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A Huge Success!**
- **Chris Burke
Tickets Available
to all Members!**
- **Festival of Trees
and Lights
Meeting on Sat-
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14, 2006 at 10:00
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Successful Buddy Walk

This year's Buddy Walk was more successful than ever before! Several new attractions were added to the Walk, such as the Gift Store, bounce for kids, balloons, etc. Everyone attending had as marvelous time. This year's Mission Tent presented our members, as well as all walkers, information to help them. Face painting and other activities were also held in the Mission Tent.

There are so many people to thank for helping make this event so successful. Without



This year's Buddy Walk was a huge success and enjoyed by all who participated!

all of our many volunteers and sponsors, this event would not be

possible. We want to thank the Summerlin Community Centre Park for allowing us to use their beautiful park. This park was perfect for an event like our Buddy Walk, and without their help and assistance, the Walk would not have been so successful!

Check out all of the pictures from this year's walk on page 2!

Festival of Trees and Lights Fast Approaching!

The annual Festival of Trees and Lights will be here before we know it! This event is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2006, at the South Coast Hotel and Casino. This year Chris Burke will be joining us for this event. We are thrilled he has agreed to join us for our biggest fund raiser of the year. Chris will be avail-

able for a "Meet & Greet" from 4:00 PM until 5:00 PM on the day of the Festival. This will give our members an opportunity to meet Chris and see how successful he has become. It will also give all members a chance to view the trees, wreaths and baskets that will be auctioned off at the dinner that evening. If you would

like to meet Chris Burke at the "Meet & Greet," please call Bonnie at 648-1990 and request tickets. You must have tickets to be admitted. The tickets are free to all of our members, and you must be a member to gain entrance to this event.. Please call as soon as possible for the free tickets!

15th Annual Disability Awareness Day, Saturday, October 28th



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Thanks to all those volunteers and vendors who graciously gave their time, talent and merchandise to make this year's Buddy Walk so successful!

Thank you Kevin Janison for providing such gorgeous weather for our walk!

You are invited to attend the 15th Annual Disability Awareness Day on Saturday, October 28, 2006, from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. It will be held at the Sammy Davis Jr. Festival Plaza at Lorenzi Park. The address is 720 Twin Lakes Drive off Washington (between Rancho and Valley View). You will have the opportunity to network and meet over 60 representatives serving the disability community including: Independent

Living Center, SSI/SSDI Benefits Consultants, Ticket to Work, recreation, employment, housing, legal services, home-based businesses, transportation, adaptive equipment, assisted living, financial planning and education. Other activities include the opportunity to get to know elected officials; a chance to come out and try the lift on the Cat Bus and complimentary wheelchair wash and minor tune up. This is completely free admission

and there will also be live entertainment. In addition, receive a disability resource pocket guide, water bottle and contour pen while supplies last. Great door prizes, including computer classes, dinners and much more! If possible, please take advantage of the wonderful informative awareness day. Call 702-889-4216 for more information!

A Great Time Was Enjoyed By All!



From left to right, Deann Cline, Director of Fund Development, Dina Titus, and Kevin Janison.



Pictured from left to right are Sandy Windom, Executive Vice Chairman of the DSOSN and Dina Titus.



Everyone enjoying this year's Buddy Walk! What a wonderful turnout!



What a great turnout by our members and volunteers!! We can't wait for next year!



Janis Kelley Joining the Board of Directors' of the DSOSN!



We all welcome Janis Kelley to the DSOSN Board of Directors. Janis is currently an

employee with the Clark County School District and is a Program Coordinator in the Special Student Services Division, East Region. She has worked for many years with students who have disabilities. We are very happy to have her serving on the

DSOSN Board. With her background in education and her many years of experience in working with students with all types of mental disabilities, we feel she will be a wonderful asset to this organization.

Dimes for Downs Kickoff!



The DSOSN has recently kicked off a campaign with the Clark County School District and private schools in Las Vegas to help us raise "Dimes for Downs." We sent mailings to all of the district's private and public schools during the first week of this school year. To date, we have seven (7) schools participating. Those schools are:

Tony Alamo Elementary, Green Val-

ley High School, Burk High School, Andre Agassi College Preparatory Academy, K.O. Knudson Middle School, Elsie Wolff Elementary School, and Tobler Elementary School. Students will bring in their change to the classroom and empty the change in a container supplied by the DSOSN. Once the containers are full, the teacher will take the container to any Nevada State Bank

that has a change machine. Once the coins have been counted in the machine, they give the money slip to a cashier and she will give the money to the teacher where she will take it back to the school, deposit the money, and the school will send us a check. This is a fabulous opportunity for everyone. The top classroom in each school will be treated to a MacDonal'd's lunch.

Festival of Trees and Lights Meeting Scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2006, at 10:00 AM

There will be a Festival of Trees and Lights meeting held at the DSOSN building on Saturday, October 14th at 10:00 AM. Anyone who would like to be involved in this year's FOTL is invited. Would you or do you know someone who would be interested in designing a tree for auction at this year's Festival of Trees and Lights? We also need designers for

wreaths and baskets. All of the designer information is posted on our website, www.dsosn.org. If you would like to speak with someone regarding this, please call the DSOSN office or please attend this very important meeting on Saturday, October 14th at 10:00 AM. If you would like to be involved but are unable to attend the scheduled meeting,

please call the office, 648-1990, and we will be happy to answer any and all questions. If you are planning on attending, please RSVP Deann Cline by Thursday, October 12th. You can also email your RSVP to dcline@dsosn.org.



Be a part of this year's Festival of Trees and Lights!

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Fathers Are Fabulous!

We were recently made aware of a wonderful website specifically for any man who cares about or is connected to a child with special needs. The site is <http://www.fathersnetwork.org>. It is well worth looking into. This information comes from the Washington State Fathers Network (WSFN). Have fun!

