



April 2011 Newsletter

## Company News

-Light it up BLUE! April is National Autism Awareness month! Go to your local hardware store and purchase a blue lightbulb to show your support!

-Hurray for warm weather soon! (We hope!) As soon as you know your summer availability please give it to your Senior. The deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>. If no availability is given by then, you will risk not getting the hours you want.

-If you are interested in being on a list for families to call when in need of a babysitter please contact Char ([cgeissman@hotmail.com](mailto:cgeissman@hotmail.com)) or Lindsay ([lhofmann1@wi.rr.com](mailto:lhofmann1@wi.rr.com)).

-Anyone interested in extra hours that wants to be a floater please let your Senior know!



"Be A Hero For Autism" now through Saturday, April 30 by making a monetary donation at any Toys"R"Us or Babies"R"Us store in North America or online at [www.toysrus.com](http://www.toysrus.com).

## Facebook

-If you have a FaceBook account, please find our company page! Go to search and type in Sonnenberg Consultants. We would like everyone to join as we will be posting company updates, policies, open hours, and reminders among other things!

-There are ways on Facebook so that your account remains private even if you are the company's friend or a co-workers friend- go to Settings and select through that. Or else have 2 accounts- a work account and a friends/family account.

-If coworkers can see what you post, remember HIPPA violations (no mentioning of names, places, etc.) Also, take in mind who can see your posts- you want co-workers and families to still see you as a professional.



## Happy Birthday!

4/10 *Kristin Kornelick*

4/16 *Kellie Hoffmann*

4/20 *Sonia Pinero*

4/26 *Char Geissman*



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## Giveaway

[www.hetlandmultimedia.com](http://www.hetlandmultimedia.com) is doing a giveaway with Hip2Save in honor of Autism Awareness month! One lucky reader gets a year subscription to Tap2Talk and a lifetime subscription to [www.hetlandmultimedia.com](http://www.hetlandmultimedia.com) site. Three additional lucky readers also get lifetime subscriptions to Hetland Multimedia. They are also offering a \$10 discount during the month of April for anyone that mentions Hip2Save. Giveaway starts on Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>. Check back and view the newsletter on April 13<sup>th</sup> for the direct link to Hip2Save to enter to win! Check it out!

## Coming Soon

*Wretches and Jabberers* will be in AMC Movie Theatres this April!

In *Wretches & Jabberers*, two men with autism embark on a global quest to change attitudes about disability and intelligence. Determined to put a new face on autism, Tracy Thresher, 42, and Larry Bissonnette, 52, travel to Sri Lanka, Japan and Finland. At each stop, they dissect public attitudes about autism and issue a hopeful challenge to reconsider competency and the future.

Growing up, Thresher and Bissonnette were presumed “retarded” and excluded from normal schooling. With limited speech, they both faced lives of social isolation in mental institutions or adult disability centers. When

they learned as adults to communicate by typing, their lives changed dramatically. Their world tour message is that the same possibility exists for others like themselves.

Between moving and transformative encounters with young men and women with autism, parents and students, Thresher and Bissonnette take time to explore local sights and culture; dipping and dodging through Sri Lankan traffic in motorized tuk-tuks, discussing the purpose of life with a Buddhist monk and finally relaxing in a traditional Finnish sauna. Along the way, they reunite with old friends, expand the isolated world of a talented young painter and make new allies in their cause.

From beginning to end, Thresher and Bissonnette inspire parents and young men and women with autism with a poignant narrative of personal struggle that always rings with intelligence, humor, hope and courage.

For more info. go to <http://www.wretchesandjabberers.org>

Also, check out the latest track from the movie by Scarlett Johansson called *One Whole Hour*.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYMRMb3oDts>

The song comes to us from the soundtrack. Besides having a slew of amazing artists contribute to the record, 100% of the proceeds from the album will go to the Autism Society of America.



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*"Each one of us reaches for higher meaning in our lives, but the lower levels of our existences can obstruct our journey. Which is why this film is most lasting in meaning, forcing our intelligence over reality of our daily lives." –Larry Bissonette*