

The Sun

Newsletter

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Vince Winterling takes DAP position By Jen Nardo

The Delaware Autism Program announced this August that Vince Winterling, Ed.D. is the new statewide director. Dr. Winterling has his Master's and Doctorate degrees in Special Education from the University of California and University of Kentucky respectively. His experience and expertise in the field of autism combined with his successful consulting business give Winterling the credentials to take the helm at the DAP.

out what is working well and what needs to be improved. His plans also include looking at program models, improving behavioral support and teacher training, and for instance, getting people to think about what can be learned from a tantrum. Dr. Winterling wants to look at the delivery of demands placed on kids in relation to processing issues experienced by those with autism.

Since 1994, Dr. Winterling has been the Chair of the Peer Review Committee at the DAP so he is already familiar with the staff and programs currently offered in the schools. From 1996 to 1999, Winterling chaired the Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Task Force of the Devereaux Foundation. With Devereaux, Dr. Winterling held titles such as National Coordinator for Programs for Neurodevelopmental Disorders; Director of Institutes of Clinical Training and Research; and Director of Autism Services, Center for Effective Schools. His business has afforded Dr. Winterling the opportunity to meet families at many DAP sites whose children have complex situations and need additional support to adapt well.

Dr. Winterling describes himself as a "best practice guy," and a "systems guy." He is someone who looks for accountable, empirically derived systems.



He stated that the most basic of systems should start with "do no harm" –even if you don't know what you are doing. He looks for support plans with a health and safety layer that involves positive reinforcement. Dr. Winterling is someone who knows the inner workings of schools as he has

literally built them from the ground up and has written the job descriptions for everyone in those schools.

The school year will begin for Dr. Winterling by learning who's who among the kids, doing a baseline of what the programs are and seeing how children are being served currently. This means finding

After speaking with Dr. Winterling, this parent is excited and hopeful for the future of the Delaware Autism Program.



Our Mission

Autism Delaware is a community of people with autism, their family members and friends, and professionals who work in the autism field.

Our mission is to improve the lives of people with autism and their families. We will educate, advocate and raise public awareness in order to promote lifelong opportunity and acceptance for people with autism in their communities.

We serve the entire state of Delaware.



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From The President...

Rob's Ramblings

By Rob Gilsdorf, Board President

We all felt the pain and uncertainty of the economic recession. We all witnessed a presidential election like no other with both great promises and concerns. Together we endured Delaware's budget crisis better than we had imagined.

It is easy to forget our fortunes over last year with the challenges that loom ahead but if we follow our course of prior years, challenges will become our fortunes and we will discover many new opportunities improving the lives of our children and our families for the rest of 2009 and 2010.

Speaking of challenges, how did your family react to 24 days of unstructured time off from school in August? We managed to keep Andrew occupied, enjoying our annual getaway to the North Carolina coast but unfortunately Andrew could not keep it all together. He managed to have one of his monumental meltdowns just before school began. From speaking with friends and families, I know that we were not alone managing through an unusually long break. Collectively, I know we can do better next year. We will need to work together in an effort to make things better.

Autism Delaware is a great organization. However, it can always improve. Over the past two years a great deal of our effort has been focused on developing the adult services program POW&R. It has been quite successful continuing to grow into the program we envisioned, a program prepared to serve our children as they pass into adulthood.

There is a realization that we need to refocus our efforts on serving the younger families in our community. To that end I will commit to attending PAC meetings in each county this fall to work to reconnect

Autism Delaware to the needs of young parents and children. The August break reemphasized the need to stay focused on school-aged program issues, the calendar being one issue. I know there



are more issues that deal directly with services provided to our children. My belief is that with young family interest and involvement, Autism Delaware can improve services in the future.

The annual Board of Directors election will be conducted this fall. We have terrific candidates, many of who are representing young children/parents. Only active members of Autism Delaware are eligible to vote so be sure your membership is current and please participate in choosing your leadership.

I want to extend special thanks to my friend Todd Griffing who shared the following quote with me in a recent email. What a wonderful way to express our mission(s).

"Respect and value your instincts about your child – never ignore them, no matter what anyone tells you. Holding a loved one's life in your hands means that you have to accept a position of power even when you don't want it. You must become an advocate for your child, even if it means standing alone against the world" – Karen Siff Exhorn

We have accomplished much, have much more to do and with your participation, we have the talent to get the job done. Thank you for being part of our team and good luck in the new school year!

-Rob Gilsdorf

A Service of Autism Delaware

POW&R
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FOR WORK AND RECREATION

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Downstate News...

Go Fish, our first ever Bass tournament, took place on Saturday September 19! The fishing was good, the weather beautiful, and teams enjoyed fishing for a cause. Pro Bass Fisherman Mike Delvisco fished in the tournament and enjoyed taking pictures with team winners at the celebration. Congratulations to TEAM The KP Show- Ken Robinson & Pat Brewer for winning the grand prize for the best total weight of 6 bass, and to TEAM Dylan, Isaac Sapp & Nathan Sapp, for raising the most money! The youth prize went to Ricky Armstrong for his 2.56 pound bass, and all youth received prizes for their fishing on Saturday. Many other prizes were awarded as well. Everyone had a great time at the celebration and special thanks to Trina Cale-Rosario and DNREC for the Hooked on Fishing Program, which many people enjoyed as they tried casting across the grass at the park! Thanks to all our volunteers, who did an awesome job of making this event a success, and thanks to Brian Roberts and the Stumpjumper for letting us borrow the fishing scales & teaching us how to use them! Thanks to all of our sponsors, including Atlantic Concrete, Texas Roadhouse, Dover Downs, Parkview RV Center, Dentsply Caulk and others listed on page 11!



News from Sussex County

What's Up Down Here

It was a busy summer in Sussex County as teachers and administrators of the Consortium witnessed the completion of the shiny new Cape Henlopen high school building just as the old one crumbled to the ground. This amazing feat meant lots of work for teachers, moving all their materials into a temporary facility in July (all while teaching during summer session), only to move into the new building one month later. Everyone agreed it was worth all the back-breaking work. The new building is beautiful and joy is sure to abound on opening day.

Dr. Vivian Bush was named Principal of the Sussex Consortium. She comes to the position after many years as a school

psychologist. Vivian's expertise in the field of autism is a huge asset to the Consortium and we wish her all the best.

A big change for Consortium students this year is the coordination of buses to arrive and dismiss at the same times as typical students. Previously Consortium students often missed mainstream classroom time due to irregular start and dismissal times but not any more. Everyone will be on the same start and dismissal schedule.

Finally, many students enjoyed a variety of summer activities sponsored through LDAF including the summer Friday swim program, the Children's Beach House camp, and the newest activity, golf lessons. These were graciously taught by the golf pro at The Rookery, Bruce Holtzclaw, as he donated his time to teach four groups of students with autism each week for eight weeks. Thank you Bruce and LDAF!

That's it from Lower Slower DE!

Until next time,

Susan Patel

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If you have a newly diagnosed child and live in the Kent or Sussex area, give Dafne a call today for information and support.

We can help!

New Castle Family Holiday Party

December 13, 2009

12:30 - 3 p.m. Del Vets
2535 Veteran's Drive off Naamans Road

Bring a covered dish to share. (Please call Social Chair Robin Delaney at (302) 636-0538 and let her what you plan on bringing.) We will provide the drinks & dessert.

Entertainment, crafts and a special surprise visitor!

Please RSVP no later than December 4th so that we have enough supplies for everyone. Contact the office at (302) 224-6020 or delautism@delautism.org. Give us your full name, phone numbers and number of adults and children attending and email if available.

Kent Family Holiday Party

December 13, 2009

2-4 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church
113 Lotus Street, Dover

Bring a covered dish to share and a canned good for St. John's food pantry. We provide dessert and drinks! (Please call Dafne and let her know what you plan on bringing.)

Games, crafts, entertainment and a very special guest!

RSVP to Dafne Carnright no later than December 4th so that we have enough supplies for everyone. Call the downstate office at (302) 422-2255. Give us your full name, phone numbers and number of adults and children attending and email if available.



LIGHTS, CAMERA... AUCTION!

November 14, 2009

DuPont Country Club

6:30 to 11:30pm

Experience the glamour of Old Hollywood here in Delaware! Walk the red carpet and enjoy a gourmet meal, a spectacular silent auction featuring many one-of-a-kind finds, a live auction with a Sea Dream cruise and Eagles Game Day package, and dancing the night away. Entertainment will feature local talent as Frank Sinatra, Fred Astaire, and Ginger Rogers.

You can show off your favorite star with autism with a tribute ad in the Auction program! Send us a digital photo and text you want used with payment, and Autism Delaware staff will build an ad. Ads range from \$25 to \$100. If you can't attend the auction, we'll send you a program after the event. An ad purchase form is available on the Auction webpage at www.delautism.org

Raffle tickets are now on sale for just \$10 a pop! This year we will be raffling off an **HP Pavilion dv6-1259dx laptop** plus a **Nintendo Wii!** The winning ticket earns both prizes.

More information on the event, tribute and corporate ads, and the raffle may be found at www.delautism.org.

Seats are \$125 each; sponsor packages start at \$500.

What's Up in Legislative Hall

By Heidi Mizell

Six years ago Autism Delaware began an initiative to encourage physicians to identify children who may be at risk for a developmental delay as early as possible. We know that the earlier therapeutic and academic interventions begin, the better chance a child with a delay has to get on the right developmental path. Originally called the Physicians' Awareness Project, we did over 40 presentations reaching more than 500 professionals about early diagnosing, and we trained 140 individuals to do pediatric developmental screens.

Following the end of the original project, Delaware's Medicaid agency applied for a technical assistance grant from the National Association for State Health Policy (NASHP) for the continuance of their *Assuring Better Child Health and Development Initiative (ABCD)*. Delaware was awarded this grant and continued the promotion of improving outcomes for identifying children by piloting a developmental screening process in two large pediatric sites located in New Castle

and Sussex counties, as well as advocating change within state agencies and the medical community. Autism Delaware continues as part of the technical assistance effort.

In August Governor Jack Markell signed HB 199 into law which requires private insurers in Delaware to cover developmental screens. One of the promoters of this bill was Lieutenant Governor Matt Denn who serves on the Autism Delaware Advisory Council.

The Physicians' Awareness Project was our first statewide advocacy effort. We were joined by several state agencies and the Lower Delaware Autism Foundation, so we are all very pleased to announce this outcome that was fought so hard for. It will help our children get the early diagnosis they need.



Did You Know?

Here is how you can find out who your legislators are:

Visit www.congress.org or call your county Department of Elections:

New Castle County: (302) 577-3464

Kent County: (302) 739-4498

Sussex County: (302) 856-5367

Let your voice be heard. Call up your legislators and let them know about your concerns and thank them for all of their support!



HB 199 Signing

Pictured from left to right: Quinn Ludwicki, Dr. John Ludwicki (President of the Delaware Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics), Tom Ferry (Nemours), Rep. Terry Schooley (prime sponsor of HB199 and co-chair of the Kids' Caucus), Gov. Jack Markell, Rep. Earl Jaques (co-sponsor of HB199), Adam Denn, Rep. Joe Miro, Dr. Doug Tynan (Nemours), Lt. Gov. Matt Denn, Dr. Dan Glasstetter (Nemours Pediatrics)

What does an Autism Delaware membership get you?

Your membership with Autism Delaware strengthens our mission to enhance the quality of life for individuals with autism and their families. You also can get:

- Free or discounted Autism Delaware Events (One to two events can pay for your membership!)
- Free childcare at Autism Delaware meetings or Speaker Series
- Access to conference stipends up to \$250!

Membership dues also help support family services like parent mentoring, great information, support and resources! In these times when every dollar counts, this has to be the best bang for your buck! For more information on membership, you can visit our website at www.delautism.org and join or call us at (302) 224-6020 or simply fill out the application found on the back of this newsletter.

PARENT PARENT

written by parents for parents

Something Old, Something New

Sometimes it is good to just pass on GOOD information to our parents. Not written by us, but for us.

Many times we find out that we have lost one of our para educators from our child's classroom and this can be very upsetting. It tends to knock over our applegart upsetting the balance of the classroom and our child's disposition.

Many of the more experienced parents already know this, but we thought we would pass this information along so the younger families would have a chance to understand what is going on.

-Cheryl Frampton

Christina Changes Requirements for Para Educators

By Theda Ellis

Seven para educators recently left the Christina School District's DAP because of the district's changing requirements for employment, which includes passing the para pro test. We regret losing these well loved paras, so we made some phone calls and learned the following information.

Title I schools have required paras to be "highly qualified" since 2006 to be eligible for federal funding. Christina decided to apply this requirement to all paras in the district, believing that all children benefit from staff with higher qualifications. Christina

gave their paras three years to meet the new requirements, which they could do in the following ways:

- 1) Earn an AA degree
- 2) Earn 60 credit hours
- 3) Pass the para pro test

The district paid for the para pro test, and paras were allowed to take it as many times as they needed. Christina also offered a class to prepare paras for the test.

Most staff chose to take the test because it's hard to earn 60 hours or an AA degree in three years while you are working and dealing with family life. Further, if paras relied on taking classes that DOE paid for, they could not have taken enough classes to meet the requirements in the time period. While the paras' union supported the change in requirements, it's possible they advised members they did not have to take the test because they did not work in a Title I school.

Unfortunately, some folks didn't pass. The good news is that Brennen School administration has gone to bat for staff that didn't pass the test. There is an agreement that any person who lost his or her job can continue to take the test and every effort will be made to re-employ them once they pass the test.

It is heart wrenching to lose a long time job that you love, perhaps even tougher for children who don't accept change easily to lose a support person who is effective. When taking a longer view however, it will benefit our children to be taught by highly qualified individuals. We just need to make

sure we also support our paras to get the support they need to pass the test.

Autism Delaware offers \$1,000 stipends to paras who are completing their bachelor degrees. For more information, please contact Executive Director Theda Ellis at theda.ellis@delautism.org or (302) 224-6020.

New Members

- Jeff & Sarah Flanders - Life
- Mike & Jane Graci - Life
- Rich Immesberger - Platinum
- Glendon & Joanne Bell - Silver
- Richard & Mary Braun - Silver
- John & Kathy Dudek - Silver
- Nick & Rose Ferri - Silver
- Caroline Fisher Queal/Elite PT, LLC - Silver
- Thomas & Marie Forrest - Silver
- Bob & Fran Gilsdorf - Silver
- Thomas & Sarah Goodrich - Silver
- Martin Hayburn - Silver
- Anne Hoffman - Silver
- John & Donna Maichle - Silver
- Dave & Melinda McGuigan - Silver
- Joann Palumbo - Silver
- John & Nancy Pinker - Silver
- Russell & Cynthia Shaner - Silver
- Erin & Dan Taylor - Silver
- Quinton & Kimberly Watson - Silver
- Athena & Ted Wolfer - Silver

Founders' Circle

- Pete Bradley - Founders' Circle
- Nina Lou Bunting - Founders' Circle
- Dr. Lucinda K. Bunting - Founder
- Tom & Susie Kelly - Founder
- Melanie Liesener - Founder
- Dave Magogan - Founder

INSIDE Autism Delaware



Autism Delaware
10th Annual
Summer Beach
Party Picnic

August 16, 2009
Cape Henlopen State Park



Autism Delaware Welcomes Scott Young to the Board

Autism Delaware's Board of Directors recently appointed Scott Young to fill a vacancy representing the Asperger's community. Scott is a Managing Director of Barclays Bank of Delaware, where he leads the Strategic Alliances and Partner Management teams. Scott and his wife Meg have four children, one of whom has Asperger's Syndrome. Scott is also a youth sports coach, ran in the 2009 London Marathon on behalf of autism charities, and serves on the board for Hoyas Unlimited, Georgetown University Alumni Association's athletic fundraising arm. Welcome, Scott!

Founders' Campaign Update

Pete Bradley and Nina Bunting have become the first members of the Founders' Circle. As Circle members, Pete and Nina will advise the Autism Delaware Board on

downstate issues and help recruit other donors to the Founders' Campaign, our three-year initiative to establish a full-time office enhancing services and supports for people and families affected by autism in southern Delaware. We are also looking at expanding POW&R downstate, so we need advice, connections and support in that effort as well. For more information on how you can get involved with the Founders' Campaign, call Kim Siegel at 302-224-6020.

Lost Youth Found

The Wilmington police recently contacted Autism Delaware for assistance identifying a lost non-verbal young man with autism they had found and taken to Wilmington Hospital. Staff member Cheryl Frampton took off to sit with him. Deanna Principe suggested they send a photo to DAP but he wasn't a DAP student. That gave Cheryl another idea – to send it to home health agencies, where he was recognized. Thank you to the Wilmington Police and Wilmington Hospital for their patience and efforts to identify this young

man, and to all of you who called with suggestions. Mom was hugely relieved and thankful too.

So, Just What is Lattice?

Have you noticed some Autism Delaware e-mail coming from a new address? No, it isn't spam so please don't delete it. We're using new software called Lattice to send emails with audiovisual and survey components. We used it over the summer to highlight Go Fish! and the Founders' Campaign and for board elections. New member Dr. Ashok Subramanian created Lattice for communications among pharmaceutical companies, medical organizations, and the FDA, and realized that it has applications for nonprofits as well! So the next time you see a message from autism_delaware@latticeconnections.com, please open it and click to begin the presentation. We deeply appreciate Dr. Subramanian's generosity in sharing this technology.

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INSIDE Autism Delaware

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New Volunteers and Volunteer Opportunities

Autism Delaware has several new volunteers. Taking over for Judy Hedrick is Melanie Matusheski, our Volunteer Coordinator who will be recruiting volunteers for various events while Judy focuses on other areas of office work and events. Maggie Prettyman comes in weekly to update our calendars and email a list of events. Amy Justice is helping us load and organize years of photos on our server. Thank you, Melanie, Maggie, and Amy! If you would like to volunteer, we are looking for writers from all counties for *The Sun*, and people to help staff exhibit tables at

public events. If you can help out, please contact Melanie at melanie.matusheski@delautism.org

Autism Delaware hires Public Ally Colin Barratt

Colin Barratt has joined the staff as a Program Assistant. Colin is part of Public Allies, an AmeriCorps program training young adults in community and nonprofit leadership. He will be a job coach for POW&R, help to develop our recreation and volunteer programs, and begin organizing the 2010 OAR conference in Wilmington. In 2009, he served an AmeriCorps term as volunteer coordinator at Fort Delaware State Park and received Delaware's State

Parks AmeriCorps Member of the Year! We're happy to have him on board.

Autism Delaware Holiday Office Hours

The Autism Delaware office will be closed November 26 & 27 and December 25 - January 1. Our office will resume normal hours on January 4, 2010. POW&R will operate November 26 and December 28-31.



Colin Barratt at the Go Fish! event September 19, 2009

Autism Delaware Annual Meeting & Speaker Series

6:30 p.m.

November 3, 2009
Special Olympics Office
Route 896, Newark, DE
(Right side of UD Field House)

Annual Meeting: Come meet the board of directors, the staff and this year's board candidates. Child care will be provided for members. RSVP for childcare by October 30.

Learn about Autism Delaware's activities, the benefits of membership, and share your priorities with us.

Speaker Series: Panel on Medicaid Benefits Across the Lifespan

Our children and adults are typically eligible for Medicaid, but which kind? How do they become eligible? What services are available? This session, lead by Virginia McGonegal and Nancy Kling of the Division of Social Services, and David Michalik of the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance will answer your questions about Children's Community Alternative Disability Program (for children with severe disabilities) and about standard Medicaid which can reach across the lifespan.

Annual Appeal

In November and December, Autism Delaware will ask for your support through our annual appeal. This is a hard time for Delawareans and Americans. Most of us are trying to do more with less.

This is true of us as well.

The number of people with autism and families who look to us for services is increasing and we are committed to them. Your gifts pay for every program we offer, including speakers, social events, public awareness, research, and stipends to families. You have helped us to start POW&R in New Castle County. Now we are looking to expand that program to Kent and Sussex as well.

Please help us continue to offer our programs at little or no cost so that our families can continue to learn, grow and have fun. Our public awareness programs are working to make every community a welcoming place for people with autism and their families as well. If you have not made a gift before, please consider doing so now; if you have given in the past, all you have to do is look through this newsletter to see everything you have helped make possible, and can continue to help make possible.

Thank you to all of our supporters, and have a happy, healthy holiday season.

Themed Bowling Nights

All themed bowling nights are held on our regular bowling night, Wednesday, starting at 5:30 p.m. PLEASE RSVP for themed parties so we have enough supplies.

(See ad below for RSVP information.)

Halloween Bowling Night - Wear your Halloween costume and scare those pins down! Free raffle, treat, no tricks! October 28.

Mad Hatters New Years Bowling Party! Wear your maddest, craziest hat! Or make one! Creativity encouraged!! Enjoy the normal shenanigans that take place at one of our bowling parties. Don't miss out! December 30.

Video Game Crew

Teen and Tweens with Asperger's / PDD get together for two hours at GAMER DOC in Bear to challenge each other with all of the latest video game favorites using systems such as XBOX, Wii, Game Cube and PS3.

\$10.00 for 2 hours. 12 - 2 p.m. or 2 or 4 p.m.

Only 12 spots available in each group.

Call Heidi Mizell to reserve your seat!

(302) 224-6020, ext 205. Sorry, no walk-ins.

October 24, 2009. More dates to be announced.

N.C.C. Family Bowling Night

Join us every Wednesday night at AMF Price Lanes, Prices Corner, Wilmington, 5:30 pm. RSVP required by the Monday before to Mark or Cher Frampton at (302) 998-1466. No commitments. Pay after you play. Play as many or as few games as you like. Bumpers, ramps and special discounts available. Game room and snack bar open. Parents, siblings, and friends are welcome to bowl.

If you or your family member is interested in joining Autism Delaware's Special Olympics Bowling Team, contact Heidi Mizell by October 28.



Milford & Dover Coffee Hours

Milford Coffee Hour will be held at the October 28 & Dec 10, Georgia House Restaurant from 9 - 10 am. 18 S. Walnut Street, Milford.

November 19, Holiday Inn Express. Dover 9 - 10 am.

Coffee is on us!

RSVP to Dafne Carnright at:
dafne.carnright@delautism.org
or (302) 422-2255



Tween/Teen Game Night

Game night provides a fun, safe, facilitated environment for teens and tweens to participate in activities with peers giving them the opportunity to develop and generalize social skills such as: turn taking, sharing, following group rules, expected behavior in group settings and how to win and lose graciously.



6:30 - 8:15 p.m. Call Heidi Mizell for location. (302) 224-6020, ext 205 Cost: \$10.00 per night.

Dates: October 16, October 30, November 13, December 11.

N.C.C. Parent Coffee Hour



Join us along with other parents or family members on the second Tuesday of every month at the elegant Prince on Delaware for coffee and conversation. Coffee is on us!

124 Delaware Street
Historic Old New Castle
(Across the street from the old court house near the Delaware River.)

Restaurant is closed to the public. Children are welcome. No RSVP needed.

(302) 326-1130
(Restaurant)

Sensory Friendly Movies

Save the dates for these new and developing social opportunities...

Movie: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

NCC Regal Cinemas, People's Plaza - October 10

Time: 10:00 a.m. Tickets sold in advance.

Movie: Where The Wild Things Are

NCC Regal Cinemas, People's Plaza - November 8

10:00 a.m. Tickets Sold in Advance

For more information contact Heidi Mizell at

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Milford Skating Party

Milford Skating Center 5:30 -7:30pm

October 3, 2009

Free admission. No RSVP needed. Family and friends welcome. Rinks are closed to the public. Autism friendly lights and music. Snack bar is open, and skate rentals are available (\$2-3).

Parents may wear sneakers on the floor to help aid younger children while learning how to skate.

Don't miss out!



CALENDAR of EVENTS

2008 Family Holiday Party

It was tough to fit in all that's happening this quarter!
If an event has a page number in parentheses after it, visit that page for more details.

October

- October 7-** N.C.C. Family Bowling Night, 5:30pm. **(9)**
- October 10-** NCC Movie: *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, 10:00 a.m. Regal Cinemas, People's Plaza, Newark. **(9)**
- October 13-** N.C.C. Coffee Hour, Prince on Delaware, Old New Castle. 9:00am. **(9)**
- October 14-** N.C.C. Family Bowling Night, 5:30pm. **(9)**
- October 16-** Tween/Teen Game Night, 6:30-8:15pm. Call Heidi Mizell for location and payment. **(9)**
- October 18-** Fall Festival, 12:30-3:00pm. The Figure 8 Barn at Bellevue State Park. Fun for the whole family! Hayrides, scarecrow building (bring some old clothes), arts & crafts, light refreshments, door prizes. FREE for members; \$10 per family for non-members. To register, contact the Newark office (see page 2 for phone and email).
- October 20-** Kent County Support Group, 5:30pm-7:00pm. Campus Community High School, Pear Street, Dover. RSVP required to facilitator Deb Wright at dfw57@comcast.net by Friday, Oct 16. Need 4 RSVP's to hold group.
- October 21-** N.C.C. Family Bowling Night, 5:30pm. **(9)**
- October 24-** Gamer Doc Video Crew. Choose 12-2 or 2-4, RSVP and payment required. **(9)**
- Week prior to October 24 & 25-** Dress rehearsal of "Rumpelstiltskin" by Second Street Players Children's Theater. 2 South Walnut Street, Milford. Final dates and times will be announced by email or call Dafne at 302-422-2255.
- October 28-** Milford Parent Coffee & Conversation Hour, 9-10am at Georgia House Restaurant. **(9)**
- October 28-** N.C.C. Family Bowling Halloween Party! 5:30pm. **(9)**
- October 30-** Tween/Teen Game Night, 6:30-8:15pm. Call Heidi Mizell for location and payment. **(9)**

November

- November 3-** Autism Delaware Annual Meeting, 6:30 pm, Special Olympics in Newark. **(8)**
- November 4-** N.C.C. Family Bowling Night, 5:30pm. **(9)**
- November 8-** N.C.C. Movie: *Where The Wild Things Are*, 10:00 a.m. Regal Cinemas, People's Plaza, Newark. **(9)**
- November 10-** N.C.C. Coffee Hour, Prince on Delaware, Old New Castle, 9:00am. **(9)**



- November 11-** N.C.C. Family Bowling Night, 5:30pm. **(9)**
- November 13-** Tween/Teen Game Night, 6:30-8:15pm. Call Heidi Mizell for location and payment. **(9)**
- November 14-** Lights, Camera... Auction! DuPont Country Club, 6:30-11:30pm. **(4)**.
- November 18-** N.C.C. Family Bowling Night, 5:30pm. **(9)**
- November 18-** Autism Delaware Speaker Series on POW&R following PAC meeting at Charlton School in Camden.
- November 19-** Dover Coffe Hour, Holiday Inn Express, Dover. 9-10am. We will meet in the breakfast bar area for coffee only. **(9)**
- November 19-** Kent Support Group, Campus Community High School, Pear St., Dover from 5:30-7:00pm. RSVP required to facilitator Deb Wright at dfw57@comcast.net by Friday, Nov 13th.
- November 25-** N.C.C. Family Bowling Night, 5:30pm. **(9)**

December

- December 2-** N.C.C. Family Bowling Night, 5:30pm. **(9)**
- December 8-** N.C.C. Coffee Hour, Prince on Delaware, Old New Castle. 9:00am. **(9)**
- December 9-** N.C.C. Family Bowling Night, 5:30pm. **(9)**
- December 11-** Tween/Teen Game Night, 6:30-8:15pm. Call Heidi Mizell for location and payment. **(9)**
- December 13-** N.C.C. Family Holiday Party, Del Vets, 12:30-3:00pm. RSVP required. **(4)**
- December 13-** Kent Family Holiday Party, St. John's Lutheran Church, 113 Lotus St, Dover, 2:00-4:00pm. RSVP required. **(4)**
- December 16-** N.C.C. Family Bowling Night, 5:30pm. **(9)**
- December 30-** N.C.C. Family Bowling Mad Hatters Party! 5:30pm. **(9)**

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AD's new Volunteer Coordinator Melanie Matusheski shows off her flower power at Go Fish!



Face painting is fun! Cheeeeeeeese!!!!



Nathan Sapp, Dafne, & Isaac Sapp - winners of most money raised - \$495



Dwayne McMahan handing out Kemp's Ice Cream at Go Fish!



Ken Robinson & Pat Brewer with Pro Mike Delvisco- grand prize winners of best total weight of 6 Bass!



Dan Prettyman assists the Texas Road House Team in handing out goodies to the kids at Go Fish!

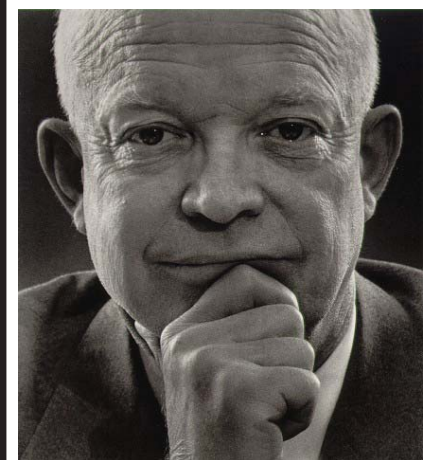
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