Message from the President
I’ve been attending the annual ASW conference for over 20 years now and I always come away rejuvenated, inspired by the knowledgeable speakers, and filled with information to share with others in my home community.

This is the first opportunity I’ve gotten to thank everyone who attended. It’s always wonderful to see familiar faces and reconnect with those we may only get a chance to see during this one time of the year.

Not everything new that I learn at the conference comes from the speakers. Very often, I learn as much from those around me as I do from the speakers. For example, I was fascinated to hear from a father who shared that his daughter, on the spectrum, learns foreign languages from the movies she watches (as many of you know, many of today’s DVD movies come in more than one language). I just love the creative way our kids think and learn.

The 2nd Annual Wisconsin Autism Leadership Summit (WALS) was another highlight of the 2012 ASW Annual Conference. The WALS was a great chance for those in Wisconsin to develop their leadership skills and network with others in the field. Watch for news and updates about leadership training and opportunities in our new Wisconsin Autism Leadership Spotlight column or on the Wisconsin Autism Leadership Network page on ASW’s website.

The fall conference will be another opportunity to learn, be inspired and connect with others. ASW is pleased to have Judy Endow hosting the fall conference on September 17th this year. Judy’s presentation will include discussions about the difficult aspects of own autism, tips for stabilizing sensory systems and how to teach and learn the hidden curriculum of life. Registration is open and materials are available on our website.

ASW conferences have a way of unifying Wisconsin by providing opportunities to connect and work together, all for the good of “improving the lives of all affected by autism”. Again, thank you to all who attend the annual spring conference and we look forward to seeing you again in September.

As we journey together on this path called autism.

Dale Prahl

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SAVE THE DATE!
The ASW Annual Conference is April 18-20, 2013 at the Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells
Top Left: Pascal, Larry, Harvey and Tracy from “Wretches & Jabberers,” with ASW President Dale Prahl & ASW Staff Kirsten, Kelly, and Melissa.

Top Right: Larry taking a picture after his keynote.

Friday Night Reception
Dancing the night away!
Wisconsin Autism Leadership Spotlight

Welcome to the new Wisconsin Autism Leadership Spotlight! New to the ASW newsletter, this column will feature articles by community leaders for community leaders. This new feature is made possible through the Wisconsin Autism Leadership Network (WALN) project, funded by a Wal-Mart Associate Giving grant. The WALN project is a networking and technical support forum for statewide, regional, and community leaders that focuses on topics related to the development of leadership, nonprofit management, and local autism chapter & support group growth in Wisconsin.

The Autism Society of Wisconsin held its 2nd Annual Leadership Summit at this year’s conference in May. Over 60 participants from all over Wisconsin gathered to learn more about building effective support groups, local chapters and a statewide network of support. Some of the training topics included: Connecting Families to Resources & Supports; Building Organization Relationships; Non-Profit Organization Management and a very popular keynote session on Strengthening Your Group through Social Media.

To stay connected between events, participants of the summit have been invited to join the WALN e-group designed to connect leaders in the autism community. By joining the WALN e-group, participants will receive information about leadership trainings and will have the opportunity to ask questions, share information and engage in discussions with other leaders in the state. If you are interested in joining the WALN e-group please visit our website for more information: www.asw4autism.org/waln

The Autism Society of Wisconsin is also pleased to announce that it is in the planning stages of developing a series of webinar trainings that will be available to the Wisconsin Autism Leadership Network. Specific training topics are currently being selected from the feedback provided by the Leadership Summit participants. For more information about getting involved with the Wisconsin Autism Leadership Network visit the WALN webpage or contact Melissa, WALN Project Coordinator at mpenasa@asw4autism.org.

ASW Partners with Parent to Parent of Wisconsin

The Autism Society of Wisconsin is excited to announce its partnership with Parent to Parent of Wisconsin! Parent to Parent of Wisconsin provides support to families of children who have special needs by matching parents seeking support with an experienced, trained ‘Support Parent’. Support Parents provide one-on-one support to other parents by providing emotional support in addition to assisting with finding information and resources. ASW welcomes the opportunity to partner with Parent to Parent of Wisconsin to help strengthen the statewide network of families who support each other on the journey of parenting a child with autism.

By strengthening the network of Support Parents of children who have an ASD, the Autism Society of Wisconsin hopes that more families across Wisconsin will have access to the level of support they need. This is a wonderful opportunity to expand support and services to families who may not have access to a local support group or local chapter of the Autism Society.

Interested in becoming a Support Parent? Join us for this free training!

Saturday, October 13th
9:00am- 3:00pm
Neenah, WI

Sponsored by NE Regional Center for CYSHCN, ASW, and Parent to Parent of WI
Space is limited! For more information, or to register, contact Melissa at mpenasa@asw4autism.org or (920) 973-6636.
2012 Fall Conference

Judy Endow
“Practical Solutions for Life and Learning with Autism”

Monday, September 17th, 2012
Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center,
1 John Nolen Drive
Madison, WI 53703

Registration: 7:30—8:15AM
Workshop: 8:15AM—4:30PM

Judy will open the day with a brief discussion of the three most difficult parts of her own autism-sensory differences, not automatically understanding the hidden curriculum of life and being treated differently by those who don’t understand autism. The rest of the morning will be devoted to discussion about how to stabilize the sensory system of those with autism so they can be in a better place to learn at school or to engage in adult life/work situations. In the afternoon attendees will learn how to teach/learn the hidden curriculum. This presentation is based on Judy’s newest publication: Learning the Hidden Curriculum: The Odyssey of One Autistic Adult.

Judy Endow, MSW, maintains a private practice in Madison, Wisconsin, providing consultation for families, school districts and other agencies. Besides having autism herself, she is the parent of three now grown sons, one of whom is on the autism spectrum. Judy does workshops and presentations on a variety of autism-related issues, is part of the Wisconsin DPI Statewide Autism Training Team and a board member of the Autism Society of America, Wisconsin Chapter, and the Autism National Committee. In addition, Judy is a member of the Autistic Global Initiative (AGI), a program of Autism Research Institute. For more information please visit www.judyendow.com

Questions?
Contact Melissa Penasa
Phone: 920-973-6636
Email: mpenasa@asw4autism.org

Registration Fees
⇒ ASW Members= $130.00
⇒ Non-Members= $160.00

Exhibitor information and registration materials can be found on the ASW website, www.asw4autism.org

Convention Center & Hotel Information
Hotel & Convention center are connected by skywalk. Information on parking can be found on the ASW website. www.asw4autism.org

For hotel reservations call 608-255-5100 and identify yourself with the Autism Society of Wisconsin. Rooms are blocked at special rates.

Room reservation cut-off date is August 23rd; all unconfirmed rooms will then be released to the general public.

Hilton Madison Monona Terrace,
9 East Wilson Street, Madison, WI  53703

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Fall 2012 Conference
Judy Endow presents, “Practical Solutions for Life and Learning with Autism.”

**Registration Form**
(Please print. Use only one form per person)

| Name: ____________________________________________ |
| Address: ________________________________________ |
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| State: ____________________________________________ |
| Zip: ____________ County: ____________ |
| Phone: (______) _____________________________ |
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(Provide for confirmation of registration)

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(Add $25 to all registrations received after Sept. 3rd)

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**PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:**

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☐ EC  ☐ Person with ASD
☐ K-12  ☐ SLP
☐ Post-Secondary  ☐ OT
☐ Special Educator  ☐ PT
☐ Regular Educator  ☐ Other ____________.

Lunch will be provided. Please list any dietary restrictions below and submit by August 27th, 2012.

Dietary Restrictions:

(Please specify, i.e.: vegetarian, vegan, or gluten free)

- Registration will be accepted by mail, email or fax. Registration forms must be filled out completely and a form of payment must be included; forms of payment include a purchase order, credit card authorization or a check, made payable to: ASW Conference.
- Purchase orders and/or group registrations must be submitted simultaneously.
- In order for us to serve you effectively, ASW recommends you pre-register for the conference. Pre-registrations are due no later than September 3rd via mail, email or fax. You may register on-site, for an additional $25 fee. Handouts and lunch are only guaranteed for pre-registrations.
- All prices listed are per person; you must be a current dues paying member for reduced fee for members.
- ASW will make every effort to accommodate your individual needs. If you require assistance to fully participate in this conference, ASW requires notification by August 17th, 2012.

Pre-register by September 3rd!

ASW Conference
P.O. Box 66
De Pere, WI, 54115
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Questions? Call Melissa at (920) 973-6636
7th Annual Autism Awareness Essay Contest

In recognition of Autism Awareness Month the Autism Society of Wisconsin sponsored its 7th Annual Autism Awareness Essay Contest. This year, the essays were entitled “Growing Up Together”. Information on the essay contest was sent to all public and private schools in the state. Students in grades kindergarten to 12th grade were eligible to submit an essay. The contest was held to recognize positive friendships between students with autism and their peers. The grades were split into four levels (K-2nd grade, 3rd-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th) and gift cards were awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in all levels. Below is the 1st place winner in the 3rd-5th grade level. Mikayla Wankowski wrote her essay about her friend Rachel. Both of the girls attended the Essay Award Presentation which was held at the Annual Conference, May 5th, 2012.

Growing Up Together
Written by: Mikayla Wankowski
Inspired by: Rachel Yurske

We are all similar, yet so different. What a wonderful world! Just think if we were all the same, what interest would that bring to us? I was five when I met my friend, Rachel. We are very different. I have brown hair and she has blonde. I have brown eyes and she has blue. I have asthma and she has Asperger’s Syndrome, which is a mild form of autism.

I was scared at first. How do I talk to her? Soon I learned she is just like me. She’s just like all of us. So what, maybe she is different. So are you and I. Autism isn’t a bad thing. It’s not an illness you can catch. It’s a present. This is a special present. God only gives a few people this unique present, autism. My friend found out she had this present when she was 2 ½ years old.

This present gave her perceptiveness. She notices things that I could never see with my own eyes. She was given the talent of music. She can play complicated pieces on the piano and can sing like a beautiful angel. She can do everything you and I can do. She can walk, talk, dance, sing, and play.

Together we have a friendship that no one can break. I have my struggles and she has hers. She helps me with my singing and spelling. I help her with her math and putting her thoughts into words. She’s always there for me and I’m always at her side. We play together. We eat lunch together. We sit next to each other. We come to each other for advice.

Autism is a present that not many people get, but the people who receive it are special in a unique way. She has a particularly special interest in music and art. My friend with autism and I are very close. We are companions. We’re both different, yet so similar. In the words of Louis Armstrong, “What a wonderful world.”

Pictured from left to right Rachel Yurske, Dale Prahl, ASW President, and Mikayla Wankowski
Submitted by: Daniel Parker

I hope everyone is having a safe and fun summer (and staying cool). I am excited as I have been able to begin working this summer on professional development modules and resources for families and educators in Wisconsin. Some resources to look for in the 2012-13 school year include the following.

- **2 Day DPI Autism Trainings**: This year we will offer five 2 day trainings on the following topic areas: **Basic Training**, Milwaukee area, September 25 & 26, 2012
- **Addressing Challenging Behavior** Madison area, October 23 & 24 OR November 6 & 7, 2012 (still finalizing date with hotel),
- **Addressing Instructional Strategies**, Green Bay Area, January 29 & 30, 2013,
- **Addressing Social Skills**, WI Dells area, March 5 & 6, 2013
- **Communication**, Milwaukee area, February 19 & 20, 2013. The DPI Autism Web page will be updated soon with registration and more detailed information: [http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/autism.html](http://www.dpi.wi.gov/sped/autism.html). Graduate credits will be available for all trainings. Kate McGinnity, Mary McMullen, and Judy Endow are the trainers.

**Web based trainings**: *These free one to two hour trainings will focus on a variety of topics including self-regulation strategies, peer mediated supports, use of visual supports, self-monitoring, and resources/ideas to assist learning of hidden curriculum. The intent is to provide information on low-cost strategies to assist students as well as provide an opportunity for sharing of ideas from the field. These trainings will follow a format of an introduction to the interventions and research base, examples of implementation, tips and tweaks, networking opportunities for participants to share experiences, and a question and answer opportunity. I will be inviting guests to assist with content for various areas as well as to help me answer questions from the field. It is hoped that we will be able to record and archive these trainings on the DPI autism web site. Training dates and other information will be available this fall on the DPI autism web page.*

**Post secondary education bound transition module**: *This module will consist of links to resources and materials that will assist families, students, and educators to help prepare students on the autism spectrum for post secondary education. My hope is to have a draft of the module available by the end of the fall. I am in the process of compiling resources that I have collected over the last year. I hope to include some short video narratives of students, families, and educators discussing resources and experiences that help prepare students for post secondary education. If you know of someone that may be interested in assisting with a video narrative on this subject, please contact me directly. You may also email or phone if you have suggestions or know of other resources that we can include in this module.*
**Bullying Module**: I will be collaborating with DPI’s school services/prevention and wellness team to discuss resources specific to students with autism in relation to bullying. I hope to have a module available by the end of next school year with links to best practice in this area and I invite you to email or phone if you have suggestions of current resources.

**Northern Wisconsin CESA Trainings**: This year I will be travelling up north to typically underserved areas of the state to provide autism related professional development. These half or whole day trainings will be located at CESAs 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 and will take place once in the fall with a follow up in the spring. It is hoped that participants will continue to stay in contact through the web based trainings at other times during the year. Go to [http://www.dpi.wi.gov/cesa.html](http://www.dpi.wi.gov/cesa.html) for CESA contact information. The trainings will focus on resources and information in regards to best practice to develop functional analysis and behavior intervention plans that involve the family and students as partners and promote positive behavior interventions and supports. We will also be reviewing and discussing evidence based practice resources provided by the National Professional Development Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders.

On a final note, this summer I hope to deepen my own learning of current research and best practice with an emphasis on various uses of technology, promoting self determination & independence, and resources to support teaching of the hidden curriculum. I have a stack of books that I am eager to delve into to prepare for the fall. I thank everyone who has assisted with my education, relationship building, and professional development throughout my first year in Wisconsin.

Take care,
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**Wisconsin Facets September Trainings**

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Have a great summer!
Schedule your Summer to Alleviate Stress

By Mandy Reinke, Autism Consultant, CESA 7.

Summer can be a fun and exciting time, but it can also be stressful in ways different from the school year. During the school year, there is the stress of schedules, not enough downtime, and academic demands. In the summer months, there are often stressors related to lack of schedule, too much downtime, and no academic demands. Some of these stressors can be alleviated through summer school, camps, and other activities. However, there are still areas of concern. I do not promote a rigorous schedule or trying to make summer days mirror school year days, but there are some things you can do that may be helpful to you and your child. Many of these things will also help ease the transition back to school come September.

A simple idea that can alleviate a lot of the stress of the unknown is to create a calendar with upcoming events. Include on the calendar visitors, trips, activities (such as pool days, trips to the library, or park trips), vacations, and even errands. Depending on the amount of anxiety or stress surrounding these events, you may choose to create a daily, weekly, or monthly calendar. It is a good idea to create the calendar with your child or as a family. If it is a weekly or monthly calendar, be sure to foreshadow or talk about any changes, especially if the changed event is something your child is looking forward to.

The calendar may include social gatherings and events either at your home or elsewhere. These times can be stressful for a person struggling with social deficits, but there are ways to make them less stressful. First, you may want to make a list of things that will occur or might occur at the event. Next, you may want to set one baseline expectation for the event and allow the rest of the event to occur according to your child’s comfort level. For example, the expectation may be to greet the guests or hostess of the party. Then allow your child to watch a favorite video or read a book. Also make sure there is a place for your child to go if he or she is feeling overwhelmed such as the car or a designated room. This can alleviate a lot of stress and make events more enjoyable for all.

Another useful tool is to create an index card for larger outings with rules or expectations. This will allow for your child to know the expectations prior to entering a place. This is especially important if the environment is less structured. For example, if you were going to the pool, you may want to have an index card that says Pool Expectations on top and 1) Walk around the pool (no running) 2) Do not push others into the pool. Try to keep the expectations to a minimum and prioritize with safety. If your child does better with pictures put the expectations/rules in picture form.

If you are going into an environment where waiting will be required, bringing along a “fidget toy” or a small favorite item such as a book, magazine, or toy, might really alleviate a lot of stress for both you and your child. Prior to leaving, you may want to give your child a choice of acceptable things to bring or have a bag of things that come with you on different outings.

Finally, to help add some structure and predictability to the day it is often helpful to have a “schedule” with two things each morning and two things each afternoon. These can be simple things such as making bed, taking shower, reading for 10 minutes, picking up toys, helping set the table, taking in the mail or anything else that is part of a daily routine. This may be in the form of a schedule, checklist, or a family chore chart. By being consistent with this, it allows for some predictability for the child without putting too much structure in a day. This is a way to incorporate some of the “demands” of the school year in a flexible summer schedule.

For all of the above, remember to try and make the expectations, events, and outline of the activity visual. Many times we verbally tell a child and even if he or she can repeat what is going to happen immediately it is difficult to recall later. Therefore, if it is either written or in pictures, it allows the child to more easily recall later or to reference the expectations, again alleviating some anxiety or stress.

Each child is different, and each family has different needs, but making some sort of visual aid through a calendar, list, or schedule would most likely benefit each child and family. Enjoy your summer!
CHAPTER EVENTS

Fox Valley Chapter
An Evening of Wine & Roses
Come and join us for this inaugural event to enjoy wine from around the world and delicious hors d’oeuvres all while strolling through a flowering garden at sunset.

When:  Friday, August 10th from 7:00 - 9:00pm

Where:  The Gardens of the Fox Cities (in Memorial Park, Appleton)
1313 East Witzke Boulevard
Appleton

Cost:  $50.00 per couple OR $30.00 per person (you must be at least 21 years old to attend)

To attend, please email peggybartman1@gmail.com or visit the website at www.focol.org/asfv

Southeast Wisconsin
Dylan’s Run
Join us on September 9th, 2012!

Dylan’s 2-Mile Run/Walk has been a highlight in the community since 2001.

Thousand of walkers, runners, and volunteers participate to promote autism awareness, raise funds for research, fund scholarships for teachers, and support the mission of the Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin.

The lakefront walk is always exhilarating and tons of fun for runners and walkers, individuals, families, and teams! We have entertainment, music, and excitement! Runners and walkers at our event are by cheered on by the UW-Milwaukee Women’s Basketball team as they set out on the course that winds through the Summerfest grounds, along the beautiful lakefront, past the Art Museum and Discovery World Museum.

For more information visit http://www.dylansrun.com/

Lakeshore
Thursday, August 23rd, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
St. James Episcopal, 434 N. 8th St., Manitowoc WI
Movie & Game Night
Pizza & a Movie / Games for all ages.
Watch on Facebook for a vote to choose the movie shown!

Thursday, September 20, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
St. James Episcopal, 434 N. 8th St., Manitowoc WI
Back to School: Changes, Challenges & Achievements
It’s that time of the year again! The beginning of a new school year brings transitions that can throw our children and the whole family off kilter. We’ll work as a team to help each other get off to a positive start to the new school year. As a lead-in to our discussion, we’ll each take an informal survey to identify the challenges; then we’ll have a facilitated discussion and bring in tools to help us develop strategies that will assist us and our children with a successful school experience. Refreshments will be served and childcare is provided. Meetings are free and open to all.

Tuesday, September 25, 6:30 - 8:30 PM
Wilson School, 1625 Wilson Ave., Sheboygan WI
Back to School: Changes, Challenges & Achievements (See Sept. 20, Manitowoc location for details)

Northeast Wisconsin
6th Annual Autism Awareness Walk to benefit the Autism Society of Northeast WI
September 15, 2012
Green Isle Park (898 Greene Ave)

For more information visit www.asnew.org

South Central Wisconsin
Friday, August 17
Vitense Golfland 5501 Schroeder Road (at the Beltline and Whitney Way) in Madison

The Autism Society of South Central Wisconsin gets 15% of sales for the ENTIRE day at Vitense Golfland (games, golf, food and drink) from anyone that wears the wristband given at welcoming table by the outdoor patio. For more information visit autismmadison.org
**ASFV (Fox Valley)**  
Website: www.focol.org/asfv  
Email: asfv@hotmail.com

The ASFV parent support group meets year-round on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 6:00-7:30 pm.  
At the HARMONY CAFÉ, 233 E. College Ave Appleton. For information contact asfv@hotmail.com.

ASFV has an active monthly Teen Social Group! For information, contact Peggy at peggybartman1@gmail.com or phone (920) 725-8613.

ASFV offers Parent/Educator Workshops for more information visit www.focol.org/asfv

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**CVAS (Chippewa Valley area)**  
Website: http://cvaswi.webs.com/  
The Chippewa Valley chapter sends out information packets and a quarterly newsletter. For more information, contact Sherri Linderman at (715) 835-7602 or email autismsocietychippewavalley@yahoo.com

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**ASNEW (Green Bay Area)**  
Website: www.asnew.org  
Phone: (920) 264-8067  
Email: administrator@asnew.org

ASNEW meets from 6:00-7:30PM the third Tuesday of most months at Harmony Cafe, 1660 W. Mason St. Green Bay, WI.

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**ASCW (Central WI area)**  
Website: www.asnew.org  
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Email: administrator@asnew.org

ASCW meets the first Thursday of each month. Meetings coincide with the school calendar year. Meetings are held at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens Drive, Wausau, at 6:30 pm. Meetings vary between family support, speakers, and business meetings.

CWAS can be reached at P.O. Box 1832  
Wausau, WI 54402  
(715)359-0886 or (715) 845-5524  
Email: autismsocietycw@gmail.com

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**ASL (Lakeshore area)**  
Website: http://autismlakeshore.org/  

Manitowoc Meetings are the third Thursday of each month (September thru May) at St. James Episcopal Church, 434 N. 8th Street, 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Enter using the 8th Street door at the bottom of the stairs. Childcare is available. For further information contact the office at 920-652-0964 or autismlakeshore@att.net.

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