

**Mark Your
Calendar**

Support Meetings

First Saturday
of the Month

When:

November 7, 2009
see page 3 for guest
speaker details
February 6, 2010

*No Meetings in
December and
January!*

Where:

Beaumont Hospital
Royal Oak Campus
Administration Bldg
Private Dining Room

Special Events:

December 12, 2009

Holiday Party
see page 3

February 20, 2010

**Do Wops Benefit
Concert for
Fragile X**
St. Clair Shores, MI
more details to come

**Fragile X Association of
Michigan**

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Three Cheers for...



**FXAM's 10th Annual
Golf Outing**

The sun shined brightly during
our 10th Annual Golf Outing.

More details on page 2.

Pictured (top left) Mary Beth,
Trina and Nina.

Pictured (bottom left) Mary
Beth, Karen, Joyce, Nina,
Cassie and Lauren.

Hansen's 3rd Annual Golf Outing

FORE! The west side of the
state was par for the course!

More details on page 4.

Pictured (top right) Grandpa
Hansen & Nick.

Pictured (bottom right) Jim,
John, Cyndi, Ted, John,
and Anne.



Never give up! Thank you Grandpa! by Malinda Popejoy



Over summer vacation. my
Dad took our son, Adam, for a
week. Half-way through the week
he called and told me to bring out
Adam's bike. He's going to ride his
bike! I laughed and said, "OK
Dad."

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The Tenth Annual Golf Outing

Not only did our annual golf outing raise over \$11,000, the sun was shining and it was a beautiful event! Our sincere gratitude goes to the following businesses, organizations and individuals for their generous donations:

The Palmer (\$500+)

Ideal Setech Innovative Companies
(Venegas Family)
Mac Painting Company

The Watson (\$250+)

C. Hawker & Associates
Evelyn Kosch-Mannino

The Player (\$150+)

Allen Park Adult Booster Club
Allen Park Football Committee
Arnaldo's Banquet Center
Jerry & Karen Bishop
Jeffrey Cohen, JD, PC
Florence Coleman
Sandy & Peggy Domonkos
Family Dentistry, PC
Fontanni Meats
William & Kim Holdsworth
Innovative Interiors, Inc
Italia Bakery
Kiwanis Club of Allen Park
Langan-Coutilish Family
Law Offices of Miller & Miller, PC
Liberati's Italian Deli & Bakery
Liberati & Sons Construction
Papa & Mama Rose Liberati
Lincoln Park Credit Union
Maracle Family
Mascari Sales and Marketing, LLC

McCarthy & Smith Construction Services
Sandra & Douglas McClennen Pia's, Inc.
Pomponio Construction
Mark & Malinda Popejoy
Preferred Brands
Rony's Body Shop
Charlie & Inez Roy
Silverton Skin Institute
Sorrento Cheese Company
Theresa Sternicki
John & Susan Sturock
James & Cindy Vickey
John & Nancy Warneck
Watson Engineering
Weed Eraser, Inc.
Wurth Family

We would also like to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals for their donations:

Agemy & Sons Market
Margaret Balogh
Darrin & Ruth Best
Bill & Shirley Cavataio
Nick Coleman
Chris & Sue Curry
Jim Flynn
Lori Friesner
Edmund & Nancy George
Joan Grab
Rosalie Guerra
C. Hawker & Associates
Laurence & Jan Jacobs
George & Barbara Jakubik
Annette Jordan
Julian & Wanda Joseph
Levon & Gloria King
Kelly & Reatha Koson
Jim Lada
Tony Lalli
Deborah Lee

M-Den
Tony & Dora Mangiapane
Bob Mannino
Fred & Stella Marzano
McCarthy & Smith Construction Services
Jeannette McMillan
Jim Morrin
Ray & Mary Murphy
Jerry & Sally Nantais
Jerome & Jeannette Pearsons
Sam & Grace Pizzo
Kelly & Maria Pratt
Douglas & Lois Rich
Lori Schreiber
Sadie Sclafani
Tony & Sue Shannon
Florence Sienko
Skanska USA Building, Inc.
Susan Stearns
Theresa Sternicki
This is Zip Printing
Trader Joe's of Royal Oak
Rose Tripepi
Voutsos Family
Jim & Marge Waltz
Weight Watchers
Charlotte Westbrook
Mitch & Fran Wolski
Jim & Sheryl Wrobel
Mike & Kim Young

FXAM is very grateful to Nina and Frank Liberati, once again, as organizers of this event. And to their family and friends and other FXAM members who assisted in many ways to make this a success! The TEN Liberati FXAM Golf Outings have raised over \$100,000 toward the Fragile X cause!

Guest Speakers—November Membership Meeting

Planning for the Financial Future with a Child with Special Needs



Bruce Abbott, Financial Planner with Prudential

Roxanne Chang, Attorney (her practice includes SSI issues)



Attend the meeting and you will have a chance
to win a prize!



November 7, 2009

7 p.m.



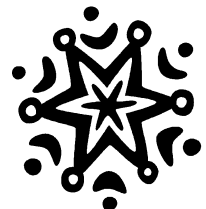
Our annual potluck holiday party is set!

Saturday, December 12, 2009
 5 pm
 at the Cohen home of Jeffrey
 Arlene, Alli and Josh

 Contact the Cohens
 for directions

Holiday Party Raffle
 \$5 per chance
 to win 2 tickets to
 The Henry Ford evening
 event
 (\$150 value)
 during the July 2010
 conference

Please **contact Arlene by December 7** at
 248-569-1236 or a.cohen@fragilex.org to let her know
 what holiday food you'd like to add
 to the festivities of the evening
 and how many from your family will be attending!
 (you are invited to bring the whole family or
 have a "date night" and attend without children)



The Hansen's 3rd Annual Golf Outing **By Kate Hansen**

On September 18, 2009, we held our 3rd Annual Fragile X Golf outing. The outing was at "The Falls" in Kent City, Michigan. The outing is put on each year by my sister-in-law Jil DeJager and her husband Tim. It started three years ago as a way to bring awareness to the brand new golf course that their friend, Harvey Cole, helped design and build. Jil wanted to also raise money for a "cause." Because our son, Nick, has Fragile X; she chose to have the outing for the National Fragile X Foundation. How very lucky for us!!!

This year we had 66 golfers play 18 holes - each hole was sponsored for \$150 each. Golfers could win prizes and money for closest to the pin, longest drive and 50/50 raffle. We ended the day with a delicious Bar-B-Q Chicken lunch. All in all, \$4,380 was raised and donated to the Fragile X Association Of Michigan.

Our son Nick, 11 years old with Fragile X, attends the outing each year. He gets to drive a cart and visit the golfers at each hole. He just loves doing this. And everyone enjoys seeing him there; it gives them the opportunity to experience Fragile X up close and personal. His older brother Josh, 13 years old and non Fragile X, usually also attends, but chose not to this year as he is in the 8th grade and didn't want to miss school. At the end of the outing, Nick is allowed to drive a piece of excavating equipment. This year he was allowed to operate this little bulldozer. HE LOVED IT!!!!

John and I are truly blessed to have such wonderful friends and family help raise awareness and money for Fragile X. We look forward to the 4th Annual Fragile X Golf Outing which is scheduled for September 17, 2010.

Special thanks to the 2009 Hole Sponsors!

All American North Country Store
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 Ottawa Kent Insurance
 Vanderhyde Ford
 Cedar Auto Service
 Napa Distribution Center of Grand Rapids
 Napa Brakes
 Outback Steak House of Grandville
 Grant Napa
 Fremont Napa



Kate and John's son, Nick, doing what he loves best—driving!

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Supporting Fragile X research and education

Unforgettable Favors and Gifts!

Great stocking stuffers or small gifts for teachers/therapists!

100% of all profits will be donated to the research and education for the genetic condition known as Fragile X. Thank you for bringing us closer to a cure!

The Gift of Giving **By Lauren Majeske, FXAM President**

A few stores have already begun decorating for the holidays. It seems a bit early but have any of you begun thinking about the holiday season yet? Why not ask for a gift of giving – a gift to you that would benefit others? Perhaps you draw names at work or within your family. You might want to change your wish list so the gift to you can keep on giving and benefit others!

Perhaps your holiday wish list could include an auction/raffle item for the July 2010 International Fragile X Conference. Or a donation or sponsorship for the conference, an event that will help hundreds of

family members, from Michigan and around the country and world, affected by Fragile X in one or more ways. A gift you receive this season might be able to help your loved ones affected by Fragile X as well as many others! Please consider these thoughts as we enter holiday season.

In addition to collecting auction items for our conference, we are also collecting items for an auction to be held at Eastern Michigan University in February 2010 to benefit a scholarship fund to assist students with special needs to attend EMU. Why not ask businesses for two gifts instead of one? Many are happy to agree to help with both at the same

time. EMU staff members are also asking for items for both auctions. We have donation letters available for both auctions.

A big thank you to Peggy Branch for taking on the position of Auction Chairperson. Please contact her at peggybranch@comcast.net or 248-647-4010 with any questions or donations.

We hope to see you at the November meeting and/or the holiday party! Whether near or far, if you are unable to attend, let me take this time to wish you the warmest of holiday seasons!



"A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book."

Irish Proverb

With all the sleep issues between Fragile X Syndrome and early menopause, you might want to consider finding reasons each day to laugh more!

A big thank you to Mike Makris for creating our new website - **FXAM.org**. Please take a look at the site. It already looks great! Mike, Tina and their son, Hayden, are moving to San Antonio, Texas in March 2010. Our loss is South Texas' gain. They have promised to stay in contact and still return and be very involved in the July



Grandpa! continued from page 1

We've been working with Adam on riding a bike without training wheels for at least 7 years. Anyway, I took Adam's bike out to my dad's house and said, "Good luck!!"

Adam proved us wrong!! When we picked him up on Sunday he was riding his bike, with no training wheels, down Grandpa's driveway. We were so excited!

At home we practiced more with Adam and then as a family we rode our bikes to get ice cream. The ice cream parlor is a mile from our home and Adam made it with no problems. Mark and I both cried tears of joy. We honestly didn't think this day would ever come.

Thank you Grandpa for all your support, dedication, encouragement, and most of all patience!

We love you!  

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Pound the Pavement for Fragile X Auction/Raffle Items Needed

Live Auction Items

Cruises and getaways
Hunting trips

Silent Auction Items/Raffle Prizes

Sporting event packages, signed memorabilia, rare items, jewelry, gift baskets, gift certificates, and much more!

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