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DADS announces their 1st Annual benefit concert featuring the music of Father, Son and Friends.

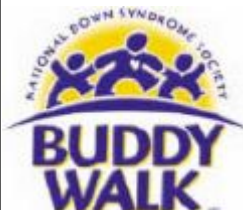
This traditional Scottish, Irish and American folk band has performed across North America including the Celtic Festival at Riverscape, the French Quarter in Louisiana as well as Ireland, Scotland and England. Between the members of the band there are as many as 15 instruments that may be played during a performance. Feel free to check out their website at www.fathersonandfriends.com

The concert will be held on September 28th at the Roller Mill located at 225 East Main Street, Tipp City. The doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the music will be played from 8:00 until 10:00. Tickets are \$14.00 per person and will include Hickory River Pulled Pork Sandwiches, pop, chips, raffles, give-aways and a heck of a good time.

For tickets or further information contact Paul Sutter at 672-2845.



It's Right Around the Corner

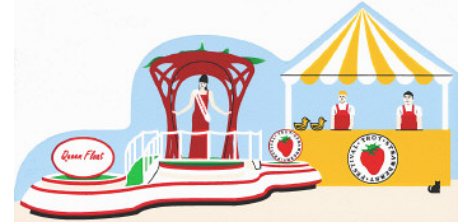


Registration forms and team information are available and can be picked up in the office or at our General Meetings.

Mark your calendar. The 2007 Buddy Walk is scheduled for September 29th. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with a light breakfast available to all in attendance. The walk starts at 10:00. Delco Park in Kettering will once again be the home of this event.

Strawberryville 2007

The 2007 Troy Strawberry Festival Parade was a hit again this year. All those in attendance put up with the heat and sun and really had a good time.



We chose to get our float judged this year. Even though it meant Stefan and I had to be up there early, we wanted to just take the opportunity to maybe get some recognition for the MVDSA and DADS. The judging crew came around and then it was time to start moving. We thought, well maybe next year we will win! As we got to the beginning of the parade, the Strawberry Festival Parade Committee person handed a plaque to Chuck Middlestetter. It reads: 2007 Troy Strawberry Festival Parade Commercial/Non-Professional 1st Place. WE WON!! We were all greatly surprised and happy!

I want to thank all those that took the time out of their busy schedules to help work on this float. I came up with the concept, but every detail was someone's idea to help develop that concept! THANK YOU! We could never have won without all the great ideas! And to all those who came to participate the day of the event, THANK YOU!! I know it was hot and humid and tiring! But it really is a fun time to get together and showcase our great kids!



So.....here's looking to next year. If you are in the office in the near future, be sure to check out our plaque!

Jennifer Bridenbaugh



Calling All Moms!

Do you need a break to bond with other Mothers? Join us on the 1st Thursday of every month for Moms Night Out. We will be meeting on July 5th and August 2nd at a location to be determined. If you have any questions or would like to receive notices via email about our next get together, call Jenny Turner at 859-0532.

Date Night for Families of Children with Special Needs

Date Night will be the last Friday of every month (except December). RSVP's will be due the Monday before Date Night. To RSVP or further details, go to www.farhills.org. Click on "Events". Click again on "Date Night" and once more on "Register". You need to fill in the information for each family member as well as filling out emergency contact and respite forms. You will receive an email confirmation when registration is complete.

If you have questions or need more information, contact Lisa Brown at Far Hills Community Church. Her email address is lisab@farhills.org.



We would like to thank Cathy Shane for her years of work in the Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association office. She maintained the office on her own and was essential in the success of the office and Board members.

Now in the office are Colleen McGovern and Jenny Turner.

Colleen is the mother of three children. Kayley is five years old and has Down syndrome. She is the happiest little girl and the proud big sister to brother Keenan, three years old and brother Carson who will be one on July 6. Colleen and her husband Kevin have been members since 2004.

Jenny is the mother of two children. Andy is almost three and Ally is one. Andy has Down syndrome and is an amazing little guy who never ceases to amaze his parents' everyday! Jenny and Chris have been members since 2004.

Our office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30—4:30 and Wednesday from 9:30-1:30. Please call the office first before making a trip to the Job Center.

AmTrykes Waiting for a Home

Many of our members have enjoyed and benefited from AmTrykes. The local Greenebucs chapter provides customized AmTrykes for your child based upon recommendations made by your physical or occupational therapists. When you are finished with your AmTryke it will be recustomized for another child. This is a great opportunity for our young children. For more information go to www.greenebucs.org

<p>Calendar of events</p>	<p>Mom's Night Out Thursday July 5th and Aug. 2nd See page 2 for further information</p>	<p>July General Meeting July 19th August General Meeting Aug. 16th Details can be found on page 4</p>
<p>Membership Dues are needed by July 25th</p>	<p>DADS Benefit Concert Sept. 28th Roller Mill in Tipp City Ticket information can be found on page 1</p>	<p>Buddy Walk Sept. 29th at Delco Park Registration begins at 9:00a.m. Packet pick-up information located on page 1</p>

General Meetings

July

In lieu of a traditional meeting, we will be having our Annual Ice Cream Social on July 19th.

Come cool down and relax at Delco Park in Kettering while meeting new families or chatting with old friends.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 and dessert will follow.

Join us for a meeting that the entire family will enjoy!

August

Have you ever been curious about what the office looks like? Well put your curiosity to rest.

At this months meeting we'll be having an Office Open House and Social (including dinner). Take a peek at photo albums. Browse through the material in our library. Pick up that Buddy Walk packet and get a look at our Strawberry Festival Parade plaque.

Join us at the Job Center on August 16th starting at 6:30.

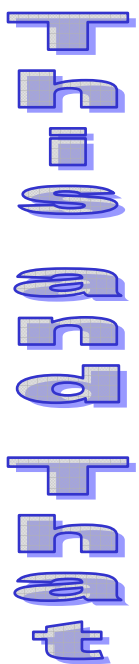
Hope to see you there

MVDSA 2007 Scholarships

The MVDSA awarded 56 scholarships at the May General meeting. Full scholarships for 2007 were \$450.00 this year. Please submit your provider information sheets to the MVDSA office. Remember, according to the scholarship guidelines, all scholarships are awarded to ONE provider and for ONE type of service. Payments must be made directly to the provider. The deadline for reimbursement of scholarships is December 31, 2007.



The current scholarship guidelines are under reconstruction. While details have not been finalized, scholarship eligibility will be based on a point system. A separate mailing will be sent to all general members as soon as board approval has been made.



Amy Engle (an MVDSA member) was truly inspired by our "Sharing a Vision of a Brighter Future" presentation. After hearing what a great successful life Katie Basford leads, she was encouraged to try and find other awesome role models for her son Freddie. Her research lead her to a remarkable young lady with Down syndrome named Karen Gaffney. After Karen graduated from college with an Associate of Science Degree she swam the English Channel. Her story will inspire you too. Check out Karen's site at www.karengaffneyfoundation.com

MVDSA Membership dues are needed by July 31st.

Does the mailman take to long to deliver your newsletter? Are you missing activities because you're not getting your newsletter in enough time to mark your calendar? Receive the MVDSA Newsletter by email! Give me, Shannon Sutter, a call at 832-1161 or send me an email at gaelic_mama@yahoo.com and let me know. You will receive the newsletter in your inbox *and* mailbox.

Happy Birthday!

July

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Alan Burden	10
Gary Stammen	10
John Paul Sutter	10
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Andy Turner	14
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Audra Cerny	17
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Dylan Chard	21
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Ryan Patton	21
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August

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Rachel Fritz	2
Jessica Zimmerman	6
Olivia Frasure	23
Garrett Harp	27
Amy Fratini	27
Julie Porter	28
Ted Jackson	31

Welcome



To our newest Members

Matthew & Katherine Gentil & their children Lindsey and Grant

Chris & Debbie Stefan & their children Matthew, Zachary, Jacob and Maria

Matt & Kristi Terry & their children Emily, Jacob and Katelyn

Jordan & Stacey Coleman & their children Joshua and Ken



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May Happenings

- ◆ Moms Night Out
- ◆ General Meeting

June Happenings

- ◆ Moms Night Out
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