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- New Website is up and Running!

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Festival of Trees and Lights—December 2, 2006

We are very, very busy getting ready for our biggest fundraiser of the year! This year's FOTL will be held at the South Coast Hotel and Casino. Our special guest will be Chris Burke. We are offering all members an opportunity to meet Chris at a special "Meet and Greet" reception to be held between 4:00 & 5:00 PM at the South Coast on December 2, 2006. This will also give all of our members a chance to see all of the baskets, wreaths and trees that will be auctioned off later that night at the gala. If your family is interested in attending the "Meet and Greet," please call the DSOSN office and tell us how many tickets your fam-

ily will need. To gain entrance, you must have a ticket for each member of your family. If you have any



questions regarding the "Meet and Greet," please call the office.

We are still looking for more tree, basket and wreath designers. All information regarding the FOTL is located on the DSOSN website, www.dsosn.org. You can

download all forms and most of your questions can be answered on the site. There is also a forum page so you can ask questions from other designers or make comments regarding the FOTL. If you would like any additional information regarding the FOTL, please call the DSOSN office and speak with Deann, or email her at dcline@dsosn.org. If you would like to purchase tickets for this gala event, or if you would like to help the day before, the day of, or after the event, please call and speak with Deann. Let's make this year's event bigger and better than ever before. With everyone's help, it will be a fabulous success!

Important Membership Meeting

The next membership meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16 at 6:30 PM at the DSOSN building, located at 5300 Vegas Drive. The Bylaw's committee has met and made recommendations for changes in the Bylaws. The changes will be voted on

by the membership present that evening. There will be information on present activities, projects in the making and a great deal of printed information you may be interested in. If you plan to bring your children, please RSVP as soon as possible so

we can make arrangements for child care. We look forward to seeing you at this very important meeting! If you have any questions, please call the DSOSN office or email Bonnie at bhall@dsosn.org.



Check out the new DSOSN website!

DSOSN Has a New Website!

Have you visited our new website? All of us at the DSOSN think that it is a wonderful, informative site. After the Buddy Walk was held on Saturday, September 23, 2006, we posted many pictures taken at that event. If you have not had an opportunity to visit the

new site, please do so as soon as you can. We would love to hear your feedback. I am also posting the newsletters on our site, so you can access the newsletter there as well as in the mail. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the new site, please let us

know at the DSOSN office. We want information available on the site, that is helpful to all of our members. The website address is www.dsosn.org.

Kathy Boyd Resigns

Kathy Boyd, director of program development has resigned from the DSOSN. All of the Board, as well as the staff, were sorry to see Kathy leave. Many of you have had dealings with Kathy since she was hired in February, and like the rest of us, came to really like her. Kathy felt the need to move on and pur-

sue her life-long dream and we all wish her the very, very best.

Please be assured the programs will continue as we close out this year of many changes for the DSOSN. All of us are looking forward to the upcoming year. We are seeing a big growth in our membership, which is exciting to

all of us. We are hoping this years Festival of Trees and Lights will be as successful as years past and we are hoping it will grow to be Las Vegas's premier holiday event.

Speech Voucher Program

The DSOSN has received another grant for use of speech services for our members. The grant we just received is much smaller than the original one, but money will be dispursed through the voucher system for our members. We do have a

waiting list and will try and process the new money as quickly as possible. You will be notified by mail how much the new vouchers will be. Please remember to give the speech therapist the voucher to fill out at each visit. It is your responsibility to mail

the completed vouchers in to the DSOSN office. This is the only way we have to compare the billings from the therapist and the voucher that has been given to you. If you have questions, please call Bonnie at the DSOSN office.

New Speech Vouchers to be Mailed Soon!



Chris Burke Tickets

If your family is interested in meeting Chris Burke, please call the DSOSN office and request tickets for this exciting event. The "Meet and Greet" is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2006, from 4:00 to

5:00 PM. This will also give you and your family the opportunity to view the trees, wreaths and baskets that will be auctioned off that same night at the Festival of Trees and Lights. Light refreshments will be served during this "Meet and Greet." This opportunity is only for our members, and you must have tickets to gain entry into the "Meet and Greet."

Please don't pass up this wonderful opportunity to meet this courageous young man who has become so very successful. If you have questions, please call Bonnie at 648-1990, or email her at bhall@dsosn.org.

If you would like tickets to this event, call the DSOSN office and tickets will be mailed to you.

AKTION CLUB DISCONTINUED

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Sharon Bond has notified the DSOSN that due to professional responsibilities at work and personal issues, she is discontinuing the Aktion Club for our members. Sharon sent

us a copy of the email she sent out to the parents of those members that had been participating in the Aktion Club. I know Sharon thoroughly enjoyed her time with

your children and will greatly miss the interaction with you and your children. We are hoping to someday reinstate this worthwhile program.

Jeanette Shoemaker Named to the DSOSN Board of Directors

Jason Smith, general director on the Board of Directors for the DSOSN, resigned his position due to professional reasons. Jeanette Shoemaker was named by the

Board of Directors to replace his seat on the Board. We welcome Jeanette and all of us are looking forward to working with Jeanette. As a parent and nurse, Jeanette will bring

many positive items to the DSOSN Board. Welcome Jeanette!



All of the Board and Staff welcome Jeanette Shoemaker!



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Black Tie Gala at Caesar's Palace to Benefit DSOSN!

Villa Reale will be hosting a gala charity event on Friday, December 15, 2006 to benefit the Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada. Madame Tatiana Faberge', great granddaughter of Peter Carl Faberge will be there and available to personally sign any Faberge purchases while sharing with the guests the history and beauty that has made "House of Faberge" "Supplier to the Imperial Court" by Czar Alexander III and the Imperial Court

of Russia! They will also be auctioning off a holiday tree filled with original designer eggs, each one carved and signed by the artist and complete with certificates of authenticity.



**Fabulous Black-Tie Event
Planned to Benefit DSOSN!**

This tree, now on display in the window of "Villa Reale, located in the Caesar's Forum Shops, is valued at over \$6,000.00! The money from the auction of this tree will also be contributed to the DSOSN. We are so fortunate to be the recipients of this fabulous black-tie event. We will let you know in January's newsletter just how successful this endeavor was for the DSOSN. Thanks so much Villa Reale!