



# ASM News

May/June 2011

## 23rd Annual Autism Conference - A Success!

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Our 23rd Annual Conference which took place on April 28th was a resounding success. Presentations by Carol Kranowitz, author of "The Out of Sync Child" and Dr. Richard Solomon, the P.L.A.Y project were very well attended and enjoyed. We would like to thank our board members and other volunteers who put in many long hours to make this conference possible. We would also like to acknowledge the local businesses which supported this learning event.



Manitoba Pork Council  
[www.manitobapork.com](http://www.manitobapork.com)



Sage Garden Herbs  
[www.herbs.mb.ca](http://www.herbs.mb.ca)



Envy Paint & Design  
[www.benjaminmoore-mb.ca](http://www.benjaminmoore-mb.ca)



Supper Central  
[www.suppercentral.ca](http://www.suppercentral.ca)



CD Whyte Ridge Pharmacy  
And Specialty Compounding  
[www.cdwhyteridgerx.com](http://www.cdwhyteridgerx.com)



Manitoba Egg Farmers  
[www.mbegg.mb.ca](http://www.mbegg.mb.ca)

Zensations  
Calming & Alerting Tools

[www.the-mulberry-tree.com](http://www.the-mulberry-tree.com)

### Memberships

Memberships are now overdue.

A membership with Autism Society Manitoba ensures that you have access to our services and supports as well as a strong voice in advocating for those with ASD. Memberships are due each January [www.autismmanitoba.com](http://www.autismmanitoba.com) [info@autismmanitoba.com](mailto:info@autismmanitoba.com)

Manitoba Hydro  
[www.hydro.mb.ca](http://www.hydro.mb.ca)

FDMT  
Sensory Tools and Solutions  
[www.fdmtd.ca](http://www.fdmtd.ca)



## Special Kids Day At the EX

June 22, 2011

Once again, we are fortunate to have received passes for children to attend the Special Kids Day at the Ex. The purpose of this day is to give children who are not able to attend the Exhibition at the regular public time the opportunity to attend. For some of our families, this works out very well because the regular midway is not open, the crowd is much smaller and the wait time for rides is minimal compared to the regular exhibition hours.

The Exhibition office has recognized that many of our children over the age of 10 would benefit from this low key event. **The special consideration for older children is specifically for those who cannot attend the EX during regular hours due to sensory issues.** They will allow children with special needs over the age of 10.

Other criteria apply.

Contact us **BEFORE JUNE 3, 2011**

[programs@autismmanitoba.com](mailto:programs@autismmanitoba.com)

Ph: 204-783-9563 or 223-9985

## Summer Bowling Event

Autism Manitoba invites those with ASD and their immediate families to join us for a fun afternoon of bowling.

**Where:** St Vital Bowling (corner of Bishop Grandin and St. Annes)

**When:** Saturday June 18, 2011  
1:30 - 3:30

**Cost:** No Charge

**Space is limited so please register early to avoid disappointment.**

**Must register by June 11th**  
Indicate your name and number of adults and children attending.

[programs@autismmanitoba.com](mailto:programs@autismmanitoba.com)  
Ph: 204-783-9563 or 223-9985



With thanks to the Winnipeg Goldeyes Community Zone, we have been allocated 100 tickets for a baseball game. These tickets are donated and we would like to see our section full of baseball fans.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**  
**1:30 PM**

**Shaw Park (formerly CanWest Park)**

**IF YOU WISH TO BE IN THE DRAW TO OBTAIN TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT 783-9563 OR EMAIL [programs@autismmanitoba.com](mailto:programs@autismmanitoba.com) no later than 5:30pm Monday June 2nd.**

A random draw for tickets will be made on June 3, 2011 and you will be contacted by email or telephone if you are a winner.



## Save this date!!!

Autism Society Manitoba is hosting their  
**5th Annual Walkathon .**

What better way to celebrate than with  
someone who is celebrating their 25th  
anniversary?!

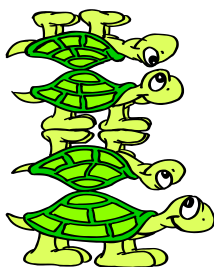
We'll give you a clue:

If you can count by two's and tie your shoes,  
come on out to the ASM Walkathon.

**Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Kildonan Park  
Registration at 10am walk at 11  
Entertainment at noon

Stay tuned for more information.

[www.autismmanitoba.com](http://www.autismmanitoba.com)



## ASM Happenings

- ASM Board Members manned a display at the Manitoba College of Physicians and Surgeons Annual Conference
- ASM Board Members will appear on Breakfast Television Thursday May 26 to discuss the issue of bullying
- Hosted a Movie Morning on April 16th with many new families attending
- On Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>, a meeting took place at SMD. We invited a group of service and support providers to the table for a discussion on what each provided, where the duplication might be and how we can possibly collaborate on new programs and services. ACL Winnipeg, Disabilities Issues Office, Music Therapists, Drama, OHEYS, Rady Centre, MATC, Mfeat and others were around the table.

The next step is for the facilitator to assemble the information shared and send it back to the participants for review. We will then meet again to have more discussions on what supports and services are needed for our children, adolescents and adults.

Autism Manitoba is proud to have initiated this meeting for you, our members.

More information will be forthcoming and your input will be requested after the information is organized.

To allow our members some **Summer Recreation Options**, Autism Society Manitoba has put together a Summer Recreation Program. In this initial year of the program, we will support the cost of one event for your child/young adult.

Criteria:

Ages 12 – 21

- Cover the cost for items such as: Entrance fees to festivals such as Morden Corn & Apple, Fringe Festival show, MTYP play, Demolition Derby admission, Winnipeg Speedway admission, Cost of horseback riding in Birds Hill Park, Mini golf, Go Carts, Fun Mountain
- Covers activities that take place from June 30 – September 15 ( some exceptions may be made)
- Will cover the cost for the member and one support person or friend up to a maximum \$ amount
- Requests will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis
- Requests will be accepted from all regions of Manitoba

All requests must be made to ASM at [info@autismmanitoba.com](mailto:info@autismmanitoba.com) before **JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

View our website for COMPLETE details [www.autismmanitoba.com](http://www.autismmanitoba.com)

**April 17 & 18th 2012  
Autism Society Manitoba  
Conference**

Autism Society Manitoba is very excited to be bringing **Paula Kluth** to Winnipeg for our 2012 Conference.



Dr. Paula Kluth is a consultant, author, advocate, and independent scholar who works with teachers and families to provide inclusive opportunities for students with disabilities and to create more responsive and engaging schooling experiences for all learners. Paula is a former special educator who has served as a classroom teacher and inclusion facilitator. Her professional interests include differentiating instruction and inclusive schooling.

She is the author or co-author of ten books including: *"You're Going to Love This Kid": Teaching Students with Autism in Inclusive Classrooms*; *A Land We Can Share: Teaching Literacy to Students with Autism*; *The Autism Checklist*; *Joyful Learning: Active and Collaborative Learning in the Inclusive Classroom*; and *From Tutor Scripts to Talking Sticks: 100 Ways to Differentiate Instruction in K-12 Inclusive Classrooms*. Paula is also a director of a documentary film titled *"We Thought You'd Never Ask": Voices of People with Autism*.

Visit Paula Kluth's websites:

<http://www.paulakluth.com/>  
<http://differentiationdaily.com/>

On Facebook - Paula Kluth

Earlybird registration information will be out soon. If you would like to be adding to the conference e-mail list, please contact:

[programs@autismmanitoba.com](mailto:programs@autismmanitoba.com)



We're excited to let you know that registration has opened for the 2011 Kids Bowl Free Summer Bowling Program. Over 1.6 million kids participated last year alone!

You'll need to enter a new username and password to register for this summer.

It's simple to get registered...

#1 - Visit [https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/center.php?alley\\_id=5675](https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/center.php?alley_id=5675)

#2 - Create A User Name & Password and complete the registration process

Get Kids Bowl Free Cards For Your School, Church, Youth Group, Employees or any Organization You'd Like To Tell About The Kids Bowl Free Summer Bowling Program...

ACADEMY LANES (MB) is proud to be a part of the nationwide Kids Bowl Free program that provides 2 FREE games of bowling every day during the summer to kids in our community.

If you'd like us to deliver you Kids Bowl Free cards to your business, school, church or organization to distribute all you need to do is complete the form by clicking the link below.

[Please Bring The Kids Bowl Free Cards To Us Right Away!](#)

There is NO charge for the cards, we pay for the cards and the bowling games.

These cards are great for:

- Students
- Youth Groups
- PTO / PTA Groups
- Employees (Great Way To Say Thanks Without Having To Spend A Dime)
- Any organization that has kids and families as members.

We want families to have a great time this summer in a safe environment. Last year over 700,000 families and 1,600,000 children participated.

Kids Bowl Free was also featured on the NBC Nightly News for "Making A Difference". See the video at

[www.KidsBowlFree.com](http://www.KidsBowlFree.com).

Kids Bowl Free & ACADEMY LANES (MB)

**AGM**

**The AGM that was scheduled for June 7th, 2011 has been postponed and will be rescheduled for August.**

## Resources

### Websites

#### Social

[www.socialthinking.com/](http://www.socialthinking.com/)

#### Sensory

[www.SIfocus.com](http://www.SIfocus.com)

#### iPod and iPad apps

[www.squidalicious.com/2011/01/ipad-apps-for-autism-spreadsheet-of.html](http://www.squidalicious.com/2011/01/ipad-apps-for-autism-spreadsheet-of.html)

[www.itouchforspecialneeds.pbworks.com/w/page/27170032/iTouch-for-Special-Needs](http://www.itouchforspecialneeds.pbworks.com/w/page/27170032/iTouch-for-Special-Needs)

Pre-made, free recipes using Boardmaker

[http://www.speakingofspeech.com/Cooking\\_Materials.html](http://www.speakingofspeech.com/Cooking_Materials.html)

### Books

Autism Society Manitoba has a lending library that is open to all members. Email us for more information.

**Just Give Him the Whale - Paula Kluth**

**The Out of Sync Child - Carol Kranowitz**

**Growing an In-Sync Child - Carol Kranowitz**

**The Incredible 5-Point Scale - Kari Dunn Buron**

**Superflex Series - Michelle Garcia Winner**

## Upcoming Events around Manitoba

### Community Living Winnipeg presents:

**Remembering to Play** is about remembering the essence of who we are, and finding meaningful, creative and authentic ways to express ourselves and engage with life. Play is an important part of us that has never left. When we remember to play, we not only have a fabulous time, but we realize it has great benefits for our overall well-being.

The fundamental purpose is to:

Re-connect to the wisdom of your child-like heart and discover its importance in caring for children and community members;

Learn communication skills that inspire inclusivity and creative engagement; and

Reclaim our power to create with the natural currents of life, connected to our spirit, and fully expressing our gifts, passions and authentic self.

**This session will be held at 120 Maryland.** A light supper will be served at 6:15 p.m. and the session will start at 6:45 p.m. **You must register for this event as seating is limited.** To register, please contact Maridel or Virginia at (204) 786-1414 or by email at [rsvp@aclwpg.ca](mailto:rsvp@aclwpg.ca). For complete information, visit [www.rememberingtoplay.com](http://www.rememberingtoplay.com).

### Autism Portage presents:

Medication Use and Autism Spectrum Disorder  
Monday May 30th  
[www.autismportage.ca](http://www.autismportage.ca)

### Autism Manitoba presents:

Ask the Experts - Moms  
Telehealth - Wednesday, June 8th

**Note: For your community to participate in Telehealth, someone has to notify your local Telehealth location that your community wishes to be signed on. This has to be done to access the Telehealth sessions.**

## Did You Know?

ASM has a volunteer board of directors that meets throughout the year. We have rural representation in the South East and Northern areas of the Province. At all times, we have at least one adult with an ASD diagnosis on the board.

We are a privately funded charity - we do not receive funding from any government organizations.

**Autism Society Manitoba**

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