

# THE DOWN SYNDROME TIMES

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## SPEECH THERAPY OFFERED AGAIN!

The Down Syndrome Organization of Southern Nevada will be once again offering Speech Therapy to our members. Because of the generosity of the Southern Highlands Foundation, generous donors, and grants, we will once again be able to provide this valuable therapy to our members. You will be receiving a letter in the mail regarding how to apply for the therapy.

This therapy has been the most popular and needed therapy we offer. Many insurance companies will not pay for speech therapy, and the DSOSN knows how

important it is for our children to have speech therapy as they are growing and developing. It is the mission of the DSOSN to be able to provide these much needed therapies, and thanks to wonderful organizations and donors, we are once again in a position to provide this to you. Once you receive the letter and application, please fill it out completely and either drop off, mail or fax the completed application to the DSOSN office. Please make note of the due date. The monies we have received and earmarked for Speech

Therapy will be divided evenly between the applicants.

After you receive the letter in the mail and if you have questions, please call Bonnie at the DSOSN office. She will be able to answer your questions. We also have a list of speech therapists who we have worked with in the past.



## FESTIVAL OF TREES AND LIGHTS—BIGGEST EVER!

This year's Festival of Trees and Lights was more successful than ever! We had 30 trees, 36 wreaths, 28 baskets and 11 stockings (new this year). The Festival was once again held at the Paris Hotel. There were over 300 people in attendance. Following the

silent auction, the attendees were served a wonderful dinner and dessert. There were three trees in the live auction. Shelley Rhodes' tree was one of them, and sold for \$9,000.00. The gifts under the tree were fabulous! Shelley is a member of the DSOSN Board

and always creates a magnificent tree for this occasion. Many thanks go out to all of our many designers. Without your support this annual Festival would not be possible. Thanks to everyone who participated in this event!



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Speech Therapy*
- *FOTL Biggest Ever!*
- *Young Adult Social*
- *DSOSN Christmas Party*
- *Cookbooks for Sale*
- *January & February Calendars*



We wish each and every one a Healthy, Happy, and Safe New Year!

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**Calling All Young Adults 18 Years Old and Older! Join us at the Springs Preserve on Saturday, January 19, 2008 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM!**



**IF YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER WAS PHOTOGRAPHED AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WITH SANTA, AND A PICTURE WAS NOT MAILED TO YOU, STOP BY THE OFFICE AND PICK UP YOUR PICTURE!**



## YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL

There will be a Young Adult Social on Saturday, January 19, 2008. This will be at the Springs Preserve. Tickets for the young adult will be paid for by the DSOSN. If we have 10 or more attending in our group, we will receive a good discount on our tickets. Please let me know by Friday, January 11th if your young adult will be attending. I need to pre-

purchase the tickets, so it is important you notify me if your son or daughter is planning on attending. Parents are more than welcome to accompany their son or daughter, but parents will need to purchase their own tickets. Please make sure your son or daughter has eaten before we go. I am not sure what is available at the preserve to eat.

This social is for our

young adults 18 years old and older, so don't delay, please RSVP by Friday, January 11th. You can either call the office or email Bonnie at [bhall@dsosn.org](mailto:bhall@dsosn.org). Please remember, these tickets need to be pre-purchased, so let me know as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding this social, please call Bonnie at 648-1990.

## DSOSN CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Saturday, December 15, 2007, the DSOSN held its annual Christmas party for our members. The walls were bulging this year with so many of our members. A light dinner of baked chicken, spaghetti salad, green salad and rolls was served. A "Merry Christmas" cake was served for dessert. We had over 80 people in attendance. Ages ranged from infants to over

50 years old. Santa made a special appearance and he handed out gifts to everyone. The older children received a stocking filled with all sorts of candy and a gift card to be used at McDonalds. The smaller children received a stocking filled with candy, bubbles, stickers, and a stuffed reindeer. Santa led the members in a couple of our favorite Christmas Carols.

It was so wonderful seeing so many of our families gather together to celebrate this special time of year!



## COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

The DSOSN still has cookbooks for sale. These colorful, hardbound cookbooks have over 300 pages of family-tested recipes. These cookbooks were put together by the First Chris-

tian Church of Las Vegas and the DSOSN will receive proceeds from the sale of each book. If you are looking for a recipe-tested cookbook for yourself or for that neighbor or relative

who loves to cook, please come by the DSOSN office and purchase one or two of these books. The cost is \$15.00 per book, so pick up several!

## THANKS TO OUR VERY SPECIAL CONTRIBUTORS, SPONSORS AND DONORS!

The DSOSN is so grateful to our very special contributors, sponsors and donors.. Throughout the year they have “come through” for us and our membership. They believe in our mission to provide services/programs/therapies and socials to the members living in Southern Nevada affected by Down syndrome. Without their generous and continuous sponsorship, the DSOSN could not continue the important work that we do. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

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## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

**Saturday, January 19, 2008**—Young Adult Social—Springs Preserve—11:00 AM—1:00 PM. Please RSVP to Bonnie by Friday, January 11, 2008. Tickets must be pre-purchased for a discount.

**Monday, January 21, 2008**—Dance Classes Resume—5:00—6:00 PM

**Monday, January 28, 2008**—Season's Brunch at the DSOSN office. Please RSVP to Bonnie by Wednesday, January 23, 2008.

**Saturday, February 2, 2008**—Second Session of Spirit (horse) Therapy Starts (**New date from original start date of January 12, 2008.**)

**Friday, February 8, 2008**—Young Adult Valentine Dance—DSOSN Building—7:00—8:30 PM

**Monday, February 25, 2008**—Season's Brunch—DSOSN Building—11:30 AM. RSVP to Bonnie by Wednesday, February 20, 2008.

Please post this calendar on your refrigerator, or in a place of easy reference. In order to try and keep our mailing costs down, you will only be receiving a newsletter every other month. The next newsletter will be in March 2008. We will be posting all activities/events on our website. Please go to [www.dsosn.org](http://www.dsosn.org) often to see what new events/programs/activities are listed there. If you have any questions regarding any of our events/programs/activities, please call Bonnie at 648-1990 or email her at [bhall@dsosn.org](mailto:bhall@dsosn.org).



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