

## ASFV Newsletter

### Presidents' Letter

Happy summer everyone!

ASFV board members would like to inform all members that Hallie Shopbell has resigned as president and Diane Nackers, vice president of ASFV will be taking her place. The board would like to thank Hallie for her service as president and look forward to her continued efforts as a member of the board.

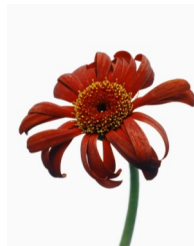
Diane is happy to step into the presidents role and looks forward to continuing to work as part of this great team of volunteers who are here to provide support, activities, and opportunities for those

affected by autism.

Diane is a wife and mother of 3 grown children. She is a speech therapist for the Hortonville Area School District and has been a board member for 4 years. She is an active part of the board. She, along with Peggy Bartman, run our monthly teen groups. She is working closely with the Building for Kids to provide Spectrum Saturday, and she enjoys public speaking events to educate our community members about autism spectrum disorders.

ASFV has many amazing activities they are involved in. We are look-

ing forward to July's Golf Clinic for Kids at Bob Burns, August's Timber Rattler event, Football Camp is coming in September as well as our fund raising efforts at Octoberfest. Teen group will be going Geo-cashing at Buboltz Nature Center June 18th. Look inside for all event details and much more to come .....



Great things are blooming with

June 1, 2011

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### GOLF OUTING REMINDER!!!

When? **Saturday, June 4, 2011**

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.

**RAIN OR SHINE!**

Create your own four-some—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...

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## Call for Nominations

Nominations are being accepted for 2011 Autism Society of the Fox Valley (ASFV) Board of Director positions. Any ASFV member in good standing may nominate candidates by mailing a letter to the Nominating Committee c/o the ASFV office postmarked no later than **June 10, 2011**. Election ballots will be mailed in August to the membership. Newly elected directors serve two years, beginning immediately following the **ASFV Annual Meeting on September 17, 2011**.

The President is elected to a one year term. Procedural Requirements for Nominations:

- A. Candidate must be a member of the Autism Society of America, the Autism Society of Wisconsin and the Autism Society of the Fox Valley.
- B. Candidate may not be a member of the nominating committee.
- C. Presidential candidate is eligible if currently on board or served on board in proceeding 5 years.
- D. Candidates may be nominated by the Nominating Committee OR by mail nomination by an ASFV member.

The nomination must include the following information:

- A. Name, address, e-mail address and/or telephone number of the nominee.
- B. A statement that the person being nominated has agreed to be a candidate.
- C. Reasons why he/she considers the person to be a good candidate.
- D. A second, in writing, by at least two other ASFV members in good standing (included with the letter of nomination).



Please send letters to:

Peggy Bartman, Chairperson The Autism Society of the Fox Valley  
1800 Appleton Rd., Menasha, WI 54952

## ASFV Committee Members Needed!!!

There are many opportunities for ASFV members to volunteer their time to one of our committees. The time commitment is entirely up to your availability. You can work a one time event or participate on a more active level.

Our all volunteer board currently handles all of the responsibilities for each committee and would greatly appreciate your help!!!

Fresh ideas and insights are welcome!

If you have some time to spare and were looking for something new to do, the following committees could use

your help!!

Possible volunteer opportunities:

- ◆ Fund Raising
- ◆ Golf Outing
- ◆ Teen Group
- ◆ Octoberfest booth
- ◆ Football Camp
- ◆ Baseball Camp
- ◆ Communication: newsletter/postcards/member communications/facebook/email

For more information contact:

Diane Nackers:

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[bnack5@gmail.com](mailto:bnack5@gmail.com)



## Upcoming Events

### Spectrum Saturday at the Building for Kids June 11, 2011

THANK YOU—THANK YOU—THANK YOU!!!! For all of our ASFV members who have made Spectrum Saturday a huge success. The first Spectrum Day saw 21 kids have a wonderful time. The second day saw 38 kids build, create, and explore.

The Building for Kids Children's Museum in Appleton, has opened its doors two hours early on select Saturdays exclusively for children with autism and their families. Guests are invited to explore the museum's exhibits and connect with other families from 8am-10am, prior to the museum's opening to the general public. Light Lab will be open for experiments and DaVinci will again have specially designed art projects. Choice boards and other visuals are available if needed.

This event is **free** of charge for children with autism and their families through the generous support of the Wisconsin Branch of Kings Daughters and Sons at The Community Foundation for the Fox Valley.

For more information please call The Building for Kids Children's Museum at (920) 734-3226.

The Building For Kids Children's Museum,  
100 W. College Avenue, Appleton, Wisconsin.  
[www.buildingforkids.org](http://www.buildingforkids.org)



### Teen Group June 18th

#### Geocaching at Buboltz Nature Preserve

The ASFV teen group is going strong. We average 10 teens with high functioning autism or Asperger's each month. May 1st saw the teen group go to the Fire to make pottery for Mother's Day and then hang out at Harmony Cafe. May 20th saw the teens learning Karate at Mr. Soto's and lunch at Subway.

June's event will be at Gordon Buboltz nature Preserve. The teens will participate in a GPS class and then spend time geocaching throughout the nature preserve. We will provide a snack and water.

Time: 11:30-1:30 rain or shine The shelter will be available for us if needed.

Cost: \$5.00 per teen

Where: 4815 N Lyndale Appleton WI

Please contact: Diane Nackers: [bnack5@gmail.com](mailto:bnack5@gmail.com) or Peggy Bartman: [peggybartman1@gmail.com](mailto:peggybartman1@gmail.com)

### Timber Rattlers Outing August 13, 2011

ASFV members, please join us for a Timber Rattler outing. For the low cost of \$7.00 per ticket (up to 6 tickets) you will receive a reserved box ticket to the game, all you can eat brat, burger, hot dog buffet with 2 beverages. There will be fireworks after the game. Additional tickets will be available for \$19.25 per ticket.

Please contact Steve for more information or to reserve your families tickets:

Steve Brennan

625 S Keller Park Dr.

Appleton, WI 54914

920-739-2596

RSVP before June 24th

[sbrennan78@yahoo.com](mailto:sbrennan78@yahoo.com)



## ASFV 4th Annual Bob Burns Golf Clinic July 23rd

Bob Burns and his employees are welcoming ASFV members children who are 5 years and older to participate in **FREE** golf lessons and lunch - siblings are welcome. The children will participate in different stations set up with instructors at each station. They will be taught how to chip, putt, and drive. They will be given ample time to practice these new skills, or hone already existing golfing skills. After the golf clinic is over, lunch will be provided. **This event will be the teen group outing for July as well.**

When: July 23rd

Registration: 9am

Lessons: 10-11:15

Lunch to follow

Please contact Archna Hendrich at [archnah@aol.com](mailto:archnah@aol.com)



## Football Camp—Save the Date: September 2011

ASFV is hosting it's annual Football Camp for Kids with Autism on Saturday, September 10, 2011. The date has been moved so that the weather is cooler, the field will be in great condition and the season will be well under way. This is a great opportunity for kids to get out on the field, interact with real football players, try on football equipment, and have fun! More details will be coming shortly. There is no cost for the camp, and you do not need to member of ASFV for your son or daughter to participate!

For more information on the football camp contact Bob Olson at [bob.olson1976@gmail.com](mailto:bob.olson1976@gmail.com)



## Octoberfest Booth—September 24th

ASFV will once again have a booth selling burgers, brats, and hot dogs as well as ASFV merchandise downtown Appleton during Octoberfest.

**We need your help!!** If you are interested in volunteering to work a 2 hour shift—please contact Heidi Dahle at [heididahle2003@yahoo.com](mailto:heididahle2003@yahoo.com).



## ASFV Parent Support Group—Harmony Café

### NEW LOCATION!!!!

The ASFV parent support group meets year-round on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 6:00-7:30 pm.

### HARMONY CAFÉ

233 E. College Ave Appleton.

For information contact Kristin Wahl at [kdwahl99@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kdwahl99@sbcglobal.net)

Kristin updates parents via email the week of each support group meeting. If you have certain topics that you would like

to discuss, please email Kristin prior to the meeting and she would be happy to find and share any information on that subject that she has available to her.

[www.focol.org/asfv](http://www.focol.org/asfv)

Email: [asfv@hotmail.com](mailto:asfv@hotmail.com)



### *“Navigating the World of Technology to Enhance Skill Development for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder”*

Supported by the WI Department of Public Instruction

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August 16-17, 2011 Holiday Inn, Stevens Point

August 16th: Registration: 8:30-9:00am; Workshop: 9:00am-3:30pm;

Exhibit Hours: 7:30am-4:00pm

August 17th: Workshop: 8:30am-3:00pm; Exhibit Hours: 8:00am-2:00pm

Sponsored by the Autism Society of Wisconsin and the Autism Society of Central Wisconsin

Contact Jane Pribek at [jpribek@asw4autism.org](mailto:jpribek@asw4autism.org) or (920) 973-4080 for more information.

## DR. TONY ATTWOOD

Well renowned expert on Asperger Syndrome

Monday, October 10, 2011

Country Springs Hotel, Pewaukee, WI

Registration: 7:30–8:15AM

Workshop: 8:15AM–4:30PM

Sponsored by the Autism Society of Wisconsin and the Autism Society of Southeastern Wisconsin

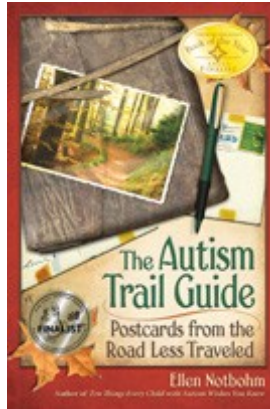
Contact Jane Pribek at [jpribek@asw4autism.org](mailto:jpribek@asw4autism.org) or (920) 973-4080



## Summer Reading List

The Autism Trail Guide: Postcards from the Road Less Traveled by Ellen Notbohm

Ellen is a mother of sons with autism and ADHD. She writes this book to help parents of children with autism take on everyday challenges while celebrating the special gifts their children bring to the world. Ellen offers concrete advice on issues such as math homework, video games, and tricky behavior. She also tackles various aspects of parenting like trusting your instincts, taking risks, how to hang on and when to let go.



Ellen has also authored the books:

- ◆ Ten Things Your Student With Autism Wishes You Knew
- ◆ Ten Things Every Child With Autism Wishes You Knew
- ◆ 1001 Great Ideas for Teaching and Raising Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

The Autism Trail Guide is for sale at:

Barnes and Noble: \$14.74

Future Horizon: \$19.95

Amazon: \$13.57

### Autism Society of the Fox Valley Mission:

Providing awareness, education, support and advocacy to those affected by autism in our community.

## Apps for Ipad/Itouch for Language and Vocabulary

1. ABC Animals: Help young children learn the alphabet and phonics with this cute, illustrated app.
2. Word Magic: Kids fill in the missing letter to form words, accompanied by bright pictures.
3. Clifford's BE BIG with Words: In this game, kids spell out words so that Clifford and his friends can think of things to paint.
4. Dictionary.com - Dictionary and Thesaurus: This easy-to-use app features a search bar, thesaurus, search history and word of the day.
5. Textropolis: Kids have to find and piece together words in order to build up their "textropolis" in this game.
6. iWrite Words: Small children learn to write by tracing words with this game.
7. Spell and Listen Cards: Kids rearrange letters to form basic words, improving their vocabulary and sight reading.
8. TypeFast: If your kids don't have time to take a typing class, they can use this app to learn how to type faster and more accurately.
9. Grammar Up: Help kids learn adjectives, nouns, verbs, adverbs, infinitives, gerunds, conjunctions, and other grammar basics.



# To Argue or Not To Argue

By Derenda Timmons Schubert, Ph.D.  
Pacific Northwest Children's Services  
Waverly Children's Home  
3550 SE Woodward Avenue  
Portland, OR 97202

The parents contact me to seek consultations about the issue of arguing between their children. The parents told me the following story: Joe (10 years old) and Monica (11 years old and diagnosed with autism) were arguing to the point of driving their parents CRAZY! According to their parents, Joe and Monica argued about sharing their things, where to sit at the dinner table, where to sit in the car (front seat or back seat), what TV show or movie to watch, etc. You name it, if there was something to argue about, Joe and Monica found it! They wanted to know whether this arguing was typical and was it harmful to either of their children or the children's future relationship? The parents described their responses ranging from talking to the children about their behavior, telling Joe to be nicer to his sister because she has been diagnosed with autism, mediating problem-solving solutions, separating the kids, ignoring the arguing, and yelling at the kids. They were tired.

Arguing among siblings is as natural as opening your eyes. If we remember our own sibling relationships, we can easily recall episodes of conflict. Such episodes occur even when one of the children has been diagnosed with a disability. Actually, some level of conflict is considered a healthy sign because the typical sibling is treating his or her sibling with the disability just as he or she would treat another sibling. In this instance, the typical sibling is treating the child with autism as any other child and not a child with a disability. The benchmark for parents would be excessive punching, hitting, biting, kicking, which produced fear between siblings or increased aggression. The sibling relationship research indicates that siblings of the same gender and within 4 years of each other are likely to have intense passionate relationships. Translated as: they will argue! Siblings of different genders with more than 4 years between them are described as having the least passionate relationship. Of course, factors such as each child's temperament, family expectations, and life circumstances (a parent's death, disability) can influence the degrees of closeness and conflict among siblings.

Despite all of this information, Joe and Monica's parents still needed some practical ideas to address the World Wide Federation Wrestling and Arguing matches between their children! Joe and Monica's parents were on the right path. They were using ideas which could help create peace in their home. The following ideas were discussed:

- **Educate your children about the disability.** Upon further discussion, it was discovered that Joe's parents had not discussed with him the communication and social difficulties of his sister. With more education about the reasons for his sister's behavior, the conflict at the dinner table reduced to a tolerable level.
- **Find the root of the problem.** Joe's parents sat down with him to discover what he thought was the reason the arguing occurred so frequently. They discovered that he felt left out and treated differently than his sister. With the combination of education and time alone with either or both parents, Joe reduced the frequency of picking fights with his sister because he felt more secure. Joe's parents also sat down with Monica to understand her perspective. She expressed not understanding why her brother was mad all of the time. Monica stated that she would do what he did to her when he was mad at her. Monica's parents spent time with her, separately and together, to teach her alternative ways to handle Joe's anger. For example, when they are sitting at the dinner table, Monica could learn to ask for the salt and pepper instead of reaching across Joe's plate. Over time, Monica tried the new social skills, which replaced the yelling and hitting of her brother.
- **Family Meetings.** Family meetings bring a family together to talk about the issues important to the family. The issues can be around problem solving an issue or conflict to planning a family vacation. Family meetings can occur once a week or twice a month. Keep in mind the more frequent the more impact they will have on helping the family communicate. The length of a family meeting is determined by the family. Each person attends the meeting with an agenda item or ideas to discuss. The meeting can be formal or informal. The goal is to increase communication and family togetherness.
- **Time Out From Each Other.** When all else fails, taking a break from one another may be the answer. Sometimes people need time to cool off. After some "cooling off time," the siblings can address the issue with the assistance of a parent or independently.

*GOOD LUCK with your summer vacation!!!*



## Membership Dues Collection

Dear Autism Society of Wisconsin Members,

As you are all aware, the Autism Society of Wisconsin (ASW) used to collect membership dues directly from its members, which included dues for both the ASW and your local chapter. In January of 2010, the Autism Society of America (ASA), our National Organization, began Unified Membership, offering one single membership, per household, to members, who were to automatically become members of ASA, ASW and your local chapter.

ASAs efforts in attempting a Unified Membership have not been successful, and we have been notified, by ASA, that the continuation of this program has been ceased.

ASW has gone back to collecting membership dues directly, as in the past. We will, once again, be offering a single membership for \$12.00, and/or a family membership for \$15.00. This will include membership to both ASW and your local chapter. ASW will retain \$5.00 from each membership, and forward the remaining amount directly to the local chapters each month, with a transmittal form, as was done in the past.

Some local chapters are choosing to also collect dues; others are opting for ASW to collect on their behalf. Regardless of whether you join through ASW or your local chapter, you will be a member of both ASW and your local chapter.

With ASW taking back the collection of membership dues, there will be a much quicker turnaround to local chapters, and we will have an accurate listing of who our members are at any given time.

We thank you for your patience with this program, and understanding in the transition back to ASW membership dues collection.

If you have any questions, you may contact Kelly Brodhagen at [asw@asw4autism.org](mailto:asw@asw4autism.org), or by calling 1-800-4AUTISM (428-8476).

Sincerely,

*Jane Pribek*

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Executive Director

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## Membership Application Form

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Check Chapter joining (select one)

\_\_\_\_ ASFV, Fox Valley area, Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Fond du Lac, and Waupaca Counties.

\_\_\_\_ ASGM, Greater Madison area, Dane, Columbia, Sauk, Richland, Crawford, Rock, Green, Iowa, Lafayette and Grant Counties.

\_\_\_\_ ASL, Manitowoc, Lakeshore area, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Calumet, Kewaunee and Door Counties.

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\_\_\_\_ ASW, Autism Society of Wisconsin, 1477 Kenwood Drive, Menasha, WI 54952

(If there is no local chapter in your area)

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 subscription 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](mailto:asw@asw4autism.org) or call 888-428-8476. To join the Autism Society of America, visit [www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org) or call ASA at 1-800-3-autism.

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Ann Olsen  
Heidi Dahle  
Peggy Bartman, OT

### *Newsletter Submissions*

*Articles of interest, stories/poetry of person's with autism, book reviews and upcoming conferences or workshops are accepted. Submissions can be sent to: Diane Nackers, 8042 Sequaro Ct, Neenah WI 54956*

*email bnack5@gmail.com.*

*Submission deadlines are November 30, February 28, May 15, and August 15 . Responsibility for accuracy of information remains that of the author of the article.*

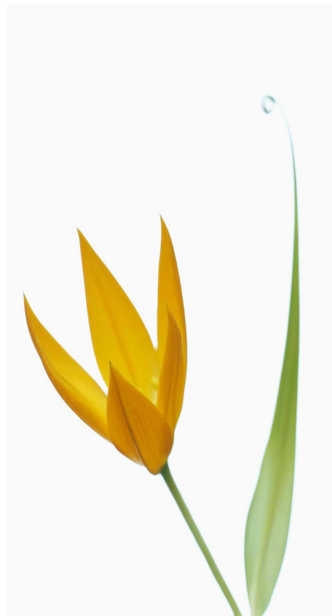
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## **ASFV is VERY Grateful for every donation!!!**

A special thank you to Peace United Methodist Church for choosing ASFV as their charity of the month. Parishioners graciously participated in an educational talk, potluck lunch and collected donations for us to advance our efforts.

Ann Olson/ Affinity Employee donation for her volunteer time to ASFV.

A special thank you to the Heidi Dahle family for making a generous donation.



Julie Gutsmedl/Aurora Health Care Employee Partnership Campaign

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