

# **AUTISM SOCIETY**

*Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism*  
Greater Cleveland

## Autism Society of Greater Cleveland Newsletter

Weekly Newsletter: November 30, 2010



### **Happy Holidays!**

Our Holiday party is right around the corner, and we hope to see you all there. Please mark your calendar for Saturday December 4th, 2010. The party will take place at St.

Michaels Woodside.

The party goes from noon through 3:00pm. There will be gifts for all children. Please RSVP by November 26th with your name, how many people, and the age and gender of the children that will be attending. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Note: The holiday party is the last day to purchase tickets for the Texas Hold 'Em

Tournament and be entered into the drawing to win \$75. We will have tickets available at

Dear ASGC members,

It is almost time to welcome the winter weather once again to the Greater Cleveland area! We have plenty of great events coming up to keep your mind off the snow. Check out the Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party!

### **"Is Your Child a Target of Bullying"**

Participants will gain an understanding of the different types of bullying, symptoms that children display when they are being bullied and the characteristics of a bully. Anti-bullying programs are available to assist parents and schools will be presented, as well as, how parents can work with schools to create a safer environment. Parents will learn strategies to teach their children, if they are bullied.

**When:** 12/6/2010 6:30pm-8:30pm/ 12/14/2010 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Where:** Independence Civic Center- 6363 Selig Dr. Independence Oh, 44131/ Avon Lake Library- 32649 Electric Blvd. Avon Lake Oh, 44012

**Who:** Barb Rutt

**Bio:** Barbara Rutt, Parent Advocate/ Trainer, OCECD-Cleveland Chapter.

Barb has been with OCECD since 2002. She provides information, training and support for parents in Cuyahoga County. She is a lead trainer in the northern part of Ohio in the, "It's My Turn" transition training for students age 14-21. Previously Barb was a Parent Mentor for Cleveland Municipal Schools from 1996-2002. Barb has an Associate degree in Applied Science/ Human Services and currently holds an Ohio license as a social worker assistant. Barb has three children; the youngest challenged with autism.

**Note:** No child care provided

**Cuyahoga Valley Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party**

the party.

**First Annual Texas Hold Em Tournament:**



Our first annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament will be held on **Saturday January 15, 2011.**

Purchase Tickets by December 4th and be put into a drawing to win your money back. Don't miss out on a night with good friends for a good cause! Please see our website to purchase tickets or to view the flyer.

[Texas Hold 'Em](#)

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## To Benefit the Autism Society of Greater Cleveland

**When:** December 9, 2010 4:30pm

**Where:** Hoggy's Restaurant- 5975 Canal Road, Valley View, Ohio 44125

**What:** Appetizers provided. Cash bar available. Networking.

**RSVP:** 216-573- 2707

**Cost:** \$5 Donation to ASGC

Open to EVERYONE!

**GREAT NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY!**



## Winter Dance for Adults and Teens with Disabilities

**When:** Sunday December 5, 2010 4:00pm-5:30pm

**Sponsor:** Madnel JCC

**Where:** The Mandel JCC 26001 Woodland Rd., Beachwood, Oh 44122

**Cost:** \$5.00

**Register:** Caroll Anne Cohen 216-831-0700 or email:

[cohen@mandeljcc.org](mailto:cohen@mandeljcc.org)

[www.milesetones.org](http://www.milesetones.org)

## Upcoming Meetings and Movies:

### Sensory Friendly Movies:

**12/11/2010:** Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader

All movies are at 10:00 AM at AMC's Ridge Park Square, 4788 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, OH 44144. Admission is Reduced to \$4.50 AMC Entertainment (AMC) and the Autism Society have teamed up to bring families affected by autism and other disabilities a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis with the "Sensory Friendly Films" program. In order to provide a more accepting and comfortable setting for this unique audience, the movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down, families will be able to bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements will be shown before the movie. Additionally, audience members are welcome to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing - in other words, AMC's "Silence is Golden<sup>®</sup>" policy will not be enforced unless the safety of the audience is questioned.

**Monthly Support Meetings:**  
**Independence**

**When:** 1st Monday of each month

**Time:** 6:30pm-8:30pm

**Where:** Independence Civic Center- 6363 Selig Dr, Independence Ohio, 44131

**Speaker/Topic 12/6:** Barb Rutt/ Bullying

**Speaker/Topic 1/3:** Wendy Kolmorgan/ Pediatric Dentistry

**Avon Lake:**

**When:** 2nd Tuesday of each month

**Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm

**Where:** Avon Lake Library- 32649 Electric Blvd, Avon Lake Ohio, 44012

**Speaker/Topic 1/11:** Wendy Kolmorgan/ Pediatric Dentistry

**Adoption Opportunity**

Giovanni- Male- Born February 2004-Diagnosed with autism

**Contact:** Hilda Bowman, LSW- Caring For Kids, Inc.

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Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate your efforts to help out in the autism community. Hope you have a good week!

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