



Connecting the Pieces

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Fundraiser huge success; Doyles inducted into "Hall of Fame"

Proceeds from the 5th annual ASP "Connecting the Pieces" fundraiser will be sending scores of children with Autism to camp this summer. Thanks to dinner organizers Charles and Carol Carlan, over 375 people attended the gala evening where "Auctioneer" Kevin Doyle coaxed participants to donate liberally on items in various live and silent auctions.

Kevin and Jenny Doyle, who chaired last year's dinner, were inducted into ASP's "Hall of Fame." The "Hall of Fame" was established by the Doyle's in 2007 and was bestowed on three key couples who are active in ASP causes. After moving to Pensacola in 2006 the Doyles began looking for a way to make an impact on their community. Out of the love they have for their granddaughter, Bella, who has autism, they decided to support those in our community who live with autism. Having attended the 2006 Annual Dinner where Quint Studer spoke on "making a dif-

ference," they were inspired to become involved with ASP, especially with the Kids for Camp program. They wanted to "make a difference" in the camp's impact and the level of community support. By creating a "highly-visible" board of area business leaders to oversee and direct the development of our organization, ASP has blossomed and reached many goals which were just beginning to bud.

When ASP reaches its goal of a physical "One-Stop Shop" to support families with autism, an actual wall of fame will be built to display photos of the Hall of Fame recipients: Quint and Rishy Studer; Julian and Marilyn Irby, and Logan and Sharon Fink and the newest addition – The Doyles. Kevin, Pres. and Publisher of the Pens News Journal and VP of the ASP Exec Board and Jenny, who is involved in numerous aspects of ASP, including GASP (Grandparents Group) and various committees, including camp, were in charge

of the incredible Auction for this year's Dinner. Thank you, Jenny and Kevin, for your dedication to making Pensacola a 'Center of Excellence' for those living with autism. For more on the Doyles, www.autismpensacola.org. Click on the Newsletter button on the left, and click on Fall of 2006.



Carol Carlan, Dinner Chair, presents the "Hall of Fame Award" to Kevin and Jenny Doyle.

New "Autism Community Spirit Award" given to local business couple

To honor the Fink's legacy of dedication to the Autism community, the "Sharon and Logan Fink Autism Community Spirit Award," has been established to be given to someone in the community every year in their honor. ASP feels the Finks personify the spirit which has advanced community awareness and action.

Since 2003, Sharon, an ASP Council Member, and husband Logan, a PJC instructor, Chairman of the ECUA Board, and member of ASP's Executive Committee, have carried the cause of autism in our community and beyond.

In 2003, Logan organized the "North American Train Ride for Autism Awareness," traveling across America and Canada educating various groups, digni-

taries, and politicians, about autism. While on the train, he wore a huge button which read, "ASK ME ABOUT AUTISM." People approached him with endless questions. To this day the Finks challenge everyone to share the message of awareness, especially to the business community. Their dedication is the impetus to the ASP's current level of success! In fact, the Finks organized the first dinner and auction five years ago at Tiger Point Country Club with 51 community business friends. Look how it has grown! The Spirit of this

award will honor a member of the business community who has heard Logan's message and responded to improve the lives of those living with autism.

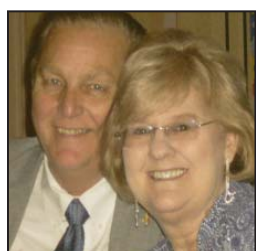
The first to receive the "Spirit" award are Joe and Karen Webb of Formsystems, a company which offers printing, business apparel and office supplies.

In 2005 while picking up the Autism dinner programs from Formsystems, Sharon invited the Webbs to attend, and they did. Coincidentally Joe had just received an e-mail from a

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Joe and Karen Webb



Logan and Sharon Fink

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Awards presented to friends of ASP at annual dinner

2008 Teacher of the Year: Deserai Celeberti

Many of our 2007 teachers at Kids for Camp were enthusiastic, dedicated and eager to learn. However, Deserai Celeberti stood out from the rest. A student about to graduate from UWF, soaked up the new information presented to her like a sponge and began using it everywhere with enthusiasm! She could be found any day at camp with her decorated apron for reinforcers, data

tally clickers attached, dutifully attending to whichever child she was working with.

Deserai was featured last summer in the NBC Nightly News report explaining her work. She served as a shining example to all our staff and for this reason she was named as Kids for Camp Teacher of the Year.

Susan Byram applauds Teacher of the Year recipient Deserai Celeberti at annual fundraiser.



Judy, Richard, Rich and Stewart Burns

2008 Volunteer of the Year: Judy Burns

Judy Burns has been called the “angel in our midst” and the “creator of our vision.” She serves tirelessly to keep our standard of excellence and professionalism first rate. Director Susan Byram refers to her as our “volunteer co-director.”

Serving as “Kids for Camp” creator and ASP board secretary, Judy is married to Rich

Burns who supports her dedication to ASP. Her sons Richard, 12, and Stewart, 11 are her reasons to serve. For all the thousands of hours and mountains of sage advice, ASP named Judy the 2008 volunteer of the year. Read more about Judy’s accomplishments at www.autismpensacola.org, click Newsletter Button, then select Fall of 2007.

2008 Professional of the Year: Dr. Ben Renfroe

In 2002, a small group of parents came together with the desire to improve the lives of those living with autism. Their desire to start a local chapter of the Autism Society of America was stymied by the financial requirements for the charter fee.

However, they approached a local champion for children with autism, pediatric neurologist, Dr. Ben Renfroe who met their need.

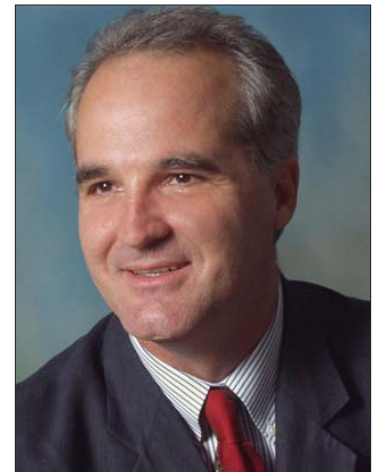
Dr. Renfroe has been an outstanding physician for children with autism as well as a key supporter of families and contributor to causes dealing with autism.

Dr. Renfroe generously supports children and fam-

ilies with his time, talent and energy helping our children and families with his professional skills and keen understanding of the impact of autism on families’ lives.

He continually strives to improve the education and quality of life for those living with autism, and has helped many families connect to our local autism community.

It was with great pleasure ASP recognized Dr. Ben Renfroe as the Autism Professional of the Year for 2008. For more on Dr. Renfroe go to www.autismpensacola.org, click the Newsletter Button, and click on Spring of 2007.



Dr. Ben Renfroe



Carol and Charles Carlan, Dinner Co-Chairs

Carlans congratulated for successful event

Charles and Carol Carlan were Co-Chairs for the 5th Annual “Connecting the Pieces” Gala on March 28 at the Hilton Garden Inn at Pensacola Beach.

Under their leadership, the gala raised enough funds to send at least 65 children to Kids for Camp, up from the 50 children who enjoyed the Camp’s activities last year.

Since its inception in 2004, Charles and Carol have attended every Annual Autism Dinner, and have been tremendous supporters of the organization ever since.

Charles is President/CEO of Hatch Mott MacDonald FL and AL, LLC, a leading global architectural consultant. He and his lovely

wife, Carol, CEO of Carlan Consulting LLC, are prominent community leaders, who have served on numerous boards. They have received countless honors for their generosity and leadership. Among other organizations, Carol is presently on ASP’s Board of Directors. ASP is proud to call the Carlans their friends.

Newsletter Deadline
July 15th
Send copy & photo to:
sharonjfink@yahoo.com

From the director's desk



Spring is in the air . . .

And it is Autism Awareness season! We've had several successful fundraisers, and awareness events are still going on! Once again, our community has shown its generosity and heart for caring about those with needs too big to be carried alone. The legislature, the media and everyone in between seem to be working on our issue—at last!!

The bright spring colors remind me of our multi-colored awareness ribbon. Some have asked about the reason for multiple colors and my favorite explanation is -- it symbolizes both the diversity of autism, and the hope awareness brings. I was recently privileged to witness a great symbol of hope when I attended the wedding of Daniel & Shannon. Daniel has autism and is the son of a personal mentor, Ann Smith. I found myself so emotional all day as I thought about how wonderful that Daniel has reached a point in his life where he can participate in this wonderful ideal of sharing his home with a life partner. At the wedding, his joy was as evident as his anxiety. And everyone was touched as Daniel reminded us all of the joy of being in love. I said to other parents at the event - This is it! This is

what we all want! And I am so hopeful we will see many more weddings and other life milestones for our children with autism. When I think of the difference we made in just 6 weeks last summer, of the continuing impact of all the teachers we trained and of the dedication of our board to lead this community into a place of excellence for supporting all those with autism, hope abounds!

Daniel & Shannon will still need support as they journey together, but they *will* journey together. And from this mom's point of view,

maybe that is as good as it ever could get. And when Daniel danced with his mom to "Wind Beneath My Wings," I knew in that moment, all the challenges which mattered had been overcome!

Whatever milestone you want most, know that, if we all keep working together, more and more of us will get there! Together we are making a difference -- and our children will bless us for it.

Susan Byram

Dreams come true for Smith family



Pictured below Ann Smith, Exec. Director of Santa Rosa ARC, fixes son Daniel's tie before the wedding. On left, Daniel and Shannon Finlay cut their wedding cake!



Webbs accept "Autism Community Spirit" award

friend who just found out his child had autism. "That night's Autism Dinner became the defining moment for the Webbs when they became devoted to making a difference for ASP," said Logan Fink. "They make us look so professional with their astonishing originality, while helping to get our message out to the area and the country!"

The entire Formsystems staff, especially their graphics designer Bonnie Wooton, is dedicated to supporting ASP. When newsletter editor, Sharon Fink began experiencing health problems, Bonnie stepped in to help with the layout bringing the newsletter to a whole new level.



Bonnie Wooton

"Now I send photos and stories, and Bonnie works her magic," said

Sharon. Bonnie also helps design other printed materials, promotional items, and apparel for Autism-related events and organizations.

"Susan Byram and I are grateful for Bonnie's hard work, her creativity, her willing spirit and her time," said Sharon.

Formsystems took their commitment a step further by hiring Susan Byram's son, David, last summer. "We encourage businesses to try to incorporate these individuals into their organization," said Joe, the company's VP of Sales and Marketing. "David is a light, he makes us smile," said Karen Webb, company President. "Because the Webbs responded and became committed to Logan's message about autism, the Webbs were chosen without hesitation for all that they do for the Autism Society," said Sharon. "It is not just their generous spirit with financial support, but the incredible amount of work they put into the printing for ASP without remuneration. They exude the 'Community Spirit' and we are so grateful."

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David Byram receives first check from Joe Webb of Formsystems, inc.

Braggin' Rights for Irby, Whatley and West families

David Irby, son of Julian and Marilyn Irby, is 15-years old, severely autistic, and attends Westgate. For the first time, he is playing in the Miracle League. This is a major step forward for David. His mom & dad are very proud!



Marilyn Irby with ball player son David Irby

Congratulations to everyone involved in Miracle League and to all of those who finished out the season.

Holden Whatley, son of Amanda and Jason Whatley, is in the 1st grade at West Navarre Primary School successfully played in the Upward Basketball League in Midway last Fall and was featured on the front page of the Sports section in the Navarre Press on March 27, 2008. Coach Kerry Christopher



Holden Whatley

commented "I started calling him 'Holden the Shooter.' As a child with Asperger's Syndrome who does not like loud noises or being crowded, this was an incredible fete.

Way to go, Holden.

According to William West, the father of 3-year-old **Will West**, Will has been playing a computer game online for several months. The program says each letter of the alphabet, and an animal starting


with the corresponding letter. All Will had to do is press any letter on the keyboard after each letter is done talking. It doesn't matter which key he presses as long as the last letter is completed.

Around his birthday in February he received some foam letters which he plays with in the bathtub. One night Will's mother asked him, "Which one is the A?" He dug through all 26 letters and found the A. So she asked him which letter was the B. He dug through and found the B. In short, he went all the way to Z. Now we just ask him which letter comes next and he completes the alphabet.

Some friends from work said their neuro-typical children still don't know their alphabet at 3 years old. "It made me feel really GOOD," dad said. He also now knows his numbers up to 10.



Three year old Will West knows alphabet in and out of the water.



JAZZY JELLYFISH CAFÉ 2008

WHAT will you find at Jazzy Jellyfish Café?


- Family Style Dining
- Jazzy Music by Joe Occhipinti and guests
- Door Prizes
- Lots of Fun!

WHERE is the Jazzy Jellyfish Café?

- Held in the Gulf Breeze Elementary School Cafeteria
- 549 Gulf Breeze

WHEN can I go to the Jazzy Jellyfish Café?

- First Four Thursdays in May
- Doors open at 6:00
- Serving customers until 6:30
- Door prize drawing at 6:35
- Silent Auction Closes at 7:00



OUR BUSINESS IS REALLY COOKING!
Kid Business on a Mission!

Our third grade class is learning all about entrepreneurship and how to help others. All of our profit is going to be shared between three local non-profit organizations: Family Freedom Foundation,

WHAT would I eat at the Jazzy Jellyfish Café?

Our Executive Chef is Ms. Kim

We offer LOTS of really good food...

- May 1- Chicken Fajitas
- May 8- Asian Ginger Baked Chicken
- May 15- Chicken Fajitas
- May 22- Asian Ginger Baked Chicken

Each night features an appetizer, sides, and a dessert!

HOW do I get into the Jazzy Jellyfish Café?

- TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE
- Limited seating each night
- Tickets Prices :\$12 for adults & \$8 for kids (12 and under)
- 50 Take-Out tickets available for each night

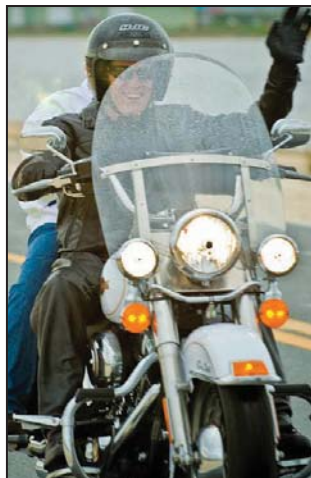
HOW can I HELP the Jazzy Jellyfish Café?

We need:

- Silent Auction Donations
- Advertising & Publicity
- Promotional Items
- Monetary Donations

For More Information Contact
Ms. Jolly (Teacher & C.E.O.) (850) 418-5511
 Email: jollyl@mail.santarosa.k12.fl.us

April Nicole's Annual Ride yields \$4,000



The 3rd Annual Ride for Autism was a great success. Raising awareness and over \$4000 in funds for ASP with over 100 dedicated riders cruising through the rain made for a great day.

Thanks to major sponsor, Jim Irby (pictured left) of Irby Engineering and Construction, Inc.

Many thanks also to Steve Grant, Terrill Iutzi, Duane Sterzing, and Tina and Jeff Grenier. Go to www.april-sautismride.org for more on the Motorcycle Ride. Many thanks to everyone who participated.



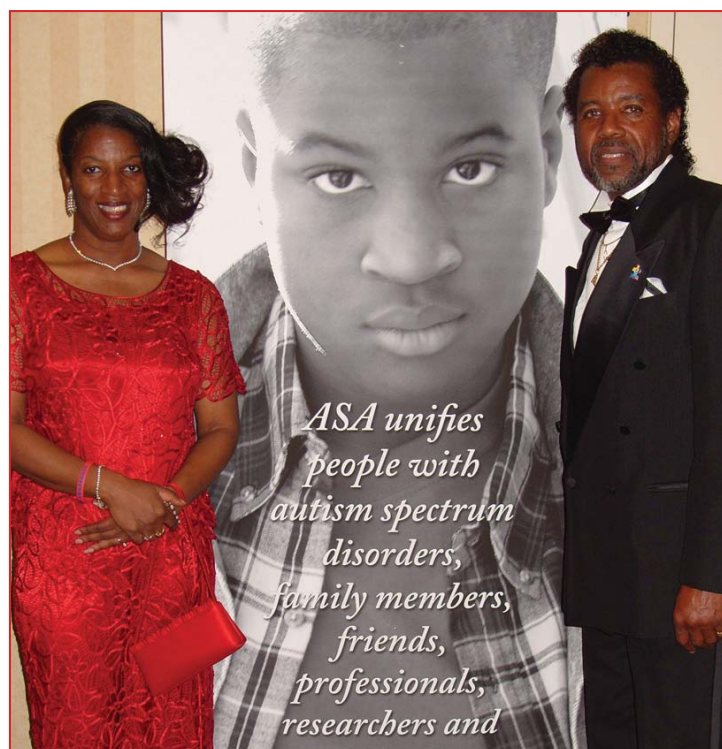
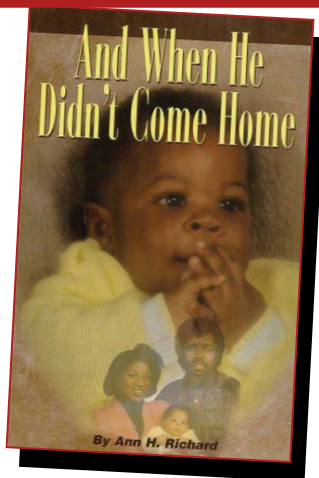
Spotlight on the Richards

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David and Ann Richard stand beside their son King's poster, which can be seen on billboards all over Pensacola and the surrounding area.

The Autism Community owe the Richards a debt of gratitude for their autism awareness efforts. Ann is often asked to speak; she is the author of "And When He Didn't Come Home."

Call 944-9408 if you are interested in her speaking at your organization or if you want a copy of her book.



ASA unifies people with autism spectrum disorders, family members, friends, professionals, researchers and

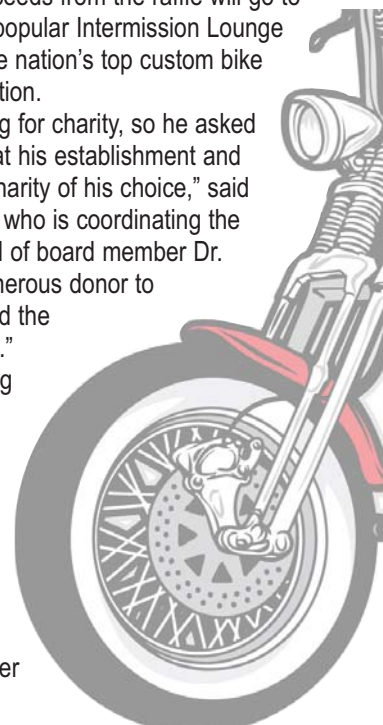
Win a \$40,000 Custom Bike

Thanks to the generosity of two individuals, someone is going to have the opportunity to win a \$40,000 custom-built, three-wheel motorcycle and 100% of the proceeds from the raffle will go to ASP. Mike Ashby, owner of the popular Intermission Lounge downtown, and Twitch, one of the nation's top custom bike builders, teamed up for the donation.

"Twitch wanted to do something for charity, so he asked Mike if he could raffle off a bike at his establishment and Mike would be able to pick the charity of his choice," said ASP vice-president Kevin Doyle, who is coordinating the fundraiser. "Mike is a close friend of board member Dr. Kevin Welch and has been a generous donor to our annual auction so he selected the Autism Society of the Panhandle."

Those interested in participating can purchase tickets at The Intermission, 214 S. Palafox St.

Each Wednesday through Sept. 3rd, ten names will be drawn from that week's entries. On Sept. 6, the 120 finalists will gather for a reception at The Intermission, and one lucky winner will win the bike.



Congratulations to ...

Kevin and Jenny Doyle on the birth of a new granddaughter, Catherine Campbell Doyle, born Friday, March 7, 6 lbs. 10 oz. Parents, Matt and Hillary Doyle, are thrilled with their first child.

William and Kim West on their new baby girl, Ava, born on Thursday, April 17, 8 lbs. 9 oz.

Tina Foley on her new grandson, Evan Nathan Sullivan, born to Shannon Sullivan Friday, May 2, 7 lbs. 15 oz.

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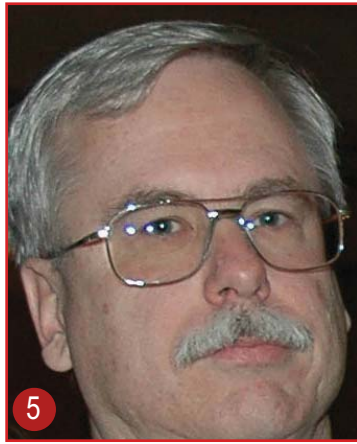
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Over 375 attendees raised enough money

- 1 J. Mort O'Sullivan, Managing Partner of O'Sullivan & Associates, a Member of ASP's Executive Board
- 2 Quint Studer of the Studer Group, Pensacola Police Officer and President of the ASP Executive Board, enjoyed the live auction.
- 3 E. Wulff, MD is a doctor specializing in pediatrics at the Child Neurology Center of NW FL
- 4 Escambia Co. Sheriff Ron and Nell McNesby
- 5 Julian Irby, President of Irby Engineering and Construction, Inc. was one of our Gold Sponsors and one of our year's Hall of Fame winners, along with his wife.
- 6 Kevin Doyle receiving check from Brenton Goodrich at Pensacola High in the IB program. The IB program donated \$1500 to the camp from its annual fund.
- 7 Will Fink and Katie McHugh
- 8 Escambia Co Commissioner Marie Young



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- 9** Marilyn Irby enjoying the evening with her mother. Marilyn is a member of the ASP Council and one of last year's Hall of Fame winners, along with her husband Julian
- 10** ASP Favorites: Back row L-R: Hank Enos, Judy Burns, Rich Burns, Rebecca Sterzing. Front row L-R: Dot Enos, David Richard, Ann Richard
- 11** Carol DeLugo, Autism Consultant for CARD with her beautiful daughter, Christina
- 12** Ron and Laura Scott, longtime members of ASP
- 13** Jason and Amanda Whatley of Navarre
- 14** Susan Byram with Elaine and Paul Klotz of Mobile AL. Paul and Thompson Engineering have been long-time supporters of the Autism Dinners
- 15** Dr. Teresa Mahaffey with benefactor Rishy Studer
- 16** Rod Kendig of Baskerville Donovan, with wife Paula, were some of the first believers and sponsors of the annual Dinner. Rod inspired many businesses to get on board with ASP needs. They were at the 1st Dinner and have come almost every year since. They do much for our community, and we are grateful that they are friends of ASP.



Thank you to dinner committee members and volunteers



Thank you to these and more who did an outstanding job on ASP's 5th Annual Fundraiser Dinner

Charles and Carol Carlan, Dinner Chairs
Kevin and Jenny Doyle, Auction Chairs

Jane Birdwell	Susan Byran
Lyn Cywanowicz	Sharon Fink
Crystal Fulgham	Phillip Morris
Linda Sorrell	Mildred Frate Smith
Susan Scarborough	Gillian Ward



Top left: Auction Chair Kevin Doyle, Publisher and President of Pensacola News Journal, was literally wearing many different hats, from organizing dinner details to garnering thousands of dollars by auctioning off many desirable items donated by members of the community.

Center left: Will playing the flute with members of the band, Smooth Cooper. The group entertained with sounds of soft jazz while guests browsed over countless auction items.

Top right: Crystal Fulgham, who was right-hand lady to Carol Carlan, was an amazing ingredient in the success of the evening.

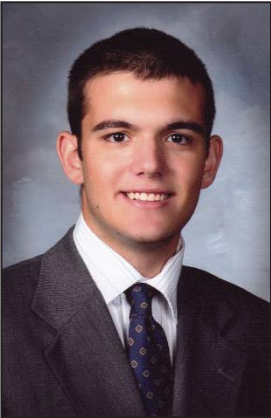
Center right: Lyn Cywanowicz, Dinner Committee member. Thank you to Lyn for supervising the donations, picking up of the gorgeous floral arrangements which she beautifully placed on each table at the Dinner. The flowers added so much to the ambiance.

Bottom right: Carol Carlan, Co-Chair of our very successful dinner. What a great job she did! Thank you to Carol for all of her hard work overseeing the entire event, which paid off handsomely to ASP causes.

Bottom of page: From L to R: Barbara Mitchell, Carol Thomas, Debbie Perry, Lisa Hertel and Gillian Ward. We thank these ladies so much for their enormous contribution of help at the Dinner. **Gillian Ward**, Administrative Assistant to Kevin Doyle, was invaluable to Kevin and Jenny Doyle in the preparation and paperwork for the auction items.



ASP honors their 2008 Graduates



Ryan O'Connell

Michael Bjornstad, grandson of Joan and Bill Harbuck, will graduate eighth grade from Westgate School in May.

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Ryan O'Connell, son of Jacqui and Matthew O'Connell, will be graduating from Catholic High School in May with a regular diploma. He will be attending Pensacola Junior college in the fall!

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Matthew Hollis, has Asperger's Syndrome. He will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in interdisciplinary history and communication broadcasting from Pensacola Christian College. More on this story in next edition of the Newsletter.

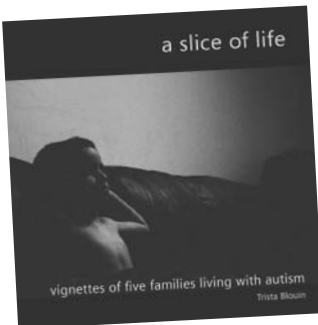
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David Benjamin Byram, son of Mike and Susan Byram, is graduating May 31 from Pace High School. David will work and attend classes in the SITE program on Whiting Field next fall.



David Benjamin Byram

"Pictures are the words" in new book published by Trista Blouin



This 8x8 inch 80-page book portrays stories of five families who have children with autism through the use of photos and anecdotes from their lives. Many have said it is really hard to put into words how powerful this book is until you actually read it "A Slice of Life" was unveiled at the Annual ASP Fundraiser Dinner on March 28 to rave reviews from

those who saw and purchased the collection. Photographer Trista Blouin published the book, committing all the profits to the ASP.

For your copy go to <http://autismpensacola.org/join.htm>, look for the two book options in the shopping list. Click on "join now" for the shipping, or pick up option you want. By the way, you are not joining, that is just a fluke in the shopping cart. You will be able to complete your purchase online by filling out the required information.

Local television news anchor Sue Straughn was so impressed with the book that she featured Blouin as an "Angel in our Midst." Blouin said, "It was a shock to be chosen, and a wonderful honor to be inducted into a group of individuals who have inspired me so greatly."

ASP is grateful to Blouin for contributing something far greater than money can buy -- a beautiful book which compels readers to understand autism and calls them to action.

Leaning Post Ranch offers health, hope and healing

"Riders, Reverse". "Riders, Diagonal". Both are commands given loudly and said with confidence to other riders on horseback in the arena. What makes this scenario so unique is that all the riders have autism. What is even more amazing is that these children live right

here in the Pensacola area.

On Saturday, May 3rd, these children performed together for the first time as a drill team at an Open house/Dedication at the Leaning Post Ranch in Molino, Florida. Led by the groups' Captain, Ryan O'Connell, the group

has all ridden at the ranch for varying amounts of years. The drill team consists of Garrett Little, Lauren Crouse, Robin Grossman and Ryan O'Connell. They have all known each other for years, but have never ridden together as a group until recently. The chemistry between the four has been remarkable. They have practiced for several months and have worked incredibly well together. While watching them perform one would never know that they are children on the spectrum.

The Leaning Post Ranch is a Premier Accredited Center of the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA). The Ranch's mission is to provide equine assisted activities and therapeutic riding to individuals with disabilities and at-risk youth in Northwest Florida. They offer health, hope and healing through horses. Fran and Newman Gersin are the Executive Directors of the Ranch. Information on the Leaning Post Ranch is Phone: 850-587-5940, email:

ngersin@frontiernet.net.



L-R Ryan O'Connell, Garrett Little, Lauren Crouse, Robin Grossman

Friend of ASP: Jane Birdwell of BPM



Jane Birdwell

Jane Birdwell, a managing partner of Birdwell Photography and Multimedia (BPM) in Pensacola, has given much of her time and efforts to ASP.

"We appreciate her work on the last two annual fundraising dinners. The logo design, dinner programs, the media presentations -- all added a new dimension to our fundraising

capabilities," said Susan Byram. Jane and her business associates have been an invaluable asset to ASP's image and efforts.

ASP would like to congratulate her on two recent honors. BPM won big this February at the annual advertising awards garnering 16 Addys, and the coveted Best in Show.

Jane was also honored recently as "The Innovator of the Year," an award given by the Pensacola Business Journal's Outstanding Women in Business Awards. The ceremony was part of the second annual Gulf Coast Women's Expo at Pensacola Junior College.

Since their doors opened in 2001, BPM has made a commitment to several area not-

for-profits inspiring other agencies to do the same. BPM has shown a sincere desire to change the community they live in and make it a better place for the most vulnerable.

"Our work with the Autism Society of the Panhandle has been a very rewarding experience because of the significant improvements, changes and impact the organization has made over the past two years," Jane said. "Everyday we empower individuals and businesses with the absolute best tools to launch, grow and succeed - it is an absolute honor and pleasure to do the same for a non-profit outfitted with great leadership like the Autism Society of the Panhandle."

Take me (and the family) out to the ball game

Autism Awareness Night at Pelican Park

Monday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m.

**To Purchase Tickets
in Advance**
Contact any ASP member.
Adult tickets - \$8
Children/Military - \$7
OR
**Just Come to the Gate
on Game Day**



Pensacola Pelicans vs. Shreveport Sports

ASP President Quint Studer has declared
May 19th

Autism Awareness Night at Pelican Park!

Let's go out to the ballgame!!

Through the generosity of Terri Levin at our Gala Dinner, sponsorship of the night is covered!

Don't miss this wonderful night at the ball park.

Tell everyone you know!

Quint has challenged us to make this the first Monday night sell out in Pelican history!

Let's do it!!

Special awareness events will educate the community about autism while everyone has a great time.

Let's hit a homerun for Autism!

All regular ticket sales will benefit ASP and Kids for Camp!!!

Upcoming events

Check Website for meetings which will resume in August or September

ASP Regular Evening Meetings:

6:30 pm, 3rd Tuesday, ARC Gateway Center.

May 20th: Camp Meeting for Volunteers and Parents. Important for volunteers and parents of those involved in Kids for Camp as valuable information will be dispersed and questions answered.

August 19th: Subject TBA. Check website.

ASP Council: 10 am, 4th Thursday, ARC Gateway Admin Building at 10th and Fairfield. August 21st

GASP (Grandparents of the ASP): 11:30 am, 3rd Friday, Olive Garden. May 16th then September 19th.

Social Group: June 7th 11 a.m. (June 14th Rain Date), Sam's Fun City. \$12 per person. Must have reservation and money for all attendees no later than Saturday, May 31st. Contact Rebecca Aman (waman@panhandle.rr.com) for information and to RSVP.

ASP SALT WATER FISHING DAY



May 10th at 7:00 a.m.: Southside Park, 1070 Shoreline Dr., Gulf Breeze, first 20 kids that show up will receive a free fishing pole, tackle box; everything you need to go fishing.

Note: The children will need a guardian with them. No one needs a license when saltwater fishing from a beach. **Thank you to Ron Weeks** for setting up and organizing this great event, and to **Pensacola Pelican Coach Pete Della Ratta** for donating the fishing gear!

ADA (American Disabilities Act) DAY

July 26th: Welcome Center at 3-Mile Bridge, Wayside Park, 17th Ave.

HEALTH FAIR

May 17th: 9 am to 1 pm, Sacred Heart Hospital in Pace, ASP will have a booth there and volunteers are needed.

Check Website for meetings which will resume in August or September

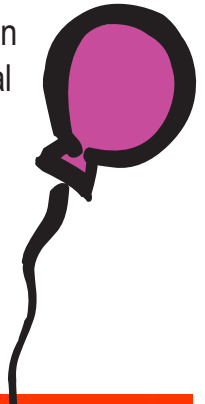
GASP plans fun for annual end of school fling

GASP will be hosting an End-of-School Picnic on May 24th, 10 am to 1 pm (set-up time 9 am) at Bay View Park, 2001 E. Lloyd St. in East Hill. Coming from the beach take a right on Mallory off of 17th Ave. Going south on 12th Ave., turn left at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church onto Mallory.



change of clothes. They have lots of fun things planned. So come join the annual end of school fling for a day of fun.

RSVP by May 19th to Jenny Doyle, jdoyle53@aol.com, 607-6951 or Joan Harbuck, joanharbuck@hotmail.com, 432-6903.



GASP will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks.

Please bring a side dish -- salads, desserts, chips, veggie trays, fruit

trays, etc. Four nice playground areas are located near our picnic area. Also a fenced-in pier where you can fish if you would like to bring fishing rods.

GASP is planning to have water balloons so bring a towel and maybe a



Autism Society of Pensacola

ASP Council

ASP Council is our hard working group of volunteers who deal with the details of day-to-day operations of our organization.

See our Calendar on page 7 for details.

Everyone is welcome and needed!!

Together, we make a BIG difference in the lives of families living with Autism. Many committees (from supporting Susan to mentoring parents to helping with various groups to submitting a grant) exist where you may serve and help us continue our successful programs.

Susan Byram, ASP Executive Director

Council Members

- Rebecca Aman, Social Groups
 - Nicole Brown, Chat Groups
 - Jenny Doyle, GASP & Dinner
 - Sherry Ewy, Parent Mentoring
 - Sharon Fink, Newsletter
 - Tina Foley, Support
 - Tiffany Geri, Programs
 - Joan Harbuck, GASP
 - Marilyn Irby, Membership
 - Jessica Lapen, Support
 - Jeanie Lundy, Support
 - Jacqui O'Connell, Webmaster
 - Beth Plant, Membership
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 - Rebecca Sterzing, Camp
 - Elena Porter, Support
 - Amanda Whatley, Support
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 - Pam Weiseman, Support
 - Cynthia Williams, Support
 - Regina Williams, Support
 - Bonnie Wooton, Newsletter Asst.
- Many serve on more than one committee, e-mail Susan Byram or Sharon Fink for contact information.

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Welcome New Members

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Welcome New Business and Community Leaders

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Thank you to our renewals

Angelica Orman
 Lidia Lambert & Family



Susan Byram, Executive Director AND the heart and soul of ASP, watching all the fun at the annual auction.

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