

Down Syndrome *Information Network* of the Twin Tiers

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READY... SET...RUN, JUMP, THROW!

Many of our kids will be participating at the Special Olympics Spring Event at Corning East High School on the morning of May 21st. It's a huge event with opening ceremonies, track and field, basketball, wheelchair races and awards ceremonies. Come cheer on your favorite participants and get in the spirit that we are all winners when we do our best.



BUDDY WALK MEETING

May 18th at 6 pm at Chemung ARC. Allison, Community Relations Director and Cathy from the mayor's office will be there to help us come up with a plan for promoting the Buddy Walk. The Buddy Walk is a lot of fun and promotes awareness and acceptance of individuals with Down Syndrome. If you're interested, please come and share your ideas with us.

LENDING LIBRARY



We've ordered some books for our new LENDING LIBRARY. We hope to build up to providing materials for all stages of life, including babies, early school, school transition, teens, sexuality, financial planning, independent living and end of life issues. When they're in we'll publish a list on our website of what's available for you to borrow, free of charge. If you have ideas of books, software or videos, feel free to call Marcelle at 734-6151.

Survey Results

The results of our recent survey are in. People expressed what they were looking for from our group. Most people were looking for information, speakers and support/networking. We are hoping to have some speakers coming up soon. If you have any suggestions, please call Rene in the evenings at 562-8528.

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Next Meeting:

6pm May 25, 2005

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Open Discussion and Sharing



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On the Website you'll find Buddy Walk registration forms and information. We'd also like to include some testimonials, stories, anecdotes, pictures, book reviews. If you'd like to contribute, contact Chris Heckle at hecklece@stny.rr.com.

Summer Picnic

Can you smell the hot dogs cooking? Are you up for a game of baseball? Come to our annual summer picnic at Thorne St Park in Horseheads, pavillion 2 (the one with the restrooms attached) on July 16th 12-? Bring a dish to pass, games to play, swimsuits and pray for sunshine! Mark your calendars now so you don't forget!



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.

Dates to Remember:

May 18th

Buddy Walk meeting 6pm Chemung ARC

May 25th

Monthly meeting 6pm Chemung ARC

June 22nd

Monthly meeting 6pm Chemung ARC, speaker to be announced.

July 16th

Picnic 12pm Thorne St Park Horseheads

September 24th

Buddy Walk, Wisner Park, Elmira.

F-Y-I

The **University of Rochester** is conducting a study on the frequency of medical, behavioral and social interaction and social language disabilities in children with Down Syndrome. The age group is 3-13. Parents would participate with surveys, telephone interviews and some children would be selected for psychological testing. We have agreed to contact our membership to see if anyone is interested in participating. Participation is strictly on a volunteer basis. We have not received any information from them yet but expect to in the future.

Chemung ARC

Membership Campaign 2005

Swing Into Membership

Each year, Chemung ARC conducts a massive drive to increase our membership in the community.



This year, our goal is to reach **1,501** members.

Increased membership means more and better representation for the people we serve at the state level.

Show your care by renewing your membership, joining if you haven't already. You'll receive our quarterly newsletter "Futures," and get the up-to-date notice on what's new and exciting at Chemung ARC.

Call 734.6151 to receive a form. Forms will also be available at the May 25th meeting.



Pam Stevens, Chemung ARC resident enjoys a surprise visit by Joey Sindelar, PGA Tour Professional.