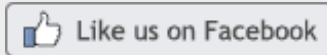


Friends Meet-Ups, Moms' Night Out, DSC now hiring, plus
volunteer & advocacy opportunities for everyone! Check it out!

Down Syndrome Community February Newsletter

We have TONS of stuff going on! Please scroll through the headlines below for all the info. For the latest news and last minute updates, please like us on Facebook:



DSC Sweetheart Dance and Pizza Party

RSVP by Wednesday, February 17: [Sweetheart Dance RSVP](#)

Live DJ (mobilegrooves), free pizza (Pazzo's on Eastlake) and keepsake sweetheart photos (Tom Ellis Photography). It's all FREE!

Please bring a dessert to share! Water and juice will be provided.

Saturday, February 20, 5:30pm-8pm

[Highland Community Center](#)

14224 Bel-Red Rd, Bellevue, WA 98007

DSC Now Hiring!

The DSC is experiencing so much growth that we need to hire a part-time employee! We are looking for a Program Coordinator to help us manage programs, events and more. A detailed job description can be found on the DSC Public OneDrive:

<http://1drv.ms/1R0EWmP>

Work Details:

\$15-\$18/hour based on experience

10-15 hours/week not to exceed 60 hours/month

Hours likely to be highest in September & October in preparation for the Buddy Walk

Please send a cover letter and resume to

Alison Winfield at avwinfield@hotmail.com

DSC Board of Directors Opportunities!

Are you looking for a way to give back and support those with Down syndrome on an energetic, dedicated team?

The Down Syndrome Community is looking for motivated individuals to sit on our working board. We have seats opening up in our May election cycle. We're looking for someone to fill our self-advocate position, and for people who have fundraising or

nonprofit experience. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Alison Winfield at avwinfield@hotmail.com

20th Annual Puget Sound Buddy Walk

We are excited for our **20th Annual Puget Sound Buddy Walk in October!** It takes months and months of planning to pull this event off and we are getting started.

If you are interested in being on our committee, please contact

Linda Michael at ljmichael@comcast.net or

Becky Ronan at ronanbecky@gmail.com

Legislative Updates from Olympia & Advocacy Opportunities

There are **three important bills that impact our community** making their way through the House and Senate during this legislative session. They are:

HB 2403 The Down Syndrome Resource Bill

HB 2394 and SB 6329 The Parent to Parent Bill

HB 2323 The ABLE Act

The best way to stay up-to-date with these and other bills is to sign up for legislative alerts from [The Arc of Washington State](#).

For more information on these bills and what you can do to support them, read more on the DSC Public OneDrive: <http://1drv.ms/1Qd0t8A>

DSC Friends Meet-Ups

*DSC Friends Meet-Ups are hosted by the DSC at **no cost** to you!
Please join us and have fun!*

Babies/Toddlers Ages 0-3 generally meets the 4th Saturday of the month

Contact: Caitlyn Hanney caitlinhanney@gmail.com

The 0-3 group will meet on the Eastside at [Roo's World of Discovery](#). Roo's is one of the first spaces of its kind that welcomes all children, a place parents and children can come to, no matter what their developmental level, play and feel welcome.

Saturday, February 27, 9:00-11:00am

Roo's World of Discovery

1008 Central Way, Kirkland, WA 98033

RSVP to Caitlin (info above) by Wednesday, February 24.

Ages 4-7

Contact Kara Freel-Sparks: kara@freelsparkslaw.com 206-850-4129

or Shane Sparks: shane.sparks@icfi.com 206-351-6375

Special visit to [Seattle Children's Museum](#). We'll have the museum to ourselves for the first hour, and your free pass will be good all day!

Sunday, February 28, 9:00-11:00am
Seattle Children's Museum
305 Harrison Street, Seattle, WA 98109

RSVP to Kara or Shane (info above) by Tuesday, February 23.

Tweens Ages 8-12 generally meets the 2nd Saturday of the month

Contact Maura Dunn: mauradunn@comcast.net 206-498-9872

University of Washington Women's Basketball Game

Saturday, February 27, 12:30pm

Alaska Airlines Arena on the UW campus
3910 Montlake Blvd, Seattle, WA 98195
Paid parking in the lot north of the arena

We'll meet at 12:30pm at the Husky dog statue in front of the arena. Game starts at 1:00pm. Please call Maura (info above) if you are going to be late, so we can leave the tickets for you at Will Call under your name.

Because we'll be in a large venue with many fans, we're asking that at least one parent attend with your child unless you make arrangements for another adult to look out for them. Also, it can be loud, so kids can bring their earplugs or headphones if necessary. There is a time for autographs after the game so we'll plan to have them all get photos with a few of the players!

RSVP to Maura (info above) by Friday, February 26

Teens Ages 13-19 generally meets the last Sunday of the month

Contact Sue Adelman: sadel47714@me.com 734-274-1839 Facebook: [RaiseExpectations](#)

We have some new Teen Get togethers!

First, the **Sweetheart Dance is on Saturday the 20th 5:30-8:00pm** at the Highland Community Center! Go and enjoy! Dev and I will not make it to this, but we will be making it to

Bocce Night at Rhein House

Sunday, February 21, 4pm

612 12th Ave, Seattle, WA 98122

Amy Martin and Virginia have been playing Bocce with Special Olympics and will be our instructors for the game! We have the court 4:30-5:30.

Families can choose to stay for dinner after the game, I know Sean, Dev, Ian and I will be staying for some great German brats! This is a Beer Garden, but it is family friendly. The Special Olympics play Unified Bocce here Monday nights.

RSVP to Sue (info above) by Thursday, February 18, so we can confirm the number of courts!

DSC Moms' Night Out

Saturday, March 19, 7:00pm

Save the date! For our next Moms' Night Out we would love to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. We have enjoyed having these nights in someone's home. Presently we do not have a location. Since we were on the Eastside in February, we are looking for a Seattle location. If you are in Seattle and would like to host, please contact Courtney Criss at courtney@downsyndromecommunity.org

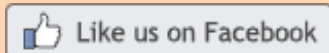
If no one is able to host, a restaurant will be chosen by the end February. Looking ahead, we will have April's MNO on the Eastside again.

Please check the DSC online Events Calendar regularly!

<http://downsyndromecommunity.org/events-calendar>

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