

Physical Therapy Offered to Members



**JOIN US FOR THESE
FANTASTIC PHYSICAL
THERAPY CLASSES TO
BENEFIT YOUR
CHILDREN!**

The DSOSN will be having free physical therapy classes for our young members. Classes will begin on Monday, July 9, 2007 at 10:00 AM and be

held weekly through Monday, August 13, 2007. The DSOSN is lucky to have a licensed physical therapist donate her time and expertise to help our members. You must register for this class and sign a waiver before being able to take part in these classes.

We feel this is a very important therapy for our young members and we hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

We know that this is during the summer months when all of our children are out of school, so we will be offering child care for the siblings.

If you think you want to be involved in this worthwhile class, please call Bonnie at 648-1990 to register for the class. If you have any questions regarding the therapy, please call the DSOSN office.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Physical Therapy Offered to our Members
- ◆ Season's Brunch
- ◆ Spirit (Horse) Therapy Membership Meeting
- ◆ Library Reading Hour with Guest Reader, Kevin Janison



Season's Brunch—Monday, July 9, 2007

The DSOSN hosted its first Season's breakfast on Friday, June 8, 2007. We had a wonderful turnout, and all of the mothers exchanged stories, experiences and ideas with each other. It was so much fun to see so many of our babies at this breakfast. The next Season's Breakfast will be a brunch. We will have the brunch directly after the Mommie and Me Physical Therapy Class. I am sure everyone will be ready for a bite to eat and some great refresh-

ment following all of that hard work.

The DSOSN is so excited to see so many new families and so many new babies. It is so important for our parents and families to join together and do some networking between themselves. The DSOSN is happy to provide opportunities for our members to meet new people and make life-long friendships. It's a great way for your children with Down syndrome to meet other children.

The Season's brunch will start at approximately 11:30 AM. If you are not registered for the Mommie and me classes but would like to come to the Season's brunch, please RSVP to Bonnie by either calling the DSOSN office or emailing Bonnie at bhall@dsosn.org.



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DSOSN June Picnic Well Attended!



We had a great turnout for the DSOSN picnic held on Saturday, June 16th. The food and company was super.

All of the children found many interesting activities to keep them busy, but the bounce had to be one of the most popular items at the picnic. Two water slides were also in place to help the kids and adults cool down. It seems the summer heat doesn't take it easy on anyone, so everyone looked for shade and a nice cool drink. The

DSOSN supplied all of the hamburgers, hot-dogs, buns and chips, and water melon was thrown in there too. Cold, juicy watermelon slices were served to everyone at the picnic. There were all types of games and activities for the kids, including horseshoes, Frisbees, skating, bounce balls, etc. It was a fun day for everyone!

FESTIVAL OF
TREES AND LIGHTS
FAST
APPROACHING!



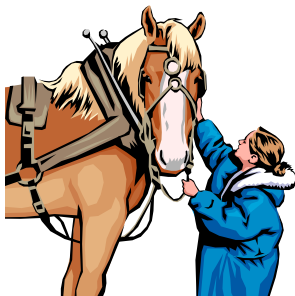
Festival of Trees and Lights Opportunity

As most of you know, our annual fundraiser, Festival of Trees and Lights, is fast approaching. We will once again be holding this gala event at the Paris Hotel on Saturday, December 1, 2007.

If you have always wanted to assist with the FOTL by designing a tree, etc., now is your opportunity. Barbara

Craddock would like a design group to work on a festival tree. She has enough decorations for a gold and cream themed tree, but needs someone or a group to sponsor and put it all together. She also would like a sponsor and design buddies for her snow village tree. She also has all the decorations but needs help

and needs someone who likes to work on miniature villages and a craftsman to build a set. Donations for tree gifts are also needed. If you are interested in assisting with the wonderful project for the upcoming FOTL, please contact Barbara Craddock at 656-0227.



Last month I mailed out a survey to all of our members. It is important to the DSOSN to provide services and activities that are of interest and beneficial to our members. Spirit Therapies was listed as a possible option for a therapy. Most every parent listed Spirit Therapies as a therapy they were interested in for their child.

Spirit Therapies

The DSOSN will be holding a special membership meeting on Thursday, August 16th to explain fully the benefits of Spirit Therapy. Laurie Willmott will be our guest speaker. She is owner of Spirit Therapies and someone who will be able to answer all of your questions regarding horse therapy. If you are interested in having your son or daughter involved

in this therapy, you must be present at this meeting. There is no cost to members . . . DSOSN will be paying for the therapy. If you are interested, you must call and register for the meeting on August 16th at 6:30 PM. This therapy can and will be extremely beneficial to your child. Call Bonnie at 648-1990 to register.

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Horse Therapy (Continued)

There will be documents for parents to fill out and there will be a health criteria to meet. This is an extremely beneficial therapy for our kids with Down syndrome; however we do have to take certain precautions to make sure each of our kids are not at any type of risk by this therapy. By attending the required meeting, you will be able to have all of your questions answered and decide if this therapy would be beneficial to your child. You will also be able to complete

all of the necessary forms right here at the DSOSN office.

The Spirit stables are located on one acre northwest of U.S. 95 Expressway Interchange on Ann Road. Situated just west of Durango on Ann Road, the facilities include a barn, a tack-up area for the preparation of horses for lessons, an arena for teaching lessons, feed and tack storage, parking and an area for visitors and siblings. A wheelchair accessible mounting platform allows

the program to serve riders with a wide range of disabilities. The horses and grounds are maintained by their volunteer staff, and the facility is open to visitors when classes are in session.

Plan on attending this extremely beneficial meeting on Thursday, August 16th, at 6:30 PM.

Please call Bonnie at the DSOSN office, 648-1990 or email Bonnie at bhall@dsosn.org if you will be at the meeting.

July Library Reading Hour

There will be a reading hour held on Wednesday, July 25th at 11:00 AM. Kevin Janison will be our guest reader and he will be reading his new children's book, *Deputy Dorkface; How Stinkville Got Cleaned Up*, so please plan on attending this special reading

hour. This reading hour is not just for our children with Down syndrome, but for all of our families and all of the children.

Light refreshments will be served after the reading hour, so please RSVP to Bonnie by calling either the DSOSN office at 648-1990 or

emailing Bonnie at bhall@dsosn.org.

Kevin will have books available for purchase, and I bet he would even sign it for you!

We look forward to seeing you there!

KEVIN JANISON TO
BE READING HOUR
GUEST AT THE
DSOSN LENDING
LIBRARY ON
WEDNESDAY, JULY
25, 2007.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!

The DSOSN wants to thank Lynn Snyder, DSOSN member, for donating a computer to the DSOSN library. We also want to thank Joe Hall, business manager for the Las Vegas Day School and member, for donating three (3) computers to the organization. We are so excited about having these computers for our

members.

We have purchased several educational, fun dvd's for our kids, and this will give everyone a chance to view the software with individual computers. I will let everyone know when the computers are up and running! WOW, what would we do without our gener-

ous members and supporters? Thank you just doesn't seem enough, so please know how grateful we are to you for helping us improve our membership services and improving our library through your generous donation of computers!



THANK YOU!!

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Buddy Walk Captains Needed!

We will be sponsoring our annual Buddy Walk on Saturday, October 6, 2007, at the Children's Memorial Park at the corner of Rainbow and Gowan. This park is located in the northwest area of Las Vegas, and is the same park we held the DSOSN picnic on Saturday, June 16th. It is a beautiful park.

There are several ways you can participate in the Buddy Walk. You can be a sponsor, form a team, provide in-kind product or be a vendor.

If you go to our website, www.dsosn.org, you can download all of the information and forms there, or you can call the DSOSN office and we will be happy to mail you a Team Captain Kit. You can also have your own webpage, including pictures, and solicit pledges via the internet. You can then email it to all of your friends, relatives, co-workers, etc. They can use their credit card to make pledges to your team. This is all handled through Firstgiving, and instructions are on our website in the

Buddy Walk section.

Please consider becoming a "buddy" for this organization. All monies collected will stay in southern Nevada and be used to provide new programs/services and continue old programs/services for our members.

If you would like to attend a Buddy Walk meeting, the next scheduled meeting will be held on Saturday, July 28, 2007 at 10:00 AM.

