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Thank You For Your Support

- ◆ To all our current board members—Thank you for an exceptional job leading our organization over the past year. Your hard work and dedication to our group has been greatly appreciated!!!
- ◆ As a result of our City Barbeque Fundraiser on March 4th, we received a check for \$570!!! Thank you to all who ate at City Barbeque and spread the word to friends and family.
- ◆ Springfield Pythian Planning Committee for their generous donation.
- ◆ Saturn of Dayton
- ◆ Goodrich Foundation
- ◆ Reynolds and Reynolds employees via the Association Fund: Todd Couch, Ginger Curley and Tom Huelsman
- ◆ In memory of Brent Lockwood: Sharon Hathaway, Susan and Nick Saldano, Clayton and Gayle Lockwood, Eileen and Timothy Combs, Norma Doherty, Patricia Seabrook, Dolores Tucker, Elizabeth Lingg, Mildred Neer, Douglas and Nancy Romer and Wanda Scholl
- ◆ Bill Eakman for his generosity
- ◆ McGovern Ceili Dancers for the wonderful performance at the Teen/Adult St. Patrick's Day Dance
- ◆ Deanne & Jamie Schramm for providing the music during the Teen/Adult St. Patrick's Day Dance



Euchre Tournament Re-Cap



A big thanks to all who supported the 2008 Euchre Tournament! We had a wonderful evening full of food, drinks, prizes and fun! Congrats to Don and Jackie Acuff, the winners of our \$500 grand prize. Amber Thomas was the lucky one going home with a new iPod Nano.

There were countless prizes and we would like to thank a few organizations for their support through donations: Tom's Mulch, Saturn of Dayton, Bravo, Kroger, WalMart, Maria Stein Animal Hospital, Don Pablo's, Pridgen Jewelers, The Learning Express, Beef O'Brady's, Starbucks, The Stitching Post, The Rusty Bucket, Fox and the Hound, The Culinary Company and City Barbeque for the \$570 rebate from the March fundraiser.

And none of it would have been possible without our volunteers! Special thanks to Mary Fischer, Paula Bier, Joyce Brun, Vickie Pulver, Stefan and Jennifer Bridenbaugh, Kate Schneider, Carol Noble, Sally Patton, Colleen McGovern, Edna Tanner, Ida Coles,

Euchre Tournament Re-Cap cont. Amber Thomas, Mike and Louann Lee, Barb and Don Smith, Pat McGeehan, Tom VanWey, Cathy, Larry, Brenna and Joe Nartker for their participation in this year's event. Thanks for all your hard work and donations.

Thanks once again to everyone who attended the tournament. We look forward to seeing you next March at the MVDSA Euchre Tournament 2009!

A Message From Our President

I certainly don't need to remind any of you how quickly time flies; as parents we blink and years have flown by... amazingly my kids are already 10, almost 8 and 14 months... WOW!! The past four terms on the Board have passed quickly, especially the last two as President.

I want to take a quick minute to personally say "THANK YOU" to all that have so graciously sacrificed their time and energy away from their families to serve the MVDSA during the last two years. I know personally that our job is often a very thankless and challenging one. I recognize the value of your time and personally appreciate each of you!

I also want to remind all of you that MVDSA is a *volunteer* organization. I realize that no matter what your season of life... *your time is valuable and limited*... the current Board understands that... we walk in those shoes daily. I ask you to honestly consider how *YOU* can help support this valuable organization for the benefit of future families that will need MVDSA. We appreciate the *MANY* suggestions we receive from our membership and would love your help to put them into action... *many hands make light work*.

I would like to end by saying "THANKS" to those families that made it possible for our family to find the support we needed when we were blessed with Andy almost 8 years ago. I have enjoyed my time serving the Miami Valley Down Syndrome Association and wish MVDSA much continued success.

Elections 2008



It's that time of year again to be thinking about electing a new board for the 2008-2009 term. It's not too late!!! We need your help!!! We have a few positions yet to fill. If you are interested, please contact the office at 222-0744.

Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome

The next meetings of the DADS group will be May 13th and June 10th at Hickory River. All meetings begin at 7:00.

If you are a father of a child with Down Syndrome and are looking for a place to share your story or find others willing to share in the joy of fatherhood, please join our mailing list and know you are welcome to attend our meetings. We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please call Stefan Bridenbaugh at 937-884-5325.



DADS Annual Golf Outing



The 2008 DADS golf outing will be Saturday, May 17th at Beechwood Golf Course. The golf course is located at 1476 St. Rt. 503 in Arcanum. The cost will be \$65 per person which includes greens fee, golf cart, and BBQ when finished. Registration will start at 11:30 am and shotgun start will be at 1pm. If you have any questions about the outing, please call Stefan Bridenbaugh at 884-5325 or Ken Middlestetter at 692-6450.

General Meetings

May

Please join us on Thursday evening, May 15th at Living Word Church in Vandalia for the very popular Spotlight Night. The evening begins at 6:30 with dinner. The talent show will begin at 7:00. Election ballots will be passed out as you arrive and must be turned in by 7:15 to be counted. Awarding of scholarships will conclude the evening. Buddy Walk registration information will be available. Child care will NOT be provided.

June

Please join us on Thursday evening, June 19th for BINGO Night! Children and adults are welcome to play, therefore, child care will NOT be available. As always, a light dinner will be available at 6:30. Come join us for an evening of fun!!!



Mom's Night Out And Grandma's Too

Do you need a break? Would you like an evening away from the kids? Come join us for Mom's Night Out. The upcoming dates will be May 29th at Beef O'Brady's in Beavercreek and June 26th at Panera Bread on Miller Lane in Dayton. If you have any questions or would like to receive notices via email about our next get together, call the office at 222-0744.



Teens and Adults Summer Dance

Everyone had such a good time at the St. Patrick's Dance that we've decided to do it again. More information will be coming in reference to a Summer Dance at Church of the Cross in June. Date and time will be decided at a later date. If you think you might be interested, let Barb Schramm know so she can get in contact with you when details have been finalized. Barb can be reached at 885-2281.



Calendar of events



Date Nite

Friday, May 2nd and
June 6th

See page 4 for advanced
dates

D.A.D.S. Meeting

May 13th and
June 10th

See page 2 for details

DADS Golf Outing

May 17th

Time and Locations can be
found on page 2

Mom's Night Out

May 29th and June 26th

Locations can be found
above

Strawberry Festival Parade—June 7th

See page 4 for float
decorating information

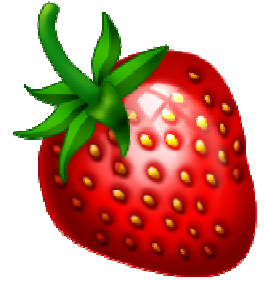


Twist...Jump...Kick...Clap...Plie...Gallop...Hands on Knees...Bounce!

"Dance Loft" in Xenia will be hosting their annual dance recital on Sunday, June 1st at the Kuss Auditorium in Springfield. The theme of this years recital is ZOOTOPIA. Freddie Engle, one of our young members, will be making his dance debut performing with his class to "Hey, Hey We're the Monkeys". According to Amy, Freddie's mom, he has been attending class every week since September preparing for this event and looks adorable in his monkey costume. If you would like to attend the performance contact "Dance Loft" at (937) 374-1404.

It's Strawberry Time Again

Time for our creative minds to start coming up with an idea for the 2008 Strawberry Festival Parade float. This years theme is "Let's Talk Berries". We will again have work dates at the Bridenbaugh's to work on the float. If anyone has any ideas on how to decorate the float based on this years theme or if you want to help decorate please get with the Bridenbaugh's at 884-5325 or MandMmom518@aol.com. The parade date is Saturday June 7th. Meeting time will be determined by placement in the parade.



Event Planning

We will be having our yearly Event Planning Meeting in June. The purpose of this meeting is to plan our general meetings for the October 2008 to September 2009 year. We are always looking for new and fresh ideas. Come and join us!! Date yet to be set...

This and That

- ◆ MVDSA Membership Dues for 2008-2009 are needed by July 31st.
- ◆ National Down Syndrome Congress Convention is July 11-13 in Boston. Anyone interested in attending and needing more information should contact the office.
- ◆ The winner of a free membership as a result of filling out and returning the survey that was mailed a few months ago was Edna Fuson and family.

Date Nite Reminder

The following are the dates for the rest of the year for Date Nite at Far Hills Community Church:

- May 2—Registration opens April 14
- June 6—Registration opens May 19
- July 11 (2nd Friday) - Registration opens June 23
- Aug 1—Registration opens July 14
- Sept 5—Registration opens Aug 18
- Oct 3—Registration opens Sept 15
- Nov 7—Registration opens Oct 20

Please be advised that while it is the desire of Far Hills Community Church to accommodate every family who wishes to attend, **registration is required and limited**. Registration will close when all of the spaces for special needs children are filled. This may shorten the registration period from the original planned end-date. If you're planning to attend, get your registration submitted as soon as possible.

Happy Birthday!

<u>May</u>		<u>June</u>	
Braden Schneider	1	Justin Vance	1
Robin Foster	4	Jason Pinches	2
Robin Johnson	5	Bridgitte Fannin	7
Joseph Nartker	9	Kayley Rose McGovern	10
Julian Vagedes	9	Rick Mosher	15
Rodney Rounds	11	Taylor Powell	15
Walter May III	12	Shawn Scanlon	15
Christopher Simpson	13	Brandon Fischer	16
Liliana Durig	14	Joshua Sanders	18
Jonathan Holmes	17	Laurie Schramm	22
Carter Suttle	28	Austin Calhoun	23
Andrew Hangen	31	Dawn Miller	23
		Janice Brun	25



Buddy Walk 2008

It's right Around the Corner!!! Registration forms and team information will be available at our May General Meeting. Mark your calendar. The 2008 Buddy Walk is scheduled for September 27th. Registration begins at 9:00 am 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.

Welcome



To our newest Members

Michael and Mia Rockwell and their son Logan
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Toya and Brandon Webb and their children Kamden,
Kylar and Kallie
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- ◆ DADS Meeting
- ◆ General Meeting
- ◆ DADS Golf Outing
- ◆ Mom Night Out

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- ◆ Strawberry Festival Parade
- ◆ D.A.D.S. Group Meeting
- ◆ General Meeting
- ◆ Moms Night Out

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