, Pampered Chef parties, Mary Kay parties, bake sales at events, selling autism awareness items at conferences or craft events, selling Christmas wreaths, selling T-shirts. If any of these fundraisers interest you please call us for more information.

For other ways to contribute, become a volunteer or become a member contact us at: <http://www.asmonline.org>

Thank you for your generosity!

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Support our Services: Give to the Autism Society of Maine!

The Autism Society of Maine is a statewide nonprofit organization that for over 35 years has served Maine individuals with autism and their families, professionals, and communities by providing education, advocacy, referrals, and resource development. We rely on donations and fundraisers to help cover the cost of our programs and activities that bring awareness and community to individuals and families affected by ASD. Here's how you can help:

- General donations may also be made anytime of the year online using our secure donation forms (or you can download and print our PDF forms) at: http://www.asmonline.org/involved_donations.asp
- Memorial donations to the Society in memory of a friend or loved-one may also be made at: http://www.asmonline.org/involved_donations.asp
- Donations through Network For Good may be made at: <https://www.networkforgood.org/donation/ExpressDonation.aspx?ORGID2=010407346>
- Donations via Facebook, powered by the Network for Good, may be made at: <http://apps.facebook.com/causes/238491?m=3f1cca43>
- Donations through United Way can be directed to the Autism Society of Maine. For more information, visit: http://www.asmonline.org/involved_donations_united_way.asp
- Host a fundraiser with proceeds going to ASM. Some of the past and current fundraisers have included: Avon, Pampered Chef parties, Mary Kay parties, bake sales at events, selling autism awareness items at conferences or craft events, selling holiday wreaths, selling T-shirts. If any of these fundraisers interest you, please call us for more information.

For other ways to contribute, contact us at asm@asmoline.org. Thank you for supporting our mission!

Become a Member!

The Autism Society of Maine invites you to join families and professionals in the pursuit of knowledge about autism spectrum disorders, treatments and support for Maine children and adults with autism.

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