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The Autism Society of WA promotes lifelong community access for persons within the autism spectrum including those with Asperger's Syndrome through family support, public awareness, advocacy and collaboration with community partners.

Upcoming Local ASW Events

Monthly Chapter Meeting
No Summer Meetings

Cruise for Autism Fundraiser
Sun, Aug 15, 6 pm

IEP in a Fishbowl
Wed, Sep 15, 6:30-8:30 pm
6 pm Refreshments and Networking

Sensory Friendly Movies
AMC Theater
River Park Square Mall
Cats and Dogs
Sat, Aug 7, 10 am

Teen / Young Adult Group and Adults with Asperger's

No Summer Coffee House Meetings

Annual Picnic
Sun, Aug 22, 4-6 pm
Mission Park
1208 E Mission

Autism Society of Washington Spokane Chapter

Cruise for Autism Fundraiser Tickets Still Available



The 3rd Annual Cruise for Autism will be held on Aug 15th. It's a party boat for adults 18 and older who love loud music and dancing, hosted by Jade and Charissa Cardwell (parents of a child with autism). Club style music will be provided by ProBeats Entertainment. Proceeds will be going to the Autism Society of Washington Spokane Chapter.

Boat leaves on Sunday August 15th at 6 pm at Lake CDA, ID on the Mish-An-Nock, located next to the CDA Resort. Adult beverages are available for purchase on board.

For more info and for tickets, call 509-218-2448, \$20/\$25 at the dock. The UPS store (1314 S. Grand Blvd store only) has tickets.

This August there will be fundraisers for the other Spokane autism non-profits organizations: Isaac Foundation and the Northwest Autism Center. We have the links to those events in this newsletter. They help those with the autism in our community. Of course, ASW does not receive assistance from these groups to help our mission. We support those with Autism through the life span, not just children in preschool or until age 18. We continue to offer our young adult/teen group and monthly family support meetings and family friendly films.



Teen/Young Adult Group

3rd Annual Picnic
Sun, Aug 22, 4-6 pm
Mission Park North Shelter
1209 E. Mission Avenue



We'll have the hamburgers and hot-dogs. Bring a chair and something to share; chips, salad, etc.

If you are a parent who would like to volunteer at the picnic, or if you would like to be on the adult group contact list:

spokane@autismsocietyofwa.org

IEP's In a Fishbowl

Wed, Sept 15, 6:30 pm
St. Luke's Rehab, Conf Rm 200

Our September chapter meeting will be for parents of school age children who have disabilities. An Individual Education Plan (IEP) is a document which helps the school district teach children the skills needed to be successful in the community.

Developing an IEP can be a scary and frustrating process for families. This interactive and informative skit will point out some of the areas to watch out for in developing an IEP and to take charge to make your child's and your voice heard when needed!

Autism and Self Employment

The *Wall Street Journal* carried an article on July 15th, "For Disabled, A Job Hunt Alternative" by Sarah E. Needleman, featuring an autistic man who has had to start his own business after being laid off from two jobs. The WSJ article said "More mentally and physically challenged adults are looking to entrepreneurship as they get closed out of an exceptionally competitive job market...". Mr. Shunkey, the man with autism, cannot speak, but received help from a nonprofit and a grant from his state to set up a doggie treat business. However the business is still far from successful, earning only \$120 during the last 3 months.

Twenty years ago, Congress enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act, barring employers from discriminating against qualified job applicants with disabilities. Last year 21,000 claims were filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission against employers accused of violating the law. Today, with an uncertain economy, businesses are wary of hiring any new workers, even without a disability. Business owners who have never had an opportunity to work with those who are disabled may be uncertain of costs of accommodations and the laws.

Self-employment for a person with a developmental disability means he or she is able to work at his or her own pace. Being an entrepreneur, however, means that the person takes on the responsibility of paying taxes and obtaining licenses and bookkeeping that the employer would normally do. For more information:

online.wsj.com/article/SB1000142405274870379270457536682212

Mocha Group

No Summer Meetings

This informal group meets to discuss health issues related to ASD. For more information contact: jennyheals1@yahoo.com

Northwest Autism Center Golf Tournament

Friday, Sept 24
Indian Canyon

Please contact NAC at 509-328-1582 if you would like to become a sponsor, volunteer or participate: nwautism.org/2010-golf-tournament

Conferences in Seattle

The Inclusive Classroom and
Bridges to Adulthood
Oct 5 and 6
Paula Kluth, Ph.D.
Peter Gerhardt, Ed.D.

920-749-0332
www.spectrumtrainingsystemsinc.com

ASD Career Planning

Spectrum Training Systems
Spokane, Nov 1-2

This interactive session contains five "take away" strategies each day that participants will be able to apply to their current situation immediately.

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ISAAC Foundation Golf Tournament

Saturday, Aug 7
Downriver Golf Course

Help support the mission of The ISAAC Foundation by becoming a tournament sponsor and by participating as a golfer. theisaacfoundation.org/events/lyn-tron-charity-golf-classic

ISAAC Foundation Provider Event

Friday, Aug 6, 5-9 pm
Kress Gallery
River Park Square Mall

Many providers who treat autism spectrum disorders will attend the Kress Gallery Artist Reception. These providers will be available to answer questions about available treatments

for children affected by autism spectrum disorders. Providers will have brochures and business cards to give to families. This is a free event for both providers and families.

Artwork from Ashley Potter will be on display and there's a free family event at Mobius Kids Children's Museum downstairs. theisaacfoundation.org

Nelson BC Autism Conference

Oct 21
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Adult Education

Institute for Extended Learning, PACE Services will offer two classes specifically designed to meet the needs of individuals on the autism spectrum. Classes begin Tuesday Sept 21 and will be held at the Lodge, located at 3305 W. Fort George Wright Drive at Spokane Falls Community College. The first class begins at 9:30 and ends at 10:50. The class will focus on communication skills as it relates to finding employment, making friends or going to school.

The second class is at the same location and begins at 11:00 and ends at 12:30. In this class students will learn fundamental techniques of specific arts and apply them to issues of social cues, communication skills and other topics relative to individuals on the autism spectrum. Individuals may take one or both classes. The classes are non-credit and there is no cost for the classes.

Please contact the PACE office at 279-6033 for registration information.

For Sale:

2007 Health Mate Infrared Cedar Sauna. Please call Maureen deTar at 208-625-0210.