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Valentine Party Scheduled

The DSOSN will be hosting a Valentine Party for its members on Saturday, February 10, 2007 from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM at the DSOSN building. There will be great snacks and drinks. Please plan on bringing the family for this event. The DSOSN is proud to say we have many new members, so this would be a good time to see old friends and meet new friends.

There will be a piñata filled with many different types of candy. The children will have a chance to break open the piñata and for the lucky child breaking it open, a special prize will be awarded.



Join us for this special Valentine Party. Bring your sweetie and enjoy a party and fellowship with other members!

We are asking you to RSVP to the DSOSN office by

Tuesday, February 6th so we can get a number of expected guests. We are also asking, if possible, to volunteer to bring cookies or cupcakes. If there is anyway you can do this, that will be great! You can call the DSOSN office at 702-648-1990 or email me at bhall@dsosn.org with your name and number of family members that will be attending, and also let me know if you will be able to help us out with refreshments.

If you have questions regarding this party, please call me. We will look forward to seeing you at this fun event!

Barnes and Nobel Hosting Story Time

Barnes and Nobel in Summerlin and Henderson will be hosting a story time for and about people with Down syndrome. The story time in Summerlin will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2007, at 11:00 AM. That location is at 8915 W. Charleston Blvd. If you have any questions regarding this event in

Summerlin, please call Tracy Shouse at 702-242-8644. The Barnes and Noble in Henderson is located at 567 N. Stephanie Street. The story time is scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2007 at 11:00 AM. If you have any questions regarding this event in Henderson, please call Mari Higgins at 702-434-

1607. I know this will be a fabulous opportunity for your family to relax and enjoy the reading. We are very pleased that Barnes and Nobel is helping us in our mission to make more people aware of all of the individuals in Nevada living with Down syndrome.



Come help plan, organize, or play a round of golf to benefit the DSOSN!

Join us in our Gift Sale. We need volunteers to help pack and price the merchandise for sale at our Gift Sale

2007 Rhodes Golf Tournament Set

The 2007 Golf Tournament, sponsored by Rhodes homes, will take place on Thursday, May 10th at the Rhodes Ranch Golf Course. There will be more details to

follow very shortly. If anyone is interested in being on the golf committee or would like to reserve a foursome or as an individual player, please call Deann Cline at

the DSOSN office at 702-648-1990, or email her at: dcline@dsosn.org. All proceeds benefit the DSOSN membership.

Gift Sale Volunteers Needed Once Again

It's that time of year again when our generous vendors (Alco Industries, Home Essentials and Beyond and Davco Silver, LLC) from the ASD/AMD Trade Show will donate their merchandise to us. The trade show will take place from February 25th through March 1st, 2007. Strong, hard working volunteers are needed on March 1st to help us box up all the merchandise and bring it back to the DSOSN office. Volunteers are needed from approximately 11:00 AM through 6 PM. This is a very labor inten-

sive project and those who cannot lift or stand for long periods of time should not volunteer. Other things to consider: even though there are food vendors in the convention center, they can be pricey – so volunteers can bring their own lunch and drinks.

Everyone who volunteers must have a badge to get in to the Convention Center. The deadline to submit the names for badges is February 8th. If you want to volunteer for this

project, please let us know by that date. Once you are inside the convention center you cannot leave and re-enter. If you leave, security will not allow you back in. Approximately 30 volunteers are needed. Please call the DSOSN office at 702-648-1990 or email dcline@dsosn.org, if you are interested in helping. Remember, the deadline is Thursday, February 8th. We hope to get as many volunteers as possible. The more volunteers we have, the sooner we can get in and out. Thank you!

Buddy Walk & Festival of Trees & Lights Volunteer Recognition and Wrap-Up Party—Because You Are So Nice!

The DSOSN will host a Volunteer Recognition and Wrap Up Party on Saturday, March 10th from 12 noon until 2 PM at the South Point Hotel and Casino, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas. This is our way of saying thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Buddy Walk

and Festival of Trees & Lights the grand successes they were. All Buddy Walk volunteers and team captains are invited to attend as well as all Festival volunteers, designers and committee members. It is important to us that we let you know how much we value your

dedication to the mission of the DSOSN. Please come and enjoy this luncheon on us and share in the successes of 2006. Attendees must RSVP by Friday, March 2nd, 2007.

Corporate Breakfast Planned

The DSOSN will host a Corporate Breakfast on Friday March 9th from 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM at the South Point Hotel and Casino, 9777 Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV. All corporations, business owners and individuals interested in learning more about partnership/ sponsorship opportunities with the

DSOSN are invited to attend. Come and learn more about our organization and how you can help individuals with Down syndrome in our community.

There is no charge to attend; however, attendees must RSVP by calling 702-648-1990 by Friday, March 2, 2007.

There will be a PowerPoint presentation at the breakfast as well as valuable information on the Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada.

We hope to see you at the Corporate Breakfast!



Learn how to make your teeth pearly white and healthy!

**Important
Board of
Directors'
Election**

**Support
Group
Meetings
Planned**

Dental Hygiene Students to Come to DSOSN

Dental hygiene students from Community College would like to come to the DSOSN building with a presentation on the proper way to clean and care for teeth. They are requesting that we have 10 to 12 children there so they can demonstrate to the parents and chil-

dren the correct way to care for their teeth. If you would be interested in attending this presentation on Thursday, February 22, 2007, at 6:30 PM, please call the DSOSN office at 702-648-1990, or email me at bhall@dsosn.org. It is important we have at

least 10 children present for this presentation. We feel this would be a great educational tool, not only for our kids, but for the parents as well. Please let the DSOSN know if you will be attending by Monday, February 19, 2007.

Board of Directors Election Scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2007

The annual Board of Directors' election will take place on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 6:30 PM at the DSOSN building. If you would be interested in becoming a candidate, please call the DSOSN office at 702-648-1990 or

email me at bhall@dsosn.org. I will send you an application to be returned to the office by Friday, March 16, 2007. More information will be forthcoming regarding the annual elections. If you have

any questions, please call the DSOSN office and speak with Bonnie. Please mark this important date on your calendar. This will be a very important meeting, one you will not want to miss!

Henderson Support Group Meetings Planned

Monthly Support Group meetings have been planned. These meetings are being held in Henderson and have not been arranged by the DSOSN, but are important meetings to gather information regarding all types of help and assistance. These meetings will also allow you

to meet new friends and meet caring professionals who care about individuals living with all types of disabilities. The location for these support group meetings is Physiotherapy Associates, 2780 Horizon Ridge Pkwy, Ste 40, Henderson Nevada. If you would like

to attend but need childcare, please call Sheila Wallace at 327-9134. She is also asking you to RSVP to her phone number so she will know how many members from DSOSN will be attending. She will also give you future dates for the meetings.

Palisade Pals Day Camp Scheduled

Last year we notified all of our members about an organization called Palisade Pals. This organization originates out of Utah, but has recently spread to Nevada. On Saturday, April 14, 2007, they will be hosting a day camp at the Spring Mt. Ranch State Park. This day camp is specifically for families who have children with any and all types of disabilities. Several of our members traveled to Utah last spring to attend the weekend camp there, and they had a great time. This year they will be hosting the same type of camp, but much closer to home. This is strictly a

day camp; with no overnight camping. The cost for the day camp is \$15.00 per family of four (4). Each additional family member will cost \$5.00 per person. They are planning on having mountain man demonstrations from out of the old west. They will also have horses, train rides, hay rides, crafts, face painting and games for all ages and disability levels. Willie the Classic Clown will be there to host the talent show, so come prepared with your talents and win a prize!

Fees include any park fees, plus all the activities and meals.

Please note that due to limited facilities, all reservations are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

If you would like additional information regarding this day camp or to make reservations for your family, or to get the other scheduled camp dates in Utah, please visit their website at www.palisadepals.com. Information will be there for you. You can also contact them at 435-835-0531.

This will be a wonderful experience for your whole family.

Buddy Walk 2007 Scheduled! First Festival of Trees and Lights and Buddy Walk Meetings Scheduled

The first meeting for the Festival of Trees and Lights will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the DSOSN building. Please join us in planning this wonderful event for 2007! We need all the help and volunteers we can get, and you will really enjoy being a part of this fundraiser!

The Buddy Walk for 2007 will

be held on Saturday, October 6, 2007 at the Children's Memorial Park located at Rainbow and Gowan. This location will be perfect for this event, and we are already planning the different activities for the Walk. We would like to have as many members as possible involved in the planning of this year's Buddy Walk. The first

Buddy Walk Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at 1:00 PM.

Please RSVP to Deann at 648-1990 or email her at dcline@dsosn.org by Wednesday, February 21, 2007. Light refreshments will be served.

Membership Drive Continues

During the month of January you should have received information regarding membership dues for the DSOSN. Membership dues have not been assessed for several years. We are asking that all members pay annual dues of \$25.00 per family per year. The income from the annual dues will help the organization pay for supplies, postage and some programs that we offer. The advantages of membership will provide

you with all newsletters, mailings, services, and voting privileges in the yearly elections. If you are not a paying member, you will not be able to vote in the elections. Assessing annual membership dues will also give the DSOSN criteria for membership. If you have questions regarding these membership dues, please call Bonnie at the DSOSN office, 702-648-1990. Also, if paying these dues causes a hardship on your

family, please notify Bonnie.

Also, included in your membership envelope was a Membership Update Form. Please fill that out and return it with your membership envelope. We are asking that all Membership dues be paid by Friday, March 3, 2007.

We look forward to an exciting year!



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Upcoming Social Events!

The **DSOSN** is planning several different social events during the 2007 year. These events/activities will be for our membership. Our first social will be the **Valentine Party** scheduled for **Saturday, February 10, 2007, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.** We will also be hosting a **Spring Fling** which will take place at the **DSOSN** building on **Saturday, April 7, 2007, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.**

On **Saturday, June 16, 2007 from 1:00 PM—4:00 PM** there is a barbeque scheduled at the **Children's Memorial Park** located at **Rainbow and Gowan.** This will be a

potluck barbeque with hamburgers and hotdogs being supplied by the **DSOSN.**

On **Saturday, October 27, 2007, a Halloween Party** will be held at the **DSOSN** building. The times for this will be from **2:00 to 4:00 PM.**

On **Saturday, December 15, 2007, will be the annual Christmas Party** for all

members. The times will be **2:00 to 4:00 PM.**

We hope you will mark these dates on your calendar so you can plan to attend. These events will give old and new members alike a wonderful opportunity to socialize with one another for a great time.



If you would like to help with any of these socials, please call **Bonnie** at **702-648-1990** or email her at bhall@dsosn.org. We can always use plenty of help for these activities.