



# News & Events

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## Bi-Monthly Meeting

**When:** Saturday, May 13, 2006  
10:00a.m. - 12:00 Noon

**Where:** Integris Baptist Medical Center Auditorium  
(Childcare will be in Room H)

**Topic:** Traci Castles, SoonerStart Family Services Coordinator  
Transitioning from SoonerStart into Oklahoma Department of Education  
And presentation of DSACO's 2006 Educator of the Year Award

Traci Castles, SoonerStart Family Services Coordinator, will be sharing information about our children transitioning from SoonerStart into the care of the Oklahoma Department of Education Special Services Division. She will also be discussing the services that parents should expect and be able to receive from the school district.

Make plans to be there at this very informative meeting. As always, this meeting is for all parents, caregivers and those interested in promoting awareness and acceptance of people with Down syndrome.

RSVP for child care to Shaun Joy 405-324-6930.

## Buddy Walk Planning to Begin

If you have been looking for a place or an event to volunteer, this is the one! Anyone interested in helping plan this year's Buddy Walk event, we have set up the date and time for our first two meetings. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, May 23, 2006 and our second meeting will be held on June 27, 2006. Both meetings are at Baptist Medical Center at 7:00pm.

The Buddy Walk will be held at the Bricktown Ballpark this year, so any new ideas will be welcomed. If you would like to volunteer, but cannot attend the meeting, please email or call:

Lori Wathen: wathenld@ccvalve.com or (405) 329-8185  
Bill Lovell: blovell@beckassociates.com or (405) 488-6905

We are looking forward to an even bigger and grander event yet at our new location!  
We need you!

## DSACO Officer Elections to be Held in June

It doesn't seem like it has been two years, but it has and it is once again time for DSACO officer elections. Elections will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2006 at the regular DSACO Planning/Board meeting.

Shaun Joy, current President will become the DSACO Historian and current Vice-President, Kevin Moore, will become President at the June meeting. The offices that we will be electing are listed below with a brief description of the duties.

**Vice-President** - The Vice-President will assume the office of President upon conclusion of his/her term as Vice-President. Should the outgoing Vice-President choose not to accept the duties of President, the position of President will be filled by election.

**Secretary** - The Secretary will keep minutes of all meetings of the Board and the general membership, perform all the duties required by law, and shall be custodial of all corporate records and documents.

**Treasurer** - The Treasurer shall receive all monies, deposit all receipts and disburse as directed. He or she shall report income, disbursements, and total balance on hand at each regular meeting. He or she shall make an annual written report prior to June 30. On or before June 30, he or she shall deliver all monies, books and other financial properties and records of the corporation to said successor.

Due to DSACO's growth financially, it was decided at the last planning meeting to possibly contract with the DSACO accountant to handle more of the Treasurer duties. The Treasurer would work closely with the accountant and report back to the Board and general membership.

If you know someone who may be interested in running for office please call Doris Erhart at (405) 722-2795 or via email at [doris.erhart@cox.net](mailto:doris.erhart@cox.net) or Kevin Moore at [mooreorless616@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mooreorless616@sbcglobal.net).

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## Chapter Planning/Board Meeting

When: June 8, 2006  
7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Integris Baptist Hospital  
Room to be Announced

All parents, caregivers and those interested in promoting awareness and acceptance of individuals with Down syndrome are encouraged and welcome to attend.

## Easter Eggstravaganza!

A big "Thank You!" goes out to everyone who came out and made our 3rd Annual Easter Eggstravaganza a great success! There were more kids, eggs and fun than ever before! It turned out to be a terrific day with lots of food, play time and candy!

Once again, our appreciation goes out to Lori Wathen for putting this great event together! Without her hard work and great efforts, we wouldn't have been able to have so much fun with our friends and families. Hope we see you next year at our 4th Annual Eggstravaganza!

## Bountiful Blessings Update

The calendar committee has met and discussed the *2007 Bountiful Blessings* calendar! The letters to parents should be ready to go out shortly. We received many profiles and unfortunately we are not able to use all of them. The photographer that has done the calendar in the past will not be able to do this year's calendar, so we are in the process of looking for a new photographer.

Also, if you have any money to turn in from the 2006 calendars, please send it to me in a timely manner. Please do not mail cash.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call or email me.

Tami Arambula, Calendar Committee Chair

## Parent To Parent (P2P) Sharing Meetings

### North

Saturday, May 20, 2006, from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. Topic: *Creative Resources/Activities for Summer*  
RSVP No later than May 12, 2006.

Saturday, June 17, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Topic to be determined  
RSVP No later than June 9, 2006.

Location of Meetings: Quail Springs Church of Christ, 14401 North May (between Memorial Road and 150th Street on the West Side).

Childcare provided by RSVP only. For information about topics of discussion or childcare contact Kevin or Becky Moore at (405)372-0883 or via email at [mooreorless616@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mooreorless616@sbcglobal.net)

### South

Tuesday, May 16, 2006, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Topics to be determined  
RSVP No later than May 12, 2006.

Tuesday, June 20, 2006, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Topic to be determined  
RSVP No later than June 16, 2006.

Location of Meetings: First Baptist Church of Moore, 301 NW 27th Street

Childcare provided by RSVP only. For information about topics of discussion or childcare contact Tasha Rodgers at (405)735-6320 or via email at [dtsetroddgers@wmconnect.com](mailto:dtsetroddgers@wmconnect.com)

We will also be meeting at 5:30p.m. for DSACO night at Johnnie's Charbroiler on I-240. Everyone is responsible for their own dinner cost.

## Calendar of Events

**\*Dates are Subject to Change**

**MAY**

- 9 DADS Meeting
- 13 Bi-Monthly Meeting
- 16 Parent to Parent/South
- 20 Parent to Parent/North
- 23 Buddy Walk Planning Meeting

**JUNE**

- 8 Chapter Planning/Board Meeting
- 13 DADS Meeting
- 17 Parent to Parent/North
- 20 Parent to Parent/South
- 27 Buddy Walk Planning Meeting

**JULY**

- 8 Bi-Monthly Meeting
- 11 DADS Meeting
- 18 Parent to Parent/South
- 21-23 NDSC National Convention -  
Atlanta

**AUGUST**

- 8 DADS Meeting
- 10 Chapter Planning/Board Meeting
- 15 Parent to Parent/South
- 19 Parent to Parent/North

**SEPTEMBER**

- 23 Buddy Walk - Bricktown Ball Park

**OCTOBER**

- 10 DADS Meeting
- 12 Chapter Planning/Board Meeting
- 17 Parent to Parent/South
- 21 Parent to Parent/North

**NOVEMBER**

- 11 Bi-Monthly Meeting
- 14 DADS Meeting
- 18 Parent to Parent/North
- 21 Parent to Parent/South

**DECEMBER**

- 1 Deck the Halls with DSACO
- 7 Chapter Planning/Board Meeting

### Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome (DADS)



Dads Appreciating Down Syndrome (DADS) will meet on:  
Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. - RSVP No later than May 6, 2006.

Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. - RSVP No later than June 10, 2006.

We will meet at Santa Fe Restaurant off of I-240 and 74th. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at (405)735-6320 or email at [Dtsetroddgers@wmconnect.com](mailto:Dtsetroddgers@wmconnect.com). This will be a great place for the men to get together and I hope everyone can make it!

Thanks, Dustin Rodgers



# May 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	<b>9</b> D.A.D.S. Meeting 7p.m.	10	11	12	<b>13</b> Bi-Monthly Meeting 10a.m.-12p.m.
14	15	<b>16</b> P2P South 7p.m.-9p.m.	17	18	19	<b>20</b> P2P North 10a.m.-12p.m.
21	22	<b>23</b> B.W. Planning Meeting 7p.m.	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



# June 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	<b>8</b> Chapter Planning/ Board Meeting 7p.m.-9p.m.	9	10
11	12	<b>13</b> D.A.D.S. Meeting 7p.m.	14	15	16	<b>17</b> P2P North 10a.m.-12p.m.
18	19	<b>20</b> P2P South 7p.m.-9p.m.	21	22	23	24
25	26	<b>27</b> B.W. Planning Meeting 7p.m.	28	29	30	

## Note From the President

Hello everyone,

Well I guess this will be the last time that I write to everyone as my time as president is coming to an end. I would like to say that I have enjoyed my time and serving all of you in this capacity. I would like to thank all of you for making my job easy by helping and volunteering to make things happen within the organization. I believe that we have a great organization and there are several others outside of our group that feel the same way.

In June we will be having our new officers take over their various positions. Kevin Moore will be filling the position of President and I hope that you will help welcome him and help him as much as you have helped me. I believe that Kevin will make a great leader and help take us to that next level. Again, "Thank You!" for your generosity and help over the past two years and keep up the good work for a worthy group of individuals.

Sincerely,

Shaun Joy  
DSACO President



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