

March 2007 AST Newsletter

AST is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit limb loss support group.
With AST Chapters in Lancaster and Berks County

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"So others may benefit from us."



As many of you already know, the **Prosthetic Parity Bill in PA**, formerly known as **HB 2718**, has been re-introduced as **HB 317**, and referred to the Insurance Committee. Hopefully we can get HB317 moved from the Insurance Committee back to the **Health and Human Services Committee** where it was originally introduced as HB 2718 by Rep. Bernie O'Neil.

The support this time around is even greater, with almost **45 co-sponsors**. Help us support Prosthetic Parity in PA by getting HB 317 passed into law in Pennsylvania this year.

Now, more than ever, we need to work together to do whatever we can to support HB 317, Pennsylvania's Bill for Prosthetic Coverage. To help us get **HB 317** passed into law, the **AST – Amputee Support Team and the ACA – Amputee Coalition of America**, is holding a **Pennsylvania Day of Action** on Saturday, March 17 from 9 AM – 5 PM, at the Boiling Springs High School, in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania.

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WHAT WE WILL BE DOING: We will be entering collected data, mostly from the "10 in 10" Petitions, into a data base to be used in this campaign. This may not sound exciting, but it is very important. Once the data from the Petitions is entered, we turn every signature into an **activist** who will make phone calls, send letters, and attend the upcoming Rally in this coming April, which is next month.

It is also **St. Patrick' Day**, so those in attendance are encouraged to wear **green**. There will also be prizes to several **lucky** volunteers. See directions to BSHS on back.

Bon Ton Stores Community Day: At least twice a year, Bon Ton Stores makes it possible for local organizations and support groups to raise monies for their support and operation. Last Fall, and just recently, the Amputee Support Team of Central Pennsylvania, with minimal effort and time, raised \$183.00 for the AST.

With a little more effort, and involving more AST Members, more money could be earned to help the AST cover the cost of printing and mailing of its Newsletters, not to mention other operating costs. The AST thanks the Bon Ton for their support.

Look for AST Members to be selling Bon Ton Community Day Coupon Booklets this coming Fall. We sell one for \$5.00, which the AST keeps, and the buyer gets their money back with a \$10.00 coupon in the booklet, plus eight 20% back coupons.



Dick Nickle and DeEtt Fackler at Bon Ton in Carlisle

Bryn Mawr Rehab.

Hospital, Malvern, PA:

Richard Nickle, AST President, and a ACA Certified Peer Visitor Trainer, trained a Peer Visitors Class, pictured here. Included in the class was AST members, eleven year old Sean Brame, and his mother Carol of York Haven, and Gary Cline of Carlisle. The rest of the class was from the Philadelphia area and NJ.



Bryn Mawr Rehab. Hospital's Peer Visitor Class, March 3, 2007

PALS – Promoting Amputee Life Skills: If you are a limb loss person – amputee, you are invited to participate in a nationally tested Interactive program where you will learn to manage your “disability” and improve the quality of your life, and the lives of the people around you.

Pals is underwritten by John Hopkins Medical Center, George Washington University, the Center for Disease Control, the Amputee Coalition of America, and the Amputee Support Team of Central Pennsylvania.

PALS Classes are each Monday evening for nine weeks, and begin on Monday, September 17 to Monday, November 12 from 6 PM to 8:15 PM. The first five Mondays are at HealthSouth in Mechanicsburg, and the last four at Pinnacle Health's Helen M. Simpson Rehabilitation Hospital at the Union Deposit Exit in Harrisburg. To register, contact Susan Tipton, ACA, at: 1-888-267-5669, ext. 8132. For information, and directions: Don Hossler at 717-944-2250 / dehoss@paonline.com or Dick Nickle at 717-258-6849 / dicknickle@aol.com .



“10 in 10”: I am helping to make a change in Pennsylvania!

Prosthetic Coverage Is Good Medicine for Working Families! We, the undersigned, support Pennsylvania’s prosthetic parity bill as sound policy.

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**You'll receive updates about the ways you can support prosthetic parity. The Amputee Coalition of America respects your privacy. Your e-mail address will only be used by the ACA to keep you informed.*

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