Spring has finally sprung! As I write this, the sun is shining and we just got 2 more inches of the white stuff. This is a busy time of year for many of us.

April is Autism Awareness Month and with that comes many requests for public speaking engagements, new CDC numbers, increased phone calls for information and support, and fun social outings.

The ASW conference is right around the corner. If you are attending, please stop by our booth and say hi. The booth will be manned by our board members.

A special program—Wings for All—is coming to the Appleton International Airport on May 14th. To register, or get more information, for this event, please contact David Boelter at dboelter@arcfdl.org or call (920) 923-3810.

ASFV would like to welcome Ben Marks to the board. He has a lot to offer to our group and will be a great addition.

As always, please keep your email contact current. ASFV’s website address is autismfoxvalley.org and our general information email is info@autismfoxvalley.org.

All social outings use the email address: autismevents@autismfoxvalley.org

Have a wonderful spring!

Diane Nackers,
President

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**April 17th Family Bowling Outing**

Come celebrate autism with a pizza, unlimited bowling, and cake outing. This is a family event.

When: April 17th Time: 1-3

Where: Super Bowl, 2222 E. Northland Ave. Appleton

RSVP number of participants: asfvevents@autismfoxvalley.org
2016 Autism Society of the Fox Valley Golf Outing

Come and join friends and enjoy a day of golf as we begin the festivities for the ASFV Annual Golf Outing! A limited number of registrations are available so get your registration in today!

When? Saturday, June 4, 2016

9:00 am SHOT GUN start. Please arrive no later than 8:30!

Where? Irish Waters Golf Course, N4265 Murphy Rd., Freedom

Fees: $80.00 per player includes greens fees, golf cart, free beer & soda in the clubhouse, lunch, awards and dinner.

Format? Scramble …

RAIN OR SHINE!

♦ Create your own foursome—ask your friends, families or colleagues to golf with you or fill in your name and the golf committee will place you on a team

♦ Margaritas for sale!

♦ Competitions, hole events, 50/50 Raffle and Silent Auction...

♦ WIN GREAT PRIZES!

♦ HOLE SPONSORSHIP $250 and above

♦ ASFV is a 501 (c) 3 Organization

Player 1 (Team Captain)  Email Address

Player 2  Email Address

Player 3  Email Address

Player 4  Email Address

Company Name

Hole Sponsorship - Includes signage with company logo

___ $250

Total Due:  Payment form: Check # ___________

Fill out all information and include payment to:

Bob Olson
ASFV Golf Outing Chairperson
1216 Lewis St., Little Chute, WI 54140

QUESTIONS? Email Bob Olson at bobolson1976@gmail.com or phone (920) 788-5298
The Autism Society of the Fox Valley Presents:

Claire Habeck,
Assistive Technology Specialist,
Apps and Digital Tools for Autism

Information to be discussed:
* Latest tried and true apps for education
* AAC and writing apps
* Communication supports
* IEP accommodations and modification options for including technology

Date: April 25, 2016
RSVP by April 22nd to ensure handout for all participants
Time: 6:30-8 pm
Cost: Free
Certificate of attendance will be available
Place: Miron Construction Main Office
1471 McMahon Road, Neenah, WI 54956
Questions: Please contact diane.nackers@yahoo.com
Asfv Social Outings

Monkey Joe’s Play Dates

Come enjoy a fun outing at Monkey Joe’s during the school year. They open exclusively for families with a child on the spectrum the first Saturday of each month.

For those new to ASFV, we reserve Monkey Joe’s, an indoor inflatable play-ground, once a month starting at 9am.

This time is exclusive to ASFV and our families, until they open the doors to the public at 10am.

Members are free! Non-members pay $5 per family. No RSVP necessary.

Monkey Joe’s
1800 N Casaloma Dr
Appleton, WI 54913

Questions? Email: asfvevents@autismfoxvalley.org

The last 2 playdates for this school year are May 7th and June 4th.

Thank You Monkey Joe’s for this wonderful opportunity :)
Teen Group Outings

The ASFV Teen Group is going strong. If you have a teen who would like to meet new people on the spectrum please RSVP to the outing information below.

Teens are given the opportunity to socialize in a positive environment. These outings are very well attended.

Your teen must be able to be independent with supervision provided by an ASFV board member.

If you have any questions or would like to be placed on the email list: asfvevents@autismfoxvalley.org

Upcoming outings:
- April 17th—bowling at Super bowl 1-3
- May 14th—TBD
- June 16th—TBD

Parent Support Group

Do you need to talk, or just need a break? Please join us the first Sunday of each month, from 6:00-8:00 pm for ASFV's monthly Parent Support Group meeting.

Where: 211 E Franklin Street in downtown Appleton (just two blocks west of City Park) in the building that houses Soar Fox Cites Inc., Wiscon-

Sibs and NAMI Fox Valley. The doors will be locked, but there is a doorbell and someone will let you in. Refreshments will be provided.

Parents and other caregivers have the opportunity to get together in a relaxed, informal atmosphere to talk about everything from your personal experiences to available resources and general education about autism. We hope to see many of you there!

For more information:
info@autismfoxvalley.org

Young Adult Social Network - The A-Team

This social opportunity is designed for adults on the autism spectrum who like to participate in social activities, and are interested in getting to know others in supported activities.

An ASFV Board member organizes the events, and is always present to facilitate socialization for those who choose to attend. Our expectation is for all adults with ASD to be a member of the Autism Society of the Fox Valley (ASFV).

All A-Team members should have the ability to independently participate in social events in the community.

We engage in varied activities, but are always open to new ideas! Events are communicated to members, or individuals who want to receive the emails.

Please contact Diane Nackers at autismevents@autismfoxvalley.org.

Upcoming Event:
- April 17th—Super Bowl 1-3
- May 20th—Pizza Ranch—Darboy
- 6-8pm
A daycamp for children ages 6-12 who have siblings with special needs, this high energy day-camp is packed with games, arts and crafts, hikes and hunts, a carnival, playground fun, swimming and lots of other exciting outdoor fun. PLUS... siblings make new friends and have the opportunity to share and celebrate the challenges and joys of being a sibling. It is typically held in July at Plamann Park, just north of Appleton. SibDays of Summer directors are trained WisconSibs Sibshop facilitators. Campers especially enjoy their teen and young adult small group leaders, many of whom also have siblings with special needs.

**SibDays of Summer**

July 18-22, 2016 – Plamann Park, Appleton

Space is limited, so advanced registration required. No walk-ins.

Cost = $35 per day or $150 for all 5 days*

To register: call 920-968-1742 or Email: info@wisconsibs.org your request for enrollment form.

*Financial assistance grants are awarded, as funds are available, to families needing assistance. Request information with registration.

**Teen Leadership Day**

A one-day exciting and fun skill building experience for teen siblings who have been awarded the Teen Sibling Leadership Award. June 23, 2016 at Plamann Park from 10 am – 3 pm. [2016 Application for Teen Sib Leadership Award](#). Applications due by May 1.

**Sib Camp**

For siblings ages 9-16, Sib Camp is an opportunity to kick back, experience the freedom and thrill of adventure and share a great time with peers who truly understand the ups and downs of life with siblings who have special needs. Activities include biking, hiking, swimming, paddling, zip lining, stargazing, camp cooking, campfires, ecology, photography, and much more!

Sib Camp is held at the Team Leadership Center near Sturgeon Bay in Door County, and is guided by experienced Team Leadership Center staff who are certified in education, ropes course, kayak, lifeguard, CPR and first aid. It is open to sibs from across the state.

To register: Call 920-968-1742 or register online OPEN NOW Email: info@wisconsibs.org
**Save The Dates**

**ASFV 11th Annual Membership Night**
with the WI Timber Rattlers

**When:** August 6th—T-Rats Theme is Disney Princesses and Pre-Game Petting Zoo

**Time:** Join us from 5:00 til game time for a tailgate party. ASFV is sponsoring the meat, buns and soft drinks. Please bring a dish to pass.

- Special Memories Petting Zoo Pre-Game
- Fireworks after the game!!!

**Tickets:** $5.00 each—no limit. To reserve your tickets please send a check made out to ASFV to Steve Brennan 625 S Keller Park Dr. Appleton 54914

If you have any questions contact: sbrennan78@yahoo.com or call 920-739-2596

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**DAY CAMP FOR KIDS WITH AUTISM**

Spend a Saturday with Xavier Football

Day Camp for Kids with Autism

Saturday, September 17, 2016

More information coming this summer.

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**ASFV Safety Scholarships**

The Autism Society of the Fox Valley offers three (3) safety scholarships—up to $250 each. Families who need assistance purchasing additional locks, alarms, fence gates, or anything to help ensure safety measures can be taken for your child, can apply.

Just send a short letter explaining what your needs are and the expense you expect to incur. The ASFV board will vote on your request at the next board meeting. You will then be notified via email or mail. If your scholarship is approved, provide a receipt and you will be reimbursed for up to $250. You must be a member of the Autism Society of the Fox Valley to be considered.

Send the email to: info@autismfoxvalley.org and in the subject line write "ASFV Safety Scholarship".

You may also send a letter to ASFV, 1800 Appleton Rd., Menasha WI 54952.
April Special Gifts Workshop: Respecting Yourself and Others

Saturday, April 16th, 2016
9:30-11:30 a.m.
For kids 8-12 years of age
(Registration deadline: 4-8-2016)

Respect is an attitude. Respect is thinking and acting in a positive way about yourself and others. Respect means honoring other people and treating them with care and courtesy. Respect stems from the belief that other people have worth and so do you.

This workshop will help kids to explore the concept of respect and to learn skills that will help them enormously with the challenges they face. Discovering how their thoughts affect the way they act and how they can change that, can greatly improve their sense of self-respect.

Participants in this workshop will have an opportunity to learn more about themselves through non-riding equine facilitated growth and learning activities.

RESERVE A SPOT TODAY!

Participant’s Name: ___________________________ Age: __________
Parent Name: ________________________________ Phone: __________
Email Address: ______________________________________________________
Emergency contact: ___________________________ Phone: __________
Allergies or other special considerations? ______________________________________

Registration fees must be received on or before day of workshop. Family rates are available.

Registration fee enclosed:
☐ $15 YMCA members
☐ $30 General Public
☐ Cash/check # __________

Registration closes one week prior to the scheduled workshop. Payment is due prior to workshop participation (please do not mail cash). Cancellations must be made at least 24 hours prior to workshop event for a full refund.
"Ever wonder about stims, lack of eye contact and if a child with Autism really is in his/her own world?"

Aspects of Autism Translated
...an Evening with Judy Endow

DATE: Wednesday, April 27, 2016
TIME: 7:00pm
PLACE: Shattuck Middle School Auditorium
HOSTED BY: The Neenah Joint School District’s DPI Autism Mini-Grant Team

*Free and open to the public
*Q & A with Judy after her presentation
*Book Table with Judy’s books/resources

*TO REGISTER OR ANY QUESTIONS:
    Contact Sara Kokko, NJSD Autism Specialist
    skokko@neenah.k12.wi.us  (920) 751.6850  x-19214

Judy Endow, MSW is an author and international speaker on a variety of autism-related topics, is part of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Statewide Autism Training Team and a board member of both the Autism Society of America, Wisconsin Chapter and the Autism National Committee. In addition, Judy works for Common Threads Family Resource Center in McFarland, Wisconsin.

Judy 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.

In her spare time Judy enjoys expressing her thoughts and ideas by creating one-of-a-kind hand-built pottery sculptures, painting with acrylics and photography.
Neenah Baseball Inc.
Discovery Softball League
A Special League for Special People

WANT TO PLAY SOFTBALL
THIS SPRING AND SUMMER?
Neenah Baseball’s Discovery Softball League offers organized softball for persons who have special needs. Ages 4 to Adult of all disabilities are welcome to join. Contact Kathy Delchambre for Registration forms.

Registration Procedures
1. Complete the registration form.
2. Enclose a check or money order for the total amount due, made payable to Neenah Baseball Inc.
3. Please do not send cash
4. Return the completed form and payment by April 1, 2016 to:
   Kathy Delchambre, 2900 S. Dellwood St., Appleton WI 54915

Season Runs May 15, 2016 – July 31, 2016 (no game May 29 and July 3)

--Games played at Southview Park Diamonds from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
--Southview Park is located at Marathon and Bell Streets in Neenah
--Please make copies and pass along to anyone that maybe interested.
**Timber Rattler game is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 2016. Dollar Hot Dog and Drinks.

Player Information
Player Fee is $25
Players supply own mitt and water bottle
League supplies team T-shirt and baseball cap
2016 Discovery Softball League Registration Form

A SPECIAL LEAGUE FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

Discovery Softball League is a league for special needs individuals ages 4 years old through adult. This includes physical, mental, cognitive, and hearing impaired disabilities.

Complete the information for the player, mark the appropriate T-shirt size, and sign the waiver at the bottom of the page. Enclose a check with the registration form and mail to Kathy Delchambre, 2900 S. Dellswood St., Appleton, WI 54915 by April 1, 2016. All players will supply their own mitt and water bottle. The league will supply a team T-Shirt and baseball cap.

First Name ____________________  Last Name ____________________  Sex ____________________  Birth date ________/_____/______  Age ________

Member # ______________  Player # ______________

Last Years Team: ____________________  Lives With (Father / Mother / Both / Self / Group Home) ____________________

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Player’s League for 2016

Fee $25

Discovery League

Ages 4 years old through adult

Make checks payable to Neenah Baseball, Inc. – No Cash

Games are played Sunday Evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Southview Park Diamonds, Neenah

Season runs May 15th to July 31st
(No Game May 29 or July3)

Shirt Size:

Youth: ___Small (6-8)  ___Medium (10-12)  ___Large (14-16)

Adult: ___Small  ___Medium  ___Large  ___X-Large  ___XX-Large  ___XXX-Large

As the parent/guardian of the player named above, I give my approval to participate in any and all league activities. I assume all risk and hazards incidental to participation, and do hereby waive, release, and absolve Neenah Baseball, Inc., its organizers, sponsors, participants, and volunteers of any claim arising out of injury to my child, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accidental liability insurance. I agree to return the uniform and other equipment issued to my child in good condition. I will furnish a certified birth certificate of the above named candidate to league officials upon request.

Signature: ________________________  Date: ______________

League use only  Amount Due: ______________  Amount Paid: ______________  Received By: ______________
4th Annual ZUMBA for AUTISM

Saturday, April 9, 2016
10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Rosendale Intermediate School
200 S Main Street
Rosendale, WI

$10 Admission

Instructors
Angie Hoch
Erika Mischo
Jenniifer Beimel
Karla Wolff
Katie Mammel
Kirsten Quam
Marcela Domnick
Vickie Huck

Raffle & Door Prizes

Proceeds benefit the Autism Society of the Fox Valley!
Collaborative Meeting

May 4 (Superior) and May 6 (Oshkosh)

Confirmed Speakers and Topics at Both Locations

Keynote: Behavioral Health Challenges and Strategies for Students with ASD
Megan Farley, UW Madison / Waisman Center

Panel: Former Students Sharing “Real Life Stories of Coping with Stress and Anxiety in School”

Sectionals:
- Supports for Anxiety in Classroom; Connie Persike, MS, SLP-CCC and Jessica Nichols, BA
- Social and Behavioral Differences in Females and Males with ASD; Megan Farley

Superior Sectionals Only
- Supporting Mental Health / Anxiety in Home and Transitioning to School; Liz Wabindato, WSPEI / DTAN
- Supports for Students with ASD during the Transition to Adulthood; Leann Smith, UW Madison / Waisman

Oshkosh Sectionals Only
- Universal Mental Health Frameworks and Supports; Christie Gause-Bemis, DPI
- Sectional To Be Determined

Registration is now available at http://goo.gl/forms/hybdxQzdiVp.
The registration asks you for which location(s) you will be attending.
Registration is free. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
Approximate meeting times from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Information for May 4, 2016:
University of Wisconsin-Superior, Yellowjacket Union
1605 Catlin Avenue
Superior, WI 54880
(715) 394-8244
https://www.uwsuperior.edu/yu/index.cfm
Maps of campus: https://www.uwsuperior.edu/aboutuwsuperior/maps/index.cfm
Parking: https://www.uwsuperior.edu/parking/maps/index.cfm
Parking permits will be sent prior to the event for folks to place in their vehicles
Express milk: Chair in gender neutral bathroom outside of meeting rooms. Also, the Gender Equity Resource Center has a room used to express milk and is in the building next to the Yellowjacket Union.

Meeting Information for May 6, 2016:
Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center
1 North Main Street
Oshkosh, WI 54901
(920) 230-1900
http://oshkoshwaterfronthotel.com/
Express Milk: Mother’s Room in the Convention Center

Lodging Information for May 5, 2016:
Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center
1 North Main Street
Oshkosh, WI 54901
(920) 230-1900
http://oshkoshwaterfronthotel.com/
Room block: Autism PST
Reserve by April 5, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn
1355 West 20th Avenue
Oshkosh, WI 54902
(920) 966-1300
Room block: Autism PST
Reserve by April 5, 2016

Lodging Information for May 3, 2016:
Barker’s Island Inn
300 Marina Drive
Superior, WI 54880
(715) 392-7152
http://barkersislandinn.com/
Room block: Autism PST
Reserve by April 3, 2016

For more information on the Community of Practice on Autism Spectrum Disorder and other Developmental Disabilities, please go to www.waisman.wisc.edu/connections/future_meetings.php.
Members of the province's autism society are teaching first responders how to recognize and help people with autism during an emergency. Treshana Gosse, a regional assistant manager with the Autism Society of Newfoundland and Labrador, says ambulance workers, firefighters, and police officers, are coming to the society with questions about the condition. Gosse says there is no obvious way to identify someone with autism but she says autism can influence how people behave in a crisis.

"Autism doesn't have a look, We stress that. However, some of the behaviors of autism do have a look," said Gosse. She says people with autism often perceive a crisis differently than other people.

**Reducing sensory overload**

"Most of us who were in a burning building or a car crash would want to get out of that situation as fast as possible," said Gosse. "But for a person on the autism spectrum it is highly possible that because of a sensory overload coming from the rescue vehicle or coming from the rescuers themselves, they may run in the opposite direction. First responders dealing with a highway accident are taught to think about ways to reduce sensory overload.

"Can you turn off the sirens? Can you find a more quiet space? Can you use something as simple as a blanket to reduce the visual or the auditory overload?" The Autism Society's sessions also teach first responders that in a missing person case, a person with autism may behave differently than other people.

"We can assume that a typical person will want to be rescued or will respond to their name but a person with autism may not want to come when they are called and they may not recognize that they are lost and they may keep going," said Gosse.

'Inside, behind and under'

She said that in the case of a fire rescue, the society speaks with first responders about "inside, behind and under" 'I will talk about individuals with autism hiding inside of boxes, behind water heaters, under beds.' - Treshana Gosse, Autism Society.

"I will talk about individuals with autism hiding inside of boxes, behind water heaters, under beds. Those sorts of things that [first responders] might not have thought about before," she said.

The society says it's encouraged by the response it's getting from the professional development sessions it has been holding across the province with first responders.

"Over the last five years I've seen an overwhelming response of individuals saying 'I didn't know.' They give us very positive feedback and say that it has changed their mind set about how they will deal with an emergency and that's the ultimate goal," said Gorss. She said the family members of people with autism can play a role too.

"We tell them to be proactive about introducing their children and adults on a regular basis to police officers, paramedics, or firefighters because we want to keep that level of comfort open for a person with autism if they have contact with a first responder in a crisis situation."
Autism Society of Wisconsin

Membership Application Form

Date: ____________________
Name: ________________________________________________________________________________________
Street Address: _______________________________________________________________________________
City, State, Zip: ________________________________________________________________________________
Email: _________________________________________________ Phone (         ) __________________________

Chapter joining
_____ ASFV, Fox Valley area, Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Fond du Lac, and Waupaca Counties. By joining
ASFV—you are automatically a member of ASW.

Membership Categories (select one): _____ Individual $12.00 _____ Family $15.00
(Select one) _____ New _____ Renewal
_____ Bill My Master Card/VISA Card#______________________________________ Exp Date_________

(Please print clearly)
_____ Check enclosed, check # _________________________
_____ Enclosed is $5.00 to contribute to the cost of the newsletter
Additional contribution (tax deductible) for the work of ASW for individuals with autism:
_____$25 _____ $50 _____$100 _____ $ Other

Please send your completed membership form and mail to:

ASW
1477 Kenwood Drive
Menasha, WI 54952

ASW membership benefits include: Reduced conference rates, ASW voting privileges, and a quarterly sub-
scription to the ASW newsletter, “Connecting Wisconsin”. Membership is for one year. Check your mailing
label on your newsletter for membership information. If you have questions, email ASW at
asw@asw4autism.org or call 888-428-8476.
Autism Society of the Fox Valley
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