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Chris Burke Featured at Festival of Trees and Lights

The biggest fund raiser of the year for the DSOSN is about to happen at the South Point (formally the South Coast) Hotel and Casino. This year promises to be a fabulous event with more decorated trees, wreaths and baskets than ever before. We are also featuring Chris Burke. Chris will be hosting a "Meet and Greet" the day of the FOTL from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM. All of our members are invited to attend this event. In order to be granted admission to the "Meet and Greet" you must have a ticket. These tickets are **FREE** of charge to all of our members. If you are interested in going, please call the DSOSN office and re-

quest tickets. They will be mailed to you as soon as you



Chris Burke will host a "Meet and Greet" on December 2nd, 2006 at the South Point Hotel & Casino.

request the tickets, or because it is getting so close to December 2nd, you can stop by the DSOSN office and pick them up. This will not

only give you a chance to meet Chris Burke (Chris was on the T.V. series "Life Goes On") and is an adult living with Down syndrome, but this will give you an opportunity to view all of the trees, wreaths and baskets that will be auctioned off later that evening at the gala. You will be able to see first hand the gorgeous items that our volunteers and designers have spent hours creating.

If you are interested in attending the gala, tickets and tables are still available. Call the DSOSN office at 702-648-1990 for more information or visit our website at www.dsosn.org. You will find lots of information regarding the FOTL!

Speedway Children's Charity

The Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada applied for a grant in August with Speedway Children's Charity. We were notified in late October that we were one of the charities selected to receive a grant. The grant we asked for was for money to enable us to

reestablish a lending library. With the money from this grant we will be able to order up-to-date books, cds, videos and dvds to lend to our members giving them valuable information regarding Down syndrome. We will be receiving the check from Speedway Children's

Charity on December 5th, and we will begin organizing the library shortly thereafter. We have already had the room freshly painted, and installed new flooring. I will keep you posted as to when the library will be open for checking out materials.

Dimes for Downs Program



Dimes for Downs
School Fundraising
Program

The Dimes for Downs program was started at the beginning of this school year. We sent information to all of the schools in Clark County, both public and private, asking them to help us collect dimes or dollars for the DSOSN. To date we have had 11 schools join in this campaign. Each school can run this campaign anytime during the school year that is most convenient for

them. We supply all of the letters to parents, coin containers and teacher instruction kits. After the campaign is over, we provide the classroom raising the most money, with a McDonald's breakfast or lunch. This program has already been extremely successful for the DSOSN, and we are hoping more schools will want to take part in this campaign. If you would like to have

your children's school participate in this program, please call the DSOSN office and speak with Deann. You can also read all about this program on our website, www.dsosn.org. It is a very simple program for the schools, and it is proving to be extremely successful for DSOSN.

*Pastor Paulee
and Church in
the Wind
Fundraiser Held
on Sunday,
October 29th!*

Church in the Wind Fundraiser Held for DSOSN

On October 29, 2006, Pastor Paulee with Church In the Wind, held a fundraiser for the DSOSN. This was a wonderful event for families, particularly those families or individuals interested in motorcycles. There was a motorcycle dis-

play, food, drinks, raffle, prizes, and all sorts of games. Everyone there had a fabulous time. DSOSN received a check for over \$1,500.00. We are so appreciative to the Church in the Wind for organizing and sponsoring this fundraiser.

They have offered to do this again next year, and all of us at the DSOSN know it will be even bigger and better next year! We will keep you posted when the date for next year's event is set!

Villa Reale to Sponsor Black Tie Event for DSOSN!



Villa Reale will be hosting a gala charity event on Friday, December 15, 2006 to benefit the DSOSN. Madame Tatiana Faberge', great granddaughter of Peter Carl Faberge will be there and available to personally sign any Faberge purchases while sharing with 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. This tree is now on display in the window of Villa

Reale, located in the Caesar's Forum Shops and is valued at over \$6,000.00! The money from this tree will be donated to the DSOSN as well as the proceeds from the black tie gala held on December 15th! We are so excited about all of this. We will let you know how it turned out in January's newsletter!

Speech Vouchers Mailed to Recipients

The Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada recently received another grant from a generous donor, to help with our speech therapy program. The grant was smaller than the original speech grant; but still enabled us to divide the money between the recipients. The speech vouchers were mailed out to those members last week. It is important for

all of our members to know how successful and important the speech grant program has become. We currently have 34 families receiving speech therapy. It is our intent to continue this program. We will be applying for additional grant monies early in 2007. We want to be able to assist as many families as we can. I will let all members know if additional funds

become available and what procedures need to be followed to apply for this much needed service. If you have any questions regarding the current speech voucher program, please call Bonnie at 702-648-1990, or email her at bhall@dsosn.org.

Bylaws are currently being revised and will be voted on at the January 18th Membership Meeting

Membership Meeting Held November 16, 2006

A quarterly membership meeting was held at the DSOSN building on Thursday, November 16, 2006. The purpose of this meeting was to vote on the revised bylaws. A committee of two Board members and a DSOSN member was formed in June. They worked hard on revising the current bylaws and constitution of the DSOSN. The revisions

were introduced to the Board of Directors at the November Board meeting. The bylaws were then voted on and approved by the Board. The bylaws were then presented to the membership at the November 16th meeting. Revisions were made to the bylaws by the membership and after the revisions are made, will then be presented to the

Board at the January Board Meeting. If approved by the Board, as revised, the bylaws will again be presented to the membership for approval. The next Membership meeting will be on Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 6:30 PM. The meeting will begin PROMPTLY at 6:30 PM. The Membership Meeting will be at the DSOSN building.

DSOSN Website—www.dsosn.org

The DSOSN website is becoming a monumental tool for the organization. It is our intent to post up-to-the-minute information regarding all matters pertaining to the organization. We have added a bulletin board page where members or anyone interested

in our mission can go and make a comment, suggestion or ask a question. We also try to post as much information as possible regarding upcoming events and activities. We are working diligently to provide our members and potential members or inter-

ested parties valuable information about Down syndrome and what this organization stands for. We welcome input and suggestions from all of our members.





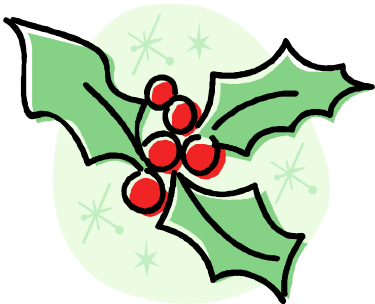
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Happy Holidays to Everyone!



The Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Monday, December 25 through Monday January 1, 2007. The office will reopen Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors, we wish each and everyone a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and prosperous new year

