



Happy New Year!

2017

NEW YEAR..NEW VISION

Chicagoland Autism Connection – FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW YEAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 2017

Easter Seals School and Center for Autism Research, 1939 W. 13th Street, Chicago, IL.

AGENDA

- 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Refreshments, Networking, Introductions
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. SPARK RESEARCH STUDY, Dr. Latha Soorya Autism Assessment, Research, Treatment and Services Center (A.A.R.T) Rush University Medical Center
- 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Create your Own “VISION BOARD” for you and/or your loved one living with ASD
Facilitator: Teresa Woodard, M.A.Ed, M.S.Ed
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. News and Events in the Autism Community

SPARK RESEARCH STUDY

We are pleased to have Dr. Latha Soorya introduce the SPARK Research Study to families that includes the latest research opportunity for families living with ASD. Families will receive \$50 for participating in the SPARK study and the majority of the study can be done online. ***CAC does not promote research studies or products but provides information to families so that they can be informed.** See the attached flyer.

CREATE A VISION BOARD

Did you pledge to get more involved this year? Are you looking to lose weight? Do you want to be a stronger advocate this year? or be more motivated? Did you set financial goals? Are you going back to school? Taking a well-deserved vacation? Making a commitment to meet with your legislators? Buying a new house? Car? Committed to Eating healthier? The list could go on and on....

COME OUT AND COMPLETE YOUR “VISION BOARD”! Our facilitator Teresa Woodard is an expert in goal setting, a CPS Educator. Ms. Woodard feels that the first step to accomplishing your goals is to SET THEM!

Some materials will be available! To make this a huge success....bring your old magazines, newspapers, pictures etc. for you, your son/daughter, student or grandchild and let's make 2017 a year you won't forget!!!

2017 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE :

Are you a member of CAC? Membership to our organization helps us to continue to serve you! Our mission and goals include Support, Awareness/Advocacy, Community Engagement, Education/Training and Inclusive Social Outings! Your membership dollars support our day to day operations including trainings, meetings, workshops and more. Please be sure to join or renew your membership for the 2017 calendar year at the meeting to take advantage of discounts on various events throughout the year! The cost of membership for a family is \$40. Remember: Membership is good January 1st through December 31st. You can also join online at www.chicagoautism.org. Click on the membership form.

NEW THIS YEAR: CAC MEMBERSHIP CARD!!



CAC is a 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit Organization/For more information, please visit our website at www.chicagoautism.org



Chicagoland Autism Connection will host its first bowling outing of the year on Sunday, January 22, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Arena Lanes, 4700 W. 103rd Street, Oak Lawn, IL. 60453
CAC paid members are eligible for two children to attend free and \$10 for each additional person with ASD or sibling through January 2018. (Value of \$100) NON-MEMBERS-\$15.00 per person. Price includes: 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, slice of cheese pizza, 12 oz. soda, fun, networking and end of the year awards ceremony. Parent, guardian or sibling must be present. **NEW THIS YEAR: JUNIOR "A" TEAM BOWLING meets at the same time. AGES 4 to 16.**