

Down Syndrome *Information Network* of the Twin Tiers

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Congratulations & Thank You to our 2005 Officers

President	Rene Jones
Vice-President	Michelle Battersby
Co-Secretaries	Mary Stermer Theresa Stermer
Treasurer	Michael Battersby

We appreciate your efforts to keep our group running smoothly.



BUDDY WALK NEWS

Michelle has agreed to be the committee chair again this year. Mark your calendars for September 24th for this year's walk.

We already have two major sponsors for 2005: Beneficial Finance Corporation and Chemung Canal Bank.

In our critique of last year's walk, we felt our weaknesses were not enough advertising, the P.A. system (or lack of) and not enough volunteers. We will purchase our own microphone and amplifier to use for our events. If you know of a community group who would like to help as volunteers please have them contact Michelle.



March Madness



Friday, March 18th 6-9 PM, please join us in the Chemung ARC cafeteria for pizza, wings and entertainment. Bring your jokes, card tricks, kazoo's and voices. Everyone is welcome to participate in an open talent show. There will be prizes for those who strut their stuff. Please RSVP to Marcelle

(mks@chemungarc.org) by Wednesday, March 16th.

We made some decisions on how to use last year's Buddy Walk proceeds. Some money has been set aside to create a lending library that will be available during our meetings. Books, videotapes, software will be purchased. If you have suggestions, please contact Marcelle and she will add it to our list to be considered. Funds have also been allocated for member's use to attend one of the major annual conferences. We will also purchase some arts and craft supplies and games for the kids to use during the childcare provided during our meetings.

Next Buddy Walk Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 23rd @ 6 p.m.

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Next Meeting:

6pm March 23, 2005

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Open Discussion and Sharing



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c/o Chemung ARC
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Dates to Remember:

- March 18, Fri**
March Madness pizza party/family fun night
Chemung ARC / 6-9pm, please RSVP
- March 23, Wed**
Buddy Walk Meeting / Chemung ARC / 6pm
- April 27, Wed**
Monthly Meeting / Chemung ARC / 6pm
- July 7-10**
NDSS Annual Convention in Chicago
- July 16**
Summer Picnic Thorne St Park / Horseheads / 12-5pm
- July 29-31**
NDSS Congress Annual Convention at Disneyland, Anaheim CA
- September 24, Sat**
2nd Annual Buddy Walk and Chemung Canal Fall Festival

Summer Picnic News

JULY 16TH from 12-5 @ PAVILLION 2 in THORNE PARK, Horseheads.

Bring games, a dish to pass, swimsuits, more details to follow. Warm weather will come, promise!!!

Share Your News

Kally Jones shared her love of singing with the congregation at First Presbyterian Church in Big Flats in February. She sang a solo of Amy Grant's hit "Thy Word." Way to go Kally!

We'd love to hear news of your loved ones. Tell us what they are up to and we will share it in the newsletter.

Meetings of the Down Syndrome Information Network of the Twin Tiers are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month (unless otherwise announced) at Chemung ARC, 711 Sullivan Street in Elmira.