



# ASNEWS



Newsletter of the Autism Society of Northeast Wisconsin

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## ASNEW Meetings & Events

ASNEW meets from 6:00-7:30PM the third Tuesday of most months at Harmony Cafe, 1660 W. Mason St. GB, WI. See below for meeting details.

Our NEW contact number is **(920) 265-8067**

### May 12, 2010- 4:30-6:30

Open house board meeting. Open to anyone interested in seeing what a Board of Director meeting is like.

### May 18, 2010- 5:00-6:30PM

Support Meeting. Topic is law enforcement and challenges related to ASD

### May 22, 2010

**10:30 AM**-Movie morning at the Bay Park Cinema, Ashwaubenon. ASNEW is supporting the Marcus Theatre effort by providing free admission to ASNEW members who register with the ASNEW representative at the theatre. Please call us with your attendance so that we have a representative present to provide your entrance cost.

**1:30PM**-Bowling at Michiels Dome Lanes in Marinette! We have six lanes reserved. We are providing free bowling, shoes, food and drink! Please contact us if you would like to attend.



## **“REEL MOVIES FOR REAL NEEDS”**

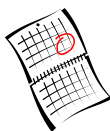
A NEW MARCUS THEATRE® FILM SERIES DESIGNED TO SERVE SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. This film series allows special needs children and families who seldom attend movies to enjoy the movies in a comfortable environment.

“Reel Movies for Real Needs” features select first-run film showings the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at select Marcus Theatres locations. “The ‘Reel Movies for Real Needs’ program creates a welcoming and comfortable environment for special needs children by offering family films with a lower sound volume and brighter lighting for families who may not feel comfortable attending regularly scheduled shows,” said Bruce J. Olson, president of Marcus Theatres.

“This specially designed program will provide entertainment to special-needs children without the challenges of a regular show. We are happy to support this group of families and children by offering them a real movie experience they all can enjoy.”

**June 15, 2010****6:00 - 7:30 PM**

Support meeting - Eating/feeding issues in children with ASD

**Save the date!!****August 1, 2010**

Annual ASNEW picnic and Board elections

**September 19, 2010**The **4th Annual Autism Awareness Walk** at Green Isle Park. Registration will occur between 7:30 - 8:30AM. The 2.1 mile walk begins at 8:30AM.**\*\*PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT INFORMATION: <http://www.asnew.org/>****Past ASNEW Events****We bounced at Badger Bouncers!****We splashed at Tundra Lodge in February!****Autism Society of Wisconsin conference!****Dr. Patrick Flynn spoke in February!****ASNEW Grant Foundation accepted first two applications!****The Gamblers skated for Autism Awareness on April 3rd!****The Third Annual ASNEW Autism Awareness Rally was held on April 20th!****Resources****ASNEW Grant Foundation**

Grants will be given on a quarterly basis, with preference given to ASNEW members and families with income less than \$80,000 per year. The grants can be used for therapy, biomedical, equipment; safety needs...anything that is not covered by insurance.

Instructions, guidelines, and applications are available on our website at [www.asnew.org](http://www.asnew.org). Much thought was put into making the application process as simple as possible. Only minimal supporting documentation is being requested. If you or someone you know has a child ages 2-18 with an Autism Spectrum Disorder who lives in Northeast Wisconsin, please consider applying.

ASNEW knows the tremendous financial burden that is placed on the families of children with autism and we are very pleased to provide a helping hand to the families that we serve. We again extend our deepest gratitude to Mike & Jessica McCarthy and the Green Bay Packers for making the grant program possible!

**ASNEW Grant Foundation AWARDS!!**

\*A five year old Shawano boy received \$900 for Green Bay Hyperbarics, who matched the \$900 donation.

\*A four year old Green Bay boy received \$1000 for a Defeat Autism Now! Doctor appointment which included allergy testing and supplements.

\*A 6 year old Green Bay girl received \$1,000 for a special needs stroller.

\*A 4 year old Green Bay boy received \$251.99 for a special needs swing.

\*A 4 year old Sturgeon Bay boy who received \$1,000 for biomedical treatments with a Defeat Autism Now! Doctor.

\*A 5 year old Marinette boy received \$487 for dental work.

## **WE ARE ECSTATIC TO HAVE APPROVED \$4638.99 IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF OPERATION!!!**



### **ASNEW Library**

ASNEW has a lending library stocked with books and binders. Topics include biomedical, vaccination, siblings, preparing for adulthood and more. A full listing of titles is available on our website. If you can't find what you are looking for, make a suggestion! Books can be checked out at ASNEW support meetings.



### **Research Opportunity**

Dr. Ken Thurman's research team at Temple University is conducting an online survey to evaluate parents' opinions of the National Research Council's (2001) recommendations regarding the education of children with autism. Responses will provide valuable information on how parents feel the NRC recommendations have been implemented. The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete, and all responses are confidential and anonymous. <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22A54PEWUHN>

## **Support**



### **Young Adult and Middle School Age Social Group**

New support/social groups are forming in our area for teens and young adults with high functioning Autism/Asperger Syndrome. We are also looking for parents or other adults who would be willing to work together to organize and support these groups. Contact Lisa Dillhunt at [ldillhunt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ldillhunt@sbcglobal.net) for more information.



### **High School Age Girls Social/Support Group**

ASNEW would like to start a social/support group for high school age girls with very high functioning autism/Asperger Syndrome. Please contact Lisa Dillhunt at [ldillhunt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ldillhunt@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to be added to the list of those interested. We are also looking for parents to assist with supporting this group.



## Online

There is an online support group called Meetup, not affiliated with ASNEW, and is free of charge. They offer online support to any caregiver of someone with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

<http://www.meetup.com/Autism-GreenBay/>

## Membership



### We Need You!!!

ASNEW's Board of Directors is looking for people who are passionate about serving the autism community. No prior experience is required. If you would like your name placed on the ballot, please contact us via phone or email. We will hold an "open house" board meeting on May 12th for all interested candidates who wish to attend and see what a board meeting is like.



### A Note About Membership...

Membership dues are now paid directly to the Autism Society of America. When it is time to renew your ASNEW membership, please contact ASA. The link to their membership form is

[http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=join\\_home](http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=join_home)

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### We are going GREEN and saving \$\$\$!

With the rising costs of postage and the worldwide efforts to "think green", we will now be emailing our newsletters whenever possible. If you are not receiving this newsletter by email, we need your email address!!! Please send it to us as soon as you can at [administrator@ASNEW.org](mailto:administrator@ASNEW.org). If you wish to no longer receive communications from us, please let us know that too.



### Check Us Out On Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/ASNEW-Autism-Society-of-North-East-WI/109746629061066?ref=search&sid=1063361756.2404924357..1>

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**"I am first and foremost a child. I  
have autism. I am not primarily  
"autistic"**

**Ten Things Every Child With Autism**

**Wishes You Knew**

**~Ellen Notbohm**