



From our President:

Theresa Moffitt - DSPTC President

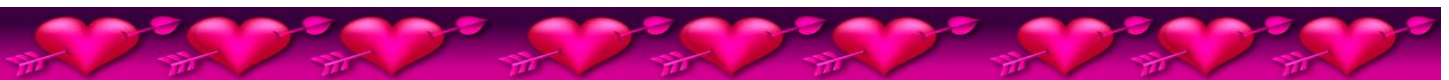
I want to take this opportunity to update everyone on some changes you should expect in the coming year. The Board of Directors met on January 5th for an all day retreat and took a comprehensive look at the DSPTC. We have continued to host the same functions every year without regard for the significant growth of the DSPTC over the past few years. The result has been a Fall schedule that is almost impossible for a volunteer organization to maintain. As a result of our in-depth review, our first annual Family Dance and Dinner will be held on March 29th from 4:30 - 8:30. (location TBD) This event will replace the annual Spring Fling/Easter Egg Hunt and the annual Fall Harvest. We fully anticipate this event to be our biggest ever and hope that families of all age children will attend and enjoy the opportunity to *socialize*, meet *new friends*, *reacquaint* with *old friends*, and **dance** the night away!!



We will continue to host various educational seminars throughout the year and continue to host the annual Holiday Party in December. However, **none of these events can occur without committee volunteers** to bring it all together. To assist with any of the social events, contact Barbi Wolfe at 817-312-1817 or momwolfe6@charter.net and to assist with seminars, contact Kim Marshall at 817-496-5100 or tmarsh414@aol.com.

Planning and coordination of the 7th annual **Our Special Heroes Golf Classic** is also underway. As you know, this is the DSPTC's primary fundraiser and the success of this tournament dictates the level of services we are able to provide to you, our Partners. Please be thinking of potential sponsors and players for the October 20th tournament and if you are able to assist with sending out solicitation letters, picking up auction/prize items, mailings, etc, please contact Marla Westbrook at 817-798-5714 or momof4js@mac.com.

We are looking forward to a terrific year with something for everyone. I hope to see all of you at least once!!



DSPTC Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met for an all day retreat on January 5th. Thank you to all of you for all the time and energy you have put into making our organization successful!!

Board Officers:

Theresa Moffitt, President
Kim Marshall, VP - Seminars
Barbi Wolfe, VP - Socials
Marla Westbrook - Treasurer & Golf Chairman
Jan Farrington - Secretary

Board Members:

Wendy Behnke
Sheila Crafton
Andy Crim
Robyn Hardison
Jean Jewell
Amanda Morgan
Mike Nelson
Marilyn Tolbert

DSPTC 2008 Social Calendar

Contributed by Barbi Wolfe,
Vice President of Socials

2008 is here and what a year it will be for the DSPTC. We have a few new things that will be happening this year and we are so excited. We will have three BIG social events this year for our members!



The 1st Annual DSPTC Family Dance
Saturday, March 29th

DSPTC Swim Party
Saturday, July 19th
Chisholm Aquatics Center
2200 Norwood Drive
Hurst, TX

DSPTC Holiday Party with Santa
Saturday, December 6th

Please contact me if you are interested in being a Chairperson or a volunteer. No amount of time is too small to contribute. It takes the talents of everyone from the spreadsheet people, to the very crafty and creative ones, to designers, etc. 95% of the communication is done via email and phone, so you don't have to worry about making time for the face-to-face meetings.



Please contact me if you are interested for more details. I can be reached via email (momwolfe6@charter.net), or my cell # is 817-312-1817.

These events are very important to our group and our DSPTC families, but they don't happen without you! I need PEOPLE to be the Chairperson or persons for these events and then volunteers to help put them together.

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Marla Westbrook - momof4js@mac.com

Committees

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New Parent Packets:

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Community Outreach:

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Social Events Chairpersons:

Pool Party - Amy Smith - achks@hughes.net

Holiday Party - Chairman OPEN

Family Dance and Dinner - Chairman OPEN

Down Syndrome Clinic:

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Sunshine/Angel Food:

Jan Crook - cjancrook@aol.com

6-12 Play Group:

Margaret Yaquinto - mt43@sbcglobal.net

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Kim Marshall - TMarsh414@aol.com

Jean Jewell - bj784@aol.com

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Marla Westbrook - momof4js@mac.com

Newsletter:

Kim Mesa

Send info to: dsptcnews@hotmail.com

(Deadline on the 15th of each month!)

Website Contact:

Andy Crim - thecrims2@yahoo.com

Our Special Heroes Golf Classic Chairman :

Marla Westbrook - momof4js@mac.com

BOWLING PARTY

CALLING ALL TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS OF DSPTC!!
Saturday, February 16 at 10:30 AM

Alley Cats Family Fun Center
2008 W. Pleasant Ridge Rd., Arlington, TX 76015

Don't be late!
We are bowling from
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Please be sure to call if you plan to come!
817-496-5100 or 817-561-0562



Newsletter vs. E-Letter?

Contributed by Kim Mesa, DSPTC News Editor

In an effort to make the DSPTC News more efficient, DSPTC is considering streamlining the DSPTC News from a mailed newsletter to an e-mailed e-letter. This would not only save time and money, but also allow more information, photos, and color to be included. Instead of postal mailing the newsletter each month, it would be e-mailed to the membership and filed on the Yahoogroups site. Printed copies will still be available for the New Parent Packets and for those members who do not have internet access.

To determine our future direction, your input is critical. Would you prefer a printed copy mailed to you each month or is an e-mail PDF better? If you would like to receive your copy via e-mail, please send an e-mail to dsptcnews@hotmail.com. If you would prefer a copy be mailed to each month, please call DSPTC voicemail at 817-421-1812 and leave your name and current address.

Do you have a story, brag on your child, photos, or information you would like to share? E-mail your contributions to dsptcnews@hotmail.com by the 15th of each month.



Down Syndrome Guild 2008 IEP Conferences

Saturday, February 16, 2008

One Session: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Region 10 Service Center, 904 Abrams Road,
Richardson, TX 75081

Lynn Campbell and her partner **Sidney Crim**, local speech pathologists with extensive experience working with children and adults with Down syndrome, will speak about writing and means of enhancing effective communication.

Saturday, March 29, 2008

One Session: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Region 10 Service Center, 904 Abrams Road,
Richardson, TX 75081

Gail Wayman, M.Ed. in special education and Board Certified Behavior Analyst, will present on the topic of developing IEPs, including writing objectives that are observable and measurable. She returns to us after rave reviews for her presentation on toilet training last year.



SPACE IS LIMITED!! Please email dallasdsg@sbcglobal.net or call the DSG office at (214) 267-1374 to confirm your reservations.



Our Special Heroes Golf Classic

Monday, October 20th

There are many ways you can help!
Marla Westbrook - momof4js@mac.com

Mardi Frog

Kinderfrogs Dinner and Silent Auction benefiting Kinderfrogs



Saturday, February 16 at 6:00
DJ Kelley Center at TCU

Please contact Barbi Wolfe, 817-312-1817 or momwolfe6@charter.net or Marilyn Tolbert 817-257-6828 for more information.

2008 Inclusion Works! Conference

February 20th-23rd Renaissance Hotel Austin



The state's premiere conference on inclusive education celebrates its 15th year! As always, we bring you top experts from across the nation to share the latest research, information and practical strategies you can use in your own district, school, classroom or family.

For more info or to register go to the ARC of TX website at <http://www.thearcoftexas.org>.

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Things to Remember

Mom's Night Out

February 15 - 6:30 p.m.
Carraba's
Northeast Mall (Next to RAVE
Theater)- Hurst

Contact Cyndi Anderson at
cyndi0633@yahoo.com or call her
cell phone, 817-501-2358 for more
information.

Bienvenidos!

La Asociacion Syndrome de Down
de Tarrant County prove recursos y
apoyo para gente con syndrome de
down y sus familias. Mas
informacion: Favor de llama a la
Sra. Julia Barbosa, (817) 923-3628.

Down Syndrome Clinic

Upcoming Clinic Dates:
February 15 **March 28**
April 18 **May 16**

For more information or an appointment, call
Sarah Stringer at 682-885-2181.

DSPTC Voice Mail 817-421-1812

Home & Community Based Services
(Kim Lambert) 817-569-4140

Medically Dependent Children Program &
Community Living Assistance & Support
Services 1-877-438-5658

Dads

Contact Mike Nelson at 817-723-9051
or Fnelson@bbar.com for more information.

**Northeast
Play Group**

Needs a new coordinator!
Contact Sessalie
Shapley
at (817) 358-1879

**Arlington
Play Group**

For more information,
contact

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The DSPTC qualifies as a 501c(3) non-profit charitable organization and contributions are tax deductible to the extent the law allows.