

# Autism Awareness Month 2016

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KaleidAScope

Barber National Institute  
Mercyhurst University

Achievement Center  
Arc of Erie County

15<sup>TH</sup> Annual

Walk for Autism

April 23, 2016 @ 11:00 am  
Presque Isle  
Rotary Pavilion

[Register today!](#)

Guelcher Art  
Show

Barber National Institute  
April 8 - 11, 2016

Pieces of Hope  
For Autism Campaign

Panera Bread  
April 4 - 10, 2016

ESO  
Dances

4/8 & 4/22

Lunch & Bowl  
Autism Society  
NWPA

[Rolling Meadow Lanes](#)  
March 19, 2016 @ 2-4 pm

Free Autism Awareness Event

April 21, 2016, 6-9 pm  
At the Achievement Center

Childcare provided at no cost.  
(Child can attend with TSS)

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## April 10, 2016 – Roller Skating – 5-7 p.m.

Presque Isle Skating and Event Center – 3162 West Lake Road

Join us for an evening of roller skating in a sensory friendly environment with lights left on, strobe lights turned off, and music turned down.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6th by visiting [www.nwpa-asq.org](http://www.nwpa-asq.org). THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE AUTISM SOCIETY NWPA IN HONOR OF AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH. FREE AND OPEN TO FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH AN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.



## April 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. & Mrs. Robert Guelcher Art Show

#### “Celebrate the Possibilities”

This free event at the Barber National Institute will begin on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

A wine and cheese reception is open to the community that evening from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The event will continue: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 12:00–3:00 p.m., April 10<sup>th</sup>, 12:00–3:00 p.m. Youth Artist Award Ceremony at 1:00 p.m., and April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00–6:00 p.m.

Enjoy more than 400 works of art created by adult professional, amateur, and youth artists in our region.

## Pieces of Hope for Autism Campaign Panera Bread – April 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Pieces for Hope Autism Campaign will take place at all four Erie locations with 100% of Puzzle Pieces Shortbread Cookie proceeds benefitting the Autism Society NWPA.



## April 4, 2016 – Spouses on the Spectrum 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Janet Pawlowski, Licensed Psychologist, will host a discussion with spouses/partners of adults with ASD regarding advantages and obstacles as well as information needed to improve your relationship. KaleidAScope will host this event at their office at 4934 Peach St, Erie, PA. Reservations are appreciated, please call 824-4515.

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## March 19, 2016 – Annual Bowling Party – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

This event, sponsored by the Autism Society in honor of Autism Awareness Month, will be held at Rolling Meadow Lanes (3304 Zuck Rd, Erie, PA) and includes two games of bowling, shoe rental, and a pizza lunch.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY MONDAY, MARCH 14th: [www.nwpa-asa.org](http://www.nwpa-asa.org)  
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## April 8 & April 22, 2016 – ESO Dances

The April 8th, ESO Mardi Gras Dance will be held at Gannon University (Yehl Ballroom) from 7-9 p.m.

The April 22th ESO Beach Party Dance is hosted by Edinboro University and will be held from 7-9 p.m. at the Crawford Center.

Both are open to adults with disabilities ages 18 – 35. *Registration is not required and a \$3.00 admission donation is requested.*

## April 28, 2016 – Adult Social Group

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

This free, public presentation offered by KaleidAScope at 4934 Peach Street in Erie, will offer adults (high school graduates and beyond) with autism the chance to meet new people, plan activities, and have an opportunity for a weekly social outing. *Reservations are appreciated, please call 824-4515.*

## April 21, 2016 – 6:00 pm – 9:00 p.m.

### Achievement Center Free Autism Awareness Event

4950 West 23rd Street – Childcare provided at no cost. (Child can attend with TSS)

Parent/Professional Forum: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Featuring Parents of children with autism, clinicians, educators & healthcare professionals.

Join the discussion as we talk together about practical approaches to treatment, the latest interventions, challenges, and tips for success.

Breakout Sessions: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (30 minute session)

- *Handling Transition Challenges*, presented by Janet Pawlowski (KaleidAScope)

- *Transitions to College – What's different between High School and College?* presented by Brad McGarry (Mercyhurst University)

- *Caring for the Caregiver*, presented by Dr. Karen Morahan (The ARC of Erie County)

- *Impact of Daily Meals, Tips for Adding Variety*, presented by Helen Agresti, Registered Dietitian

- *Accepting and Coping* presented by Bob Gulick (Achievement Center)

PLEASE RSVP to Bob Gulick, 814-459-0519 or email [BobGulick@Achievementctr.org](mailto:BobGulick@Achievementctr.org) no later than April 9th

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## April 2, 2016 - Light It Up Blue - 8 p.m.

One of Erie's iconic landmarks - the Mercyhurst University Old Main Tower - will be bathed in a blue light as the university joins with the international community in commemorating the United Nations-sanctioned World Autism Awareness Day on Saturday, April 2. Organized by Autism Speaks, "Light It Up Blue" is a unique global initiative that kicks-off Autism Awareness Month.

## Blue Bicentennial Tower

The Port Authority of Erie has agreed to light up the bicentennial tower in blue for the month of April, in recognition of Autism Awareness month. Be sure to spread the word about why the tower is blue!

## April 21, 2016 Ask the Experts

The Barber National Institute is hosting this open mic session from 11:30-1:30 p.m. The panel of experts are from various departments (i.e. PT, Speech..) within the Elizabeth Lee Black School. Anyone is welcome to attend, and the format will be an open discussion for anyone from a family with autism who has questions of any kind. Free admission; refreshments provided. *RSVP REQUIRED* to [laurenglass@barberinstitute.org](mailto:laurenglass@barberinstitute.org) or 878-5903.

## Parent Transition Training

### Saturday April 16, 2016 9am-noon

Are you prepared for when your child graduates and do you know what adult services are available? Need more info about transition planning for your child who has an IEP? Training will be held at the Northwest Tri-County IU5 (252 Waterford St. Edin, PA). To register contact Michele Kulesza (814) 734-5610 ext. 7070 [michele\\_kulesza@iu5.org](mailto:michele_kulesza@iu5.org)

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## 15th Annual Walk for Autism

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The 15th Annual Walk for Autism will be held at the Rotary Pavilion (between Beaches 6 and 8) along the beaches of Lake Erie at Presque Isle State Park.

Parking available at Beaches 6 & 8 with **SHUTTLE SERVICE** available at Beach 6 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

The two-mile leisurely walk starts promptly at 11:00 a.m. and is held to increase awareness of autism, fund projects and activities for individuals with autism in our community, and to support national research. Adults and children alike may rollerblade or ride along in strollers or wagons.

*Pre-register before April 1<sup>st</sup> to guarantee your 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Autism commemorative t-shirt. For information or to register online, please visit [www.nwpa-asa.org/walk](http://www.nwpa-asa.org/walk)*



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