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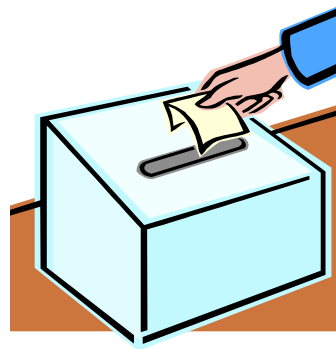
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Important Membership Meeting and Annual Board Elections

There will be a very important Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2007. At this meeting, all members who have paid their dues, will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite candidates. There are currently three seats on the Board to be filled. The membership was able to meet the candidates at the special Membership Meeting last month. This gave all interested members an opportunity to hear from the candidates

and also ask them questions.

The meeting will begin



promptly at 6:30 PM. You must have already paid your membership dues in order to be eligible to vote in this year's election. Dues

will not be accepted the night of the voting, so if you have not already paid the annual dues and want to be eligible to vote, please pay your dues as soon as possible. The cost is \$25.00 per family, per year.

If you have any questions regarding the election or paying your annual dues, please call **Bonnie** at the **DSOSN** office. The office number is 702-648-1990.

DSOSN Library Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

We will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony for our new DSOSN Lending Library. The ribbon cutting ceremony will be on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 10:00 AM. Please plan on joining us for the

ceremony and sharing in some refreshments. This will give you an opportunity to see what books, videos, dvds and miscellaneous items we have available to our members.

This is a dream come true for the DSOSN, and thanks to Children's Speedway Charities awarding us a generous grant, this library would not be possible.

Palisade Pals Day Camp



Palisade Pals Day Camp on Saturday, April 14, 2007!

Don't forget about the Palisade Pals Day Camp that is fast approaching! This day camp will be on Saturday, April 14, 2007 at the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park. This will be a wonderful day for the whole family. It is catered to children with all types of disabilities. This year there are four camps scheduled, but this is the only one scheduled for Southern Nevada. The rest are in Utah.

Each camp has its own special activities, such as

mountain man demonstrations. There will be 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! The cost for this wonderful day of family activities is \$15.00 for a family of four. There is a \$5.00 charge for each additional family member. For this admission price you will receive lunch plus snacks and all of the activities. Please find

the registration form enclosed in this newsletter, but due to limited facilities, all reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. They do have spaces available, so please take advantage of this wonderful event. Want more information? You can visit their website at www.palisedepals.com or email at palisadepals@mail.manti.com. You can also call 435-835-0531.

Make sure you have Saturday, April 7, 2007 marked on your calendar for the Spring Fling at DSOSN!

Spring Fling Fast Approaching!

I hope everyone has Saturday, April 7, 2007 marked on their calendar. We will be having the Spring Fling Social at the DSOSN building from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM. I actually heard a rumor that the Easter Bunny may be making an appearance, bringing Easter surprises to all the little ones.

We will also take pictures of all of the kids with the Easter Bunny.

I am once again asking our members to help with refreshments? If you can, will you please contact Bonnie by calling the DSOSN office or emailing her at bhall@dsosn.org. Also, please RSVP to her

so we will know how many of our members will be attending. We will be having an egg hunt, two piñatas (one for the bigger kids and one for the smaller kids). Please plan on joining us for this fun afternoon.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR!



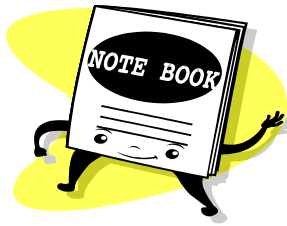
Health & Wellness Fair

Health Projects USA will be holding a Community Health & Wellness Fair on Saturday, May 19, 2007 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Sport

Center Parking Lot, 121 E. Sunset Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89119. This Community Fair is an outdoor event, being held to benefit the Health Projects Nevada Free Wellness Screening Project and Pre-

scription Medications Assistance Project. This event is FREE to the public. This would be a great way to have your family checked over, and there is no fee.

Send Us Your Stories



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Please send me a story about your family.

our new parents, or our new members moving into Las Vegas. I know with all of our members, there has to be some

everyone to catch up on the wonderful progress Jason has made in his life, and it was wonderful to read how Lauren’s dream has come true because Jason is living independently.

DSOSN would love to have you submit inspirational stories about your family. I know our members will enjoy reading about your child’s progress, a funny story or a favorite memory. Your stories will help inspire and give hope to

great stories! I have had wonderful feedback from our members after reading the story that was emailed to me from Lauren Burns. Many of the long-time members remember Lauren and her son Jason. It was a great way for

Will you please think about sharing a wonderful memory or story with the membership?

Please email your stories to Bonnie at bhall@dsosn.org. I will be looking forward to receiving your stories!

Join us on June 16th for a fun-filled afternoon!

June Picnic and Barbeque

This is a reminder to make sure you have the June 16th date on your calendar, for the DSOSN Picnic. The date for the picnic will be Saturday, June 16th, from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM at the Children’s Memorial Park, located at Gowan and Rainbow. The DSOSN will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs, and the members

attending will need to bring whatever they would like to eat as a family or share with another family. We are hoping to be able to play volleyball and horseshoes. There is also lots of playground equipment for the kids. The area at the park where the picnic will be held is Picnic Area B (west).

Please plan on joining in on this

fun family afternoon.

If you are planning on attending, please RSVP to Bonnie by calling the DSOSN office at 702-648-1990, or emailing to bhall@dsosn.org. I would like to know how many are attending so I will know how many hotdogs and hamburgers we will need to barbeque.

KATIE BECKETT WAIVER

Several months ago, I placed an article in the newsletter telling you about the Katie Beckett Waiver. This is a provision for children with disabilities, that is not talked about very often. If you have been denied Social Security benefits for your disabled child, you need to contact me so that I

can send you all of the information regarding the waiver.

In the past, a parent’s income or assets disqualified many children from the Medicaid program. The parents often had little or no private insurance coverage for their child with special needs, and because of the parent’s assets or

income, their child would “fall through the cracks” of the system. The Katie Beckett Waiver or option, one of the important parts of the Medicaid program, is helping to solve this problem.



Learn More about the Katie Beckett Waiver!



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Welcome to Our New Members!!

The DSOSN is seeing an increase in our membership. The majority of our new members are first-time parents, and they found us on the internet, were referred by a hospital, or referred by another family

member or a friend. It is really exciting to see



our organization grow, and at the social gatherings, there are so many new faces! It is wonderful! Welcome to all of our new members!

It is so wonderful seeing so many new faces! Welcome!