



**Wayne-Westland #340**

# **THE NEW LIFE NEWSLETTER**

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**January 2012**



## **President's Message**

Hello Everyone:

Once again we are celebrating the New YEAR

I hope the Holiday's were memorable. We will be discussing and planning things for the new year. If you have any ideas as to what you would like to do or see this year. Please, we would like your input. The newsletters are back to monthly. This might be a little more easier to remember events. Our dances with be scheduled for the 4th Saturday of every month. There will be 2 months with no dances, so please watch your calendar and newsletter for the listings. If anyone is interested in holding an open board position, we can appoint you, just let us know by calling one of the board members on the list.

I hope to see everyone at the Jan. 28th dance at the Taylor Moose; there will be some new themes this year.

*Respectfully submitted  
Mimi Ouellette, President  
Wayne-Westland Chapter #340*

**Circulation: 40 Membership: 35**

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### WHAT IS PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS:

Parents Without Partners, Inc. is an international non-profit, Non-sectarian, educational organization devoted to the welfare and interest of single parents and their children. It's programs and activities are entirely volunteer work of members of PWP, Inc. It is our primary purpose to bring our children to healthy maturity, with the full sense of being loved and accepted as persons, and with the same prospects for normal adulthood as children who mature with their two parents together.

**HOW TO JOIN PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS:  
SEE BACK PAGE FOR COMPLETE DETAILS**

### UPCOMING CHAPTER ELECTIONS

**Wayne-Westland Elections for Chapter Board of Directors is being held on the 2nd Wednesday of January 2012 (Wednesday, January 11th @6:30pm) during the regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting. The back-up date is 2nd Tuesday of February 2012 (Tuesday, February 14th 6:30pm) during the regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting.**

**Location is the Leon's Restaurant 8787 N. Telegraph Rd, Taylor, MI. Nomination Chairperson is Mary Anne. She will be taking nominations for January 2012 chapter elections. You may contact her @ 810-231-1836 to be nominated for President ...or any other office!!**

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#### Ann Arbor #38

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Ann Arbor, MI  
734-433-1668  
Website:  
[www.aapwp.org](http://www.aapwp.org)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 7:30 pm  
Grotto Club  
2070 W. Stadium St.  
Ann Arbor, MI

#### Flint #110

P.O. Box 7645  
48106 Flint, MI  
810-422-5283  
e-mail  
aquarterpint@yahoo.com  
Various nights  
Various locations

#### Monroe #781

P.O. Box 43  
Monroe, MI 48161  
734-625-3773  
e-mail  
fwickenheiser@gmail.com  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Friday 7:00 pm  
Panera Bread  
93 N. Telegraph Rd.  
Monroe, MI

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P.O. Box 85215  
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Leon's Restaurant  
8787 Telegraph Road  
Taylor, MI

Editor's Corner ....

I am sure you have noticed this is a monthly newsletter once again. This is the way we can have informational available that is more current than to complete a 2 month newsletter. As with all chapters Wayne-Westland chapter is responsive to our member requests.

Elections are coming up. Please, please, please consider helping your chapter, help you. Take a position on the board, offer your services to our non-profit organization. Remember we are only as good as the participation of our chapter.

Make 2012 the year to volunteer for Parents Without Partners. Mary Anne

MAKE SURE YOU SUPPORT  
YOUR  
Wayne-Westland CHAPTER  
ATTEND  
OUR FIRST DANCE  
OF THE YEAR  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012  
  
STARRY  
NIGHTS  
  
8PM-12AM  
TAYLOR MOOSE

**Splinters from your W/W BOD**

Your Wayne Westland Board has been busy planning activities and dances for the year. Also they are looking for opportunities for fundraisers for this year

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**35 Current Members**

Renewals.. Larry Bartoloni  
New Members...Tammy Gunn  
Missing in Action.. Zero  
Drops - Zero

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**JANUARY 2012 TREASURER REPORT**

**Treasurers Report:**  
**Current Balance \$5,745.31**

**JANUARY Birthdays ...**

Eilene Partart 2nd  
Mary Jo Kosloskey 8th  
Pat Tokar 20th

**Happy Birthday To ALL**

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**Special Notices...JUST a reminder...**

**JULY 2012 International Convention ...**

Why not start planning to attend the next one. It is fun to meet people from other areas and the workshops offered will expand your knowledge of PWP—not the misinformation so many of us hear. Why not join me — I'll be there .....

Upcoming PWP Events for your calendars ...

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**January 2012**

**Jan 21st HVRC — Regional Conference and BOD elections...PLUS All FITAP and Chapter Awards entries to HVRC**

**January 2012**

**Wayne-Westland Chapter Elections**

**March 2012**

**ZONE D — Officer Training — ALL members invited — it is the last full weekend in February All FITAP—Chapter Awards to Zone**

**March 2012**

**International Scholarship Entries due March To the Scholarship Chairperson PLUS HVRC CHAPTER OFFICERS TRAINING**

**May 2012**

**ZONE D—Zone Conference mid May timeframe**

**JULY 2012**

**PWP International Convention — more details and flyers to follow**

# Steve Jobs and the 7 Rules of Success

Steve Jobs' impact on your life cannot be underestimated. His innovations have likely touched nearly every aspect -- computers, movies, music and mobile. As a communications coach, I learned from Jobs that a presentation can, indeed, inspire. For entrepreneurs, Jobs' greatest legacy is the set of principles that drove his success.

Over the years, I've become a student of sorts of Jobs' career and life. Here's my take on the rules and values underpinning his success. Any of us can adopt them to unleash our "inner Steve Jobs."

- 1. Do what you love.** Jobs once said, "People with passion can change the world for the better." Asked about the advice he would offer would-be entrepreneurs, he said, "I'd get a job as a busboy or something until I figured out what I was really passionate about." That's how much it meant to him. Passion is everything.
- 2. Put a dent in the universe.** Jobs believed in the power of vision. He once asked then-Pepsi President, John Sculley, "Do you want to spend your life selling sugar water or do you want to change the world?" Don't lose sight of the big vision.
- 3. Make connections.** Jobs once said creativity is connecting things. He meant that people with a broad set of life experiences can often see things that others miss. He took calligraphy classes that didn't have any practical use in his life -- until he built the Macintosh. Jobs traveled to India and Asia. He studied design and hospitality. Don't live in a bubble. Connect ideas from different fields.
- 4. Say no to 1,000 things.** Jobs was as proud of what Apple chose not to do as he was of what Apple did. When he returned in Apple in 1997, he took a company with 350 products and reduced them to 10 products in a two-year period. Why? So he could put the "A-Team" on each product. What are you saying "no" to?
- 5. Create insanely different experiences.** Jobs also sought innovation in the customer-service experience. When he first came up with the concept for the Apple Stores, he said they would be different because instead of just moving boxes, the stores would enrich lives. Everything about the experience you have when you walk into an Apple store is intended to enrich your life and to create an emotional connection between you and the Apple brand. What are you doing to enrich the lives of your customers?
- 6. Master the message.** You can have the greatest idea in the world, but if you can't communicate your ideas, it doesn't matter. Jobs was the world's greatest corporate storyteller. Instead of simply delivering a presentation like most people do, he informed, he educated, he inspired and he entertained, all in one presentation.
- 7. Sell dreams, not products.** Jobs captured our imagination because he really understood his customer. He knew that tablets would not capture our imaginations if they were too complicated. The result? One button on the front of an iPad. It's so simple, a 2-year-old can use it. Your customers don't care about your product. They care about themselves, their hopes, their ambitions. Jobs taught us that if you help your customers reach their dreams, you'll win them over.

There's one story that I think sums up Jobs' career at Apple. An executive who had the job of reinventing the Disney Store once called up Jobs and asked for advice. His counsel? Dream bigger. I think that's the best advice he could leave us with. See genius in your craziness, believe in yourself, believe in your vision, and be constantly prepared to defend those ideas.

*Carmin Gallo is a communications coach, a popular keynote speaker and author of several books including The Presentation Secrets of Steve Jobs and The Innovation Secrets of Steve Jobs. His latest is The Power of Foursquare (McGraw-Hill, 2011).*

Huron Valley Regional Council #34  
Parents Without Partners, Inc.  
Presents



**WINTER WONDERLAND**  
Regional Conference

Saturday  
January 21, 2012

**Public Invited**  
Workshops & Dance

**~Conference Location~**

The Grotto Club  
2070 W. Stadium Blvd.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

**Saturday Schedule of Events**

- 9:00 am to 11:30 am —Delegate's Meeting with elections
- 11:30 am to 1:00 pm —Lunch break
- 1:05 pm to 4:00 pm —Workshops—Open to Public
- 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm —Dinner & Installation
- 8:00 pm to Midnight —Frosty Night Dance  
Music by DJ    Cash Bar  
Members \$6/Married Alumni \$7/Guests \$8

Mail completed form with check for \$25 made out to HVRC #34  
\$25 includes dinner and dance

Send to: Kathy Hubbard, 6798 Cheddar Valley, Brighton, MI 48116

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Delegate?    Yes    No



Parents Without Partners, Inc.  
"Where New Friendships Begins"  
Huron Valley Regional Council #34  
**Winter Wonderland Regional Conference**

**January 21, 2012**

8:45 – 9:00 am	Registration for Conference
9:00 – 11:30 am	<b>Delegates Meeting</b> —Members will represent their chapters at this meeting, get up-dated on what's going on. The election of officers will take place today. Remember to bring your membership card as it is required for admission.
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch</b> —Join your PWP friends for an enjoyable meal at a nearby restaurant.
1:00 pm – 2:10 pm Main Room	<b>Workshop I</b> — <b>Ozone House</b> —is a nonprofit agency that helps young people lead safe, healthy lives through intervention and prevention services. They offer individual and family counseling services. Heather Steenrod, development director will speak to us about their various free of charge services.
OR Small Room	<b>Chapter Elections</b> —Easy as 1, 2, 3—Harriet West explains how easily chapter elections can be held. Bring questions so you can help your chapter prosper.
2:20 pm – 3:30 pm Main Room	<b>Workshop II</b> — Bonnie Hilberer, PWP alumni and Toastmaster member, will speak on "Overcoming Obstacles". We all have things that hold us back from being a better person and obtaining higher goals. Bonnie will tell us her experiences to guide us down the path of life.
OR Small Room	<b>Effective Newsletters</b> —Learn what is required to have a quality, informative newsletter to benefit your membership. Harriet West, Regional Newsletter Editor will lead the discussion.
3:40 pm – 4:10 pm	<b>Ask It Basket</b> — Let's get together and review the conference; what did you like or wish to improve upon. All comments welcome.
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm	<b>Banquet &amp; Installation</b> —Join us for a delicious meal, members not attending dinner are welcome to join us at 6:30 pm for the awards presentation and installation of officers.
8:00 pm – Midnight	<b>Frost Night Dance.</b> Music by Mike Jackson DJ. Cash bar. Admission: Members \$6 – Married Alumni \$7 – Guests \$8

—Please Note: Schedule Subject to Change—

# Wayne-Westland Chapter #340

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Happy New Year	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> A <sup>2</sup> - Amigos Webers	<b>6</b> A <sup>2</sup>	<b>7</b> Super Saturday @Belens Discussion Plus MORE
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> HVRC BOD Mtg  A <sup>2</sup> - VolleyBall	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> WW— Orientation Gen Mem Mtg Election BOD LEO AMIGOS @Leon's	<b>12</b> A <sup>2</sup> - Amigos Webers	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> WW Family Hands-On Museum
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> A <sup>2</sup> - VolleyBall	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Monroe's Inter-chapter Gathering Jane's	<b>19</b> A <sup>2</sup> - Amigos Webers	<b>20</b> A <sup>2</sup> - General Mtg	<b>21</b> HVRC Regional Conference Delegates Mtg and Elections PLUS Dance
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> A <sup>2</sup> - VolleyBall	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> A <sup>2</sup> - Amigos Webers	<b>27</b> Monroe's General Membership Mtg	<b>28</b> WW STARRY Nights Dance Taylor Moose
<b>29</b> WW FAMILY Movie Day	<b>30</b> A <sup>2</sup> - VolleyBall					

# Wayne-Westland #340

# January 2012

# SCHEDULE of EVENTS

A = Amigo    BOD = Board Meeting    CI = Community Involvement    E = Education    F = Family  
 GM = Meeting    PM = Planning    R = Recreation    PS = Parent Social    O = Orientation  
 LEO = Let's Eat Out    FYI = For YOUR Information    SP = Sport    OYO = On Your Own

**RSVP's must be done at least 24 hours before the event—otherwise event maybe cancelled**

CODE	DATE	TIME	Particulars
E	Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	8:00-9:00pm	Discussion—Dating again, but first you have to find a date! Mary Anne, moderator. Belen's in Southgate. RSVP Belen and for directions @ 734-281-0683.
P	Jan 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00-12:00am	Super Saturday House Party at Belen's in Southgate. Bring a dish to pass, \$2.00 and byob. RSVP Belen and for directions @ 734-281-0683
O	Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00-6:30pm	Orientation for WW—come meet us and see what our chapter is all about Leon's Family Restaurant located at 8787 Telegraph Rd, Taylor.
GM	Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30-7:00pm	Chapter General Meeting & Elections from at Leon's Family Restaurant located at 8787 Telegraph Rd, Taylor.
BOD	Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:00-7:30pm	WW BOD meeting at Leon's Family Restaurant located at 8787 Telegraph Rd, Taylor.
PM	Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	7:30-8:00pm	Calendar Planning – Let's see what fun, interesting events we can plan for the upcoming months @ Leon's Family Restaurant 8787 Telegraph Rd, Taylor.
LEO	Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:00-8:30pm	Let's Eat Out at Leon's Family Restaurant, enjoy something tasty from their vast menu @8787 Telegraph Rd, Taylor - RSVP Pat @ 248-478-8977
A	Jan 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:30-9:30pm	Amigo's (meet & greet) at Leon's Family Restaurant located at 8787 Telegraph Rd, Taylor RSVP Pat @ 248-478-8977 – Let us get to know you and you to know us
F	Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	2:00-4:00pm	One of our favorite places to go to during the winter months, Hands on Museum in Ann Arbor, located at 220 E Ann Street, Ann Arbor. RSVP Pat @ 248-478-8977
<b>RC</b>	<b>Jan 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8:30am-12:00am</b>	<b>HVRC Regional conference; Delegates Meeting; Workshops; AskitBasket; Dinner &amp; Installation followed by Dance</b>
HELP	Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	7:15-7:45pm	Help Chapter Board members and volunteers set up for our FIRST dance of the year @Taylor Moose
P	Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	8pm-12am	Starry Nights Dance hosted by the Wayne-Westland Chapter @Taylor Moose, 9981 S. Telegraph, Taylor, MI
F	Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am—2:00pm	FAMILY MOVIE DAY not sure which movie but join us any way to see something fun for the kids
			At the time of the publishing of this newsletter NO information was provided by representatives of other chapters — please check with other chapters' representatives

**Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, W. Virginia**  
**Zone D - ACT - All Chapter Training**  
**Parents Without Partners, Inc.**

*"Where New Friendships Begin"*

**ALL PWP Members**  
**Invited to attend**



**Wingate at Wyndham**  
**1-419-228-7000**  
**175 W. Market St**  
**Lima, OH 45801**  
**Rate \$75. a night**  
 Mention PWP by 2/15/2012 to reserve special rate

FREE Breakfast  
 FREE Business Center  
 FREE Internet  
 Fitness Center  
 Meeting Space

**\*\*\*\*\*March 2-4, 2012\*\*\*\*\***

**Friday Night**—8:00 pm to Midnight—Games, Karaoke & Conversation  
**Saturday**— 8:30 am-Noon: Zone Introductions & Reports, Parliamentary Procedures, Making Motions, PWP Website, Use of Manuals, All Chapter & Regional Board Training, Chapter, Regional Awards & FITAP Projects Deadline.

**Noon Lunch - (Part of \$35.00 Package)**

**Afternoon Chinese Auction**

1:00-2:00 pm	President, Admin VP Judy Goodman Harriet West	Secretary & Treasurer Fred Wickenheiser Kay Luft
2:10-3:30 pm	Programming & Family Judy Goodman	Newsletter, Public Relations Linda Fry Madonna Spaeth
3:40-5:00 pm	Membership & Orientation Harriet West Ann Hanson	

6:00 pm DINNER (part of \$35.00 package)  
 8:00 pm to Midnight—Games, Karaoke & Conversation

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 Mail completed form with check for \$35.00 made out to Zone D  
 Send to: Fred Wickenheiser, 2309 East Labo Rd, Carleton, MI 48117

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter/RC \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_



PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, INC.  
**2012 International Convention**  
**St. Joseph, MO**  
**July 11--14, 2012**

# PWP Goes Western

Let's Learn More About the  
*wild wild west!*

*Jesse James, Pony Express,  
St. Joseph Railroad and so much more!*

## Workshops Announcement

Below is a preliminary slate of workshop topics . . .

### PWP Workshops

- Elections/Nominations
- Membership Retention
- Moderator Discussion Training
- Public Relations
- Newsletter
- Awards

*For those who attend the Public Relations, Newsletter and Awards workshops, a Completion of Training Certificate will be presented during the Saturday evening ceremonies.*

### Personal Growth Workshops

- Dressing for Success in Today's Economy
- Personal Development

*Additional workshops will be offered as they are finalized.*

*The Pony Express was noted for always delivering the mail no matter what - weather conditions, holdups, Indians, etc. and so will PWP keeping with tradition of passing on information to help others!*

### Registration

Early Bird Package: \$165

Due Date: April 15, 2012

Includes: Four Meals (One meal each day of the convention), Hot Breakfast, Workshops and Saturday Night Dance

Details will be forthcoming –See Single Parent Newsletter

## **12 Gifts to Give Yourself This Holiday Season Thomas Haller and Chick Moorman**

You probably already have most of your holiday gift list completed. You may have gone overboard on the spending or held tightly to your budget. Perhaps you made a bunch of gifts by sewing, baking, or using your unique talents in a personal way. Now you have crossed your children, spouse, mother, neighbor, close family relatives, and coworker off your list. You have just about completed your gift-giving list.

But wait! Are you forgetting somebody? What about yourself? Are you on your own list? What are you giving to yourself this holiday season? "Give to yourself? That sounds selfish," you may be thinking. Maybe not. Instead of self-ish, giving to yourself might be creating the condition of self-full. And by becoming self-full you might just be giving to others in a unique and important way.

**This holiday season consider giving yourself several of the gifts below.**

**1. Give Yourself the Gift of Alone Time** – Take time for yourself. Find a quiet spot in the house and relax, read, meditate, or take a power nap. Reenergize yourself with rest and relaxation. You are worth it.

**2. Give Yourself the Gift of Intention** – Become intentional. Do what you do on purpose. Create a plan and follow through just as you intended. When you set an intention you set in motion forces that attract whatever it is you need to make that goal materialize.

**3. Give Yourself the Gift of Timelessness** – Refuse to be a slave to the clock. Stop the hustle and bustle of the holidays. You have enough time. Stop focusing on the clock and end the hurry-up pace of the holiday season. You deserve it.

**4. Give Yourself the Gift of Exercise** – Your body is designed to move. Go for a walk, swim, or ride a bike. Strap on the snowshoes, cross-country skis, or hiking boots. Fire up the Wii Fit and work up a sweat. It feels good to move. Give your body what it really wants this year. Fill up on movement.

**5. Give Yourself the Gift of Treats** – Treat yourself to a piece of pumpkin pie or a second helping of mashed potatoes. Take a momentary break from your healthy eating plan. You are not a bad person if you enjoy that chocolate chip cookie or Christmas fudge that Aunt Myrtle made. Just make an agreement with yourself that you won't go overboard and eat the whole pie or polish off the entire plate of fudge. Moderation is the key. Give yourself that key and unlock holiday pleasure for yourself.

**6. Give Yourself the Gift of Seeing It All as Perfect** – You won't always have control over what is happening this December. But you do control how you choose to see what is happening. If your child is being disrespectful to her grandmother, you can see that as terrible or as perfect—the perfect time to help her learn a valuable lesson about respect for the elderly. If your child ignores relatives by playing a new video game, refuse to see it as rude. See it instead as the perfect time to set healthy limits on electronic time.

**7. Give Yourself the Gift of "Getting To"** – When you think you "have to" do something, you create stress for yourself. Drop the holiday stress by changing your thoughts from "have to" to "get to." You don't *have to* bake that pie. You *get to* bake that pie. You don't *have to* drive three hours to be with your parents. You *get to* drive three hours to be with them. And you get to give yourself the gift of "get to" this year. Why not begin today?

**8. Give Yourself the Gift of Loving Service** – Do something for someone else. It feels good on the inside. Warm, peaceful feelings come from serving others. Remember, giving and receiving are one. When you give to someone, you receive a sense of connectedness. Warm yourself with that positive inside feeling this holiday season.

**9. Give Yourself the Gift of Personal Protection** – Don't take what people say or do personally. Grandpa's grumbling about your child's behavior is not about you or your parenting style. It's about him and where he is right now in his own private holiday moment. If Uncle Willie doesn't like the Hanukkah gift you gave him, let it be about him and his personal preferences, not about you or your gift-choosing ability.

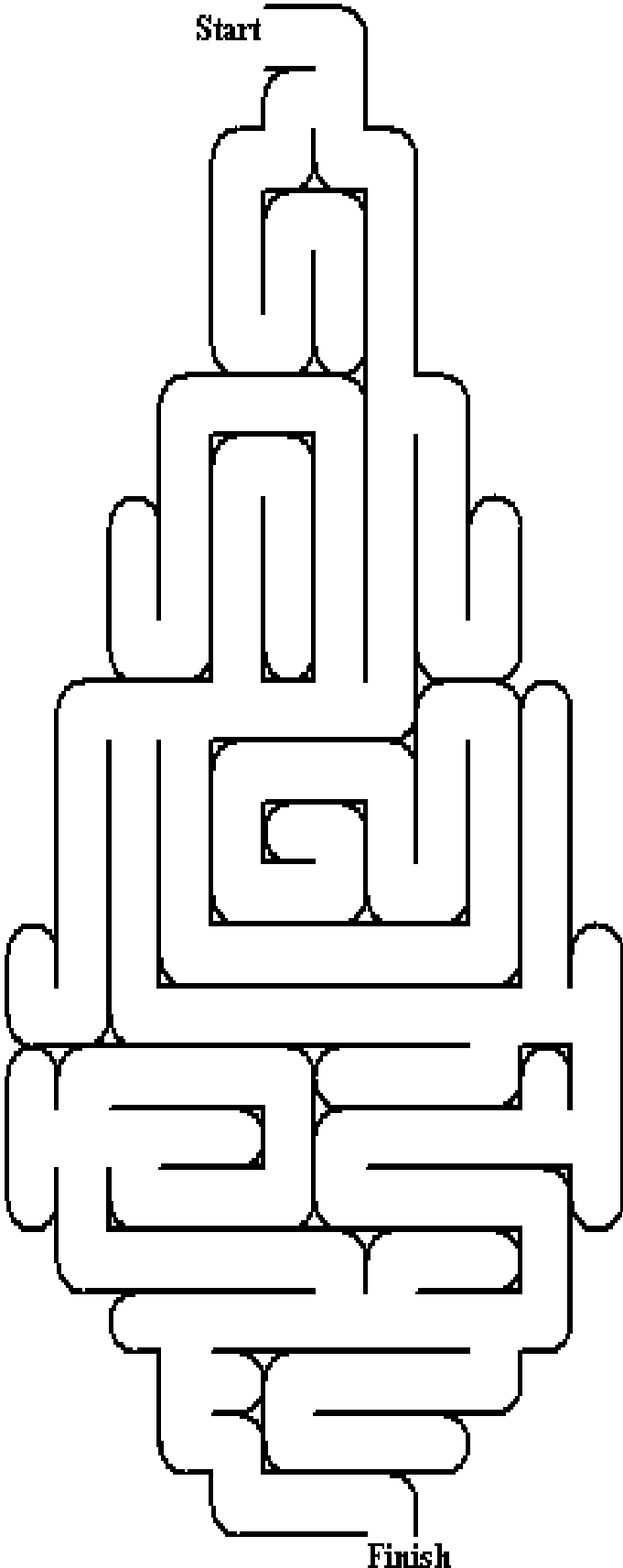
**10. Give Yourself the Gift of Knowing** – You know how your children need to be supported during this time of year. Believe that you know what you know. What you think about what is good for your children is nobody else's business. Go with what you know. Trust that you know what you know about the people around you. You already know that Uncle Joe frequently makes hurtful offhand remarks. So when he does this year, don't let yourself get worked up about it. Uncle Joe is just staying true to himself and what you know about him.

**11. Give Yourself the Gift of Imperfection** – Grant yourself permission to not be perfect. You can make a mistake when cooking the meal, giving a gift to the wrong person, letting the kids eat too much candy, or being late to dinner. You can even drop the turkey on the dining room floor. This meal, this day, this gift-opening ceremony, this trip to church is not going to be perfect. So what? Enjoy it anyway. You and your family are worth the imperfection tolerance that you create.

**12. Give Yourself the Gift of Beingness** – Make a "BE" choice this holiday. Choose to BE happy, quiet, loving, understanding, patient, forgiving, energetic, helpful or reflective. Remember that your beingness is as crucial as your doingness. Let what you choose to *do* flow out of how you choose to *be*. Making a BE choice is an inexpensive and important gift you can give to yourself this holiday season.

The self gifts listed above are not expensive. You don't have to wait for them to come in the mail. You don't have to search through catalogs to find them. No holiday traffic needs to be battled to find them. They are all within your grasp this very moment.

WW —KIDS PAGE



*Dance into the New Year with  
Ann Arbor Chapter 38  
Parents Without Partners  
at our*

## *Midnight Elegance Dance Party*

*Saturday, December 31, 2011*

*8:30 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.*

*Zal Gaz Grotto Club  
2070 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor*

*DJ: Mike Jackson*

*Hors d'oeuvres throughout the Evening;*

*Continental Breakfast at 12:30 a.m.*

*Cash Bar; Open to the Public*

*Dressy Attire*

*Admission:*

*\$15 paid in advance; \$20 at the door*

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*Ticket Information:*

*734.449.2236*

*Dance Information:*

*734.578.3664*



## **WHAT IS PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS?**

Parents Without Partners, Inc. is an international, non-profit and non-sectarian organization of single parents who are widowed, divorced, separated, or never married and who are raising their children alone.

### **Preamble to our constitution**

AS CONSCIENTIOUS SINGLE PARENTS, it is our primary endeavor to bring our children to healthy maturity, with the full sense of being loved and excepted as persons and the same prospects for adulthood as children who mature with their two parents together.

ADULTS AND CHILDREN IN SINGLE FAMILIES face unique and challenging circumstances. For children to mature and flourish in the absence of either parent requires an added measure of love, understanding and sound guidance. To provide these needs is a responsibility inherent in parenthood, regardless of marital status.

THE CHALLENGE of providing for both ourselves and our children a nurturing family life is often complicated by established patterns of community life. Consequently, a need for community resources to assist single parents in communicating and meeting their special circumstances exists.

THEREFORE, IN THE CONVICTION that we can achieve this end through working together, through the exchange of ideas and through mutual understanding, help and companionship which we find with one another, we have established "PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, INC" to further our common welfare and the well being of our children.

**HOW TO JOIN PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS** *TO BE ELEGIBLE for membership in Parents Without Partners, a person must be the parent of one or more children, and be single by reason of death, divorce, Separation, or never married. Custody of children is not a factor.*

ORIENTATION MEETINGS for new members are held once a month. Attendance at one of these meetings is mandatory to apply for membership. Check the Calendar of Events for dates and times.

MEMBERSHIP FEE is \$30 per year (includes Chapter, Regional and International dues). This entitles you all Wayne-Westland member privileges, card.