

**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



**O**ver 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](mailto:a.cohen@fragilex.org) to let her know

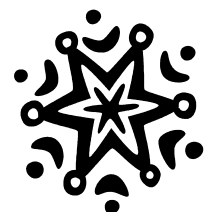
what holiday food you'd like to add

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  
 Tri Us Services  
 R.B. Skid Yard  
 Truck Repair Service  
 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](mailto: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 2010 international conference!

## 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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