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A NOTE FROM NANCY



Happy summer! Can you believe it's July already and the DSCBA is 10 years old? I am having a great time getting our mission out and meeting wonderful people in the process! I am also proud to say I am communicating with more than 100 members of the DSCBA via email on our updated computers and working on growing that distribution list to include all of our members. A big thanks goes to Theresa Coffman and their designer, Cedric Cheng at Minuteman Press of Pleasant Hill, who donated the design work which allowed us to send you this full color summer edition newsletter.

Things are rolling as networking and educating people about us brings attention to our cause. For example, we have members of the Danville Chamber framing artwork and giving generous donations to our events. Our children's library has been updated with many donated books. For the first time the DSCBA had a float in the Danville 4th of July parade where we celebrated our differences with pride as the crowd cheered thanks to our sponsors, parents and friends of the Connection.

We are once again excited about the Cajun Festival coming up in August in memory of Amelia Bibles, and the fact that everyone can order tickets on line via our website www.dsconnection.org thanks to the generosity of SunDesign Studios. We have a new golf tournament coming up in October thanks to the compassion of the Summit Financial Group that offers us 100% of the proceeds.

Foundations are being researched using new tools that give us the capability to find new grant opportunities and find them more efficiently. Many grant applications are being submitted and just recently we were blessed to have the Wayne and Gladys Valley Foundation once again partner in our mission with an incredible 5 year grant. This is an amazing opportunity to plan for growth ultimately reaching more families than ever before. The Kiwanian's have graciously given to us for many years and once again supported our summer programs this year. We also received a generous NEW grant from the Thomas J. Long Foundation!

Additional opportunities to build positive awareness are on the agenda such as, having a table at the Blackhawk Business Showcase in September to educate and offer the community a chance to give. Don't forget the Knights of Columbus are always there supporting our cause with a fabulous golf tournament, silent auction and dinner. Our Buddy Walk and Picnic committee has things underway for a fabulous day at Heather Farms during national Down Syndrome Awareness Month and we need your help finding sponsors for this national event.

Last but not least I welcome our new Board President Jim Bibles. I'm looking forward to combining our energy and passion to lead the DSCBA into what will be a great year and awesome opportunity to support our existing membership while welcoming new families into our community with strong and open arms.

Sincerely

Nancy LaBelle
Executive Director

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WEBSITES AND RESOURCES

National Down Syndrome Society
www.ndss.org

National Down Syndrome Congress
www.nDSCBAcenter.org

Education Research
www.downsnet.org

Special Olympics
www.specialolympics.org

Wrightslaw
www.wrightslaw.com

Disability Solutions
www.disabilitysolutions.org

Down Syndrome Quarterly
www.denison.edu/dsq/

Woodbine House
www.woodbinehouse.com

Regional Center of the East Bay:
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ANNUAL DINNER EXPERIENCE

By Mike Cannon

This year's annual dinner experience was once again a demonstration of the sense of community the Down Syndrome Connection has with all people with Down syndrome and their families. We celebrated the 10 year birthday of the DSCBA with wonderful food, a clown, dance performance by the DSCBA dance group, and guest speakers Katie and Kris Faith (who are twins, Kris who has Down syndrome and Katie who now teaches students with special needs).

My three year old daughter, Grace, who has Down syndrome is the reason why our family has been connected with the DSCBA. Every event continues to amaze me because there are so many people involved that make it happen. The reason they give their time, efforts, money, etc. is because they want to make the event special for anyone who has Down syndrome. For me, the payback to everyone at the event is seeing kids with Down syndrome dance, smile, laugh, talk, give out hugs and kisses, and interact with people in the room. It brings an incredibly heartwarming feeling to anyone to see kids with Down syndrome doing amazing tasks, especially Kris Faith being a speaker for an entire audience.

What I believe makes the Annual Dinner and other events so special is how everyone truly understands the love, time, patience, diligence, sorrows, pride, laughter, tears, and any other adjective I left out about raising a child with Down syndrome. We all have a common bond and understanding of each other, and to me the events have always been a time to celebrate our kid's accomplishments and know we are all there for one another. It used to be odd to me to trust strangers so much, but over the last three years, everyone in the DSCBA has not been a stranger, but considered family. I meet new families all the time, and the second you meet them and their child, they become part of your family instantly. The best part of the Annual Dinner and other events for me is to see Grace hug other kids and adults all night and tell everyone "hi" with a smile on her face.

The Annual Dinner inspired many, whether it was the video shown made by a person with Down syndrome, hearing Kris and

Katie speak, or seeing a kid smile. The more you talk to families and parents who have kids with Down syndrome, I guarantee you will hear a story of how their child with Down syndrome inspires people in their lives. Grace already inspires her little brother, Brady, by giving him the gift of laughter. Whether it is playing "boo" with him or showing him how to do jumps, Brady thinks his big sister is the greatest comedian and laughs harder playing with her than anyone else. All of our family in the DSCBA have similar stories of their kids being inspiring, and I look forward to all of being inspired through all of these kids with Down syndrome the rest of our lives.



The Down Syndrome Connection is Cheered by Thousands on the 4th of July

By Dara Espinosa

I have lived in Danville since 1964 and have been to the Danville Fourth of July Parade every year except for three; can you believe it? When I moved away from Danville I came back on the Fourth of July just to attend the parade. I have been an active member of the Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area since its inception; I was a member of the Down Syndrome League prior to that. When I heard the Connection was having a float in the parade this year I was happy to be involved because of my Danville roots and because I wanted to give back to the Connection for all that has been given to me by wonderful people over the past 15 years.

It has been great fun and I have met nice people in the process of working on the float. My daughter Taylor and I participated in the parade for the first time and it was a lot of fun! Thank you to everyone who came out to walk, ride, and support our float in the parade. Thank you to the parade committee and the many volunteers for your hard work building the float. We received a great reception from the crowd waving and clapping for us.



Celebrating our Differences



Creating a Masterpiece Together



Keep Your Head Up When Your Syndrome is Down

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Hard at Work Volunteers



Celebrating With the Crowd



Building a Solid Float with Pride

Thank you to our sponsors:
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And thank you to our Parade Committee Members:
Rich & Jo Kelley, Steve Rettig, Tom Azzopardi,
Karen Dahl and Dara Espinosa

SF STEP AND STEP OUT

Happy Summer Everyone! We are off on our long summer break...good thing we are so skilled at calling our friends. Our groups had a rich end of the spring semester. We made fancy beads for our Mother's Day gifts then made them into bookmarks or jewelry. These went with our traditional poems, which follow for your enjoyment. Since dad's don't often get their fair share of attention, as we end in May, we made them some early gifts of cards or water-colored books. We had a lot of exciting activities among our members: proms, performances in plays and dance concerts, clown shows and other fun things, birthday celebrations, travels etc. Some of us got to dance at the DSCBA Annual Dinner/Birthday celebration, very fun!

Folks are doing tremendous stuff this summer...We had a warm send off for Robert in SF Step, who is off to college in New Mexico next fall. Go Robert! We will miss you and we look forward to your return. Lots of us are going to Camp KREM, working and traveling. Also in SF Step, Nina K. graduated Mission High School and won two awards, Go Nina!

Natalie from Step Out started a new program and moved into a new group home both of which she really likes (lots of cute boys and other perks), Yeah Natalie. Teodros is going to a two week music school camp on the east coast, "Rock On Teodros"! And all our members will continue their many activities including art and activity groups, Special Olympics, SPREAD and Bananas social groups, etc. etc. We had to say goodbye to our amazing Step Out PAL Joanna Swanton, who is off to grad school for occupational therapy. We will miss her, but we got promises for her return when she's back in town.

We wish you all a very healthy, happy and re-creative summer! With love from all of us, Jamie.

Mom, I Love You as much as:

1. Hollywood filled with awesome big stars
2. Hula dancing in Hawaii
3. Being a pop star and feeling special
4. Dancing and feeling excited
5. Smelling a lavender flower that smells and is as beautiful as you are
6. My movies and my friends, I love you, you're so pretty
7. A pop star, pretty in pink
8. Celebrating my birthday

Happy Mother's Day!

Can you guess which line your loving child wrote?

1. Jackson 2. Emma Y 3. Marissa 4. Nina K 5. Robert 6. Emma D 7. Nina K 8. Olivia

Mom, I Love You as much as:

1. Loving cooking eggplant parmesan for you, feeling just superior
2. Fancy blue roses, feeling perfect
3. Swimming backstroke and 50 freestyle
4. Helping comfort you, loving you and giving you hugs, feeling happy as a big red heart.
5. Looking at books @ the Amazon rainforest, different cultures & animals, feeling peaceful experiencing the new and exotic
6. I like bowling, smiling and happy
7. Just relaxing at home feeling energetic like I could jump to the next stars
8. Books, poems, songs, dancing, secrets, giggling, so happy

Happy Mother's Day!

Can you guess which line your loving child wrote?

1. Athena 2. Bobby 3. Tamika 4. Annika 5. Teodros 6. Erica 7. Joey 8. Natalie



WHO'S UP FOR SOME GOLF?



The Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area is looking for golfers to take part in the two golf tournaments we have for the year.

September 27



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***Golf at the San Ramon Golf Club
Dinner, Wine Tasting, Auction
and Raffle at the St. Joan of Arc
Gymnasium***

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www.kofc9206.org or
call 925-263-1776.*

October 13



***Summit Financial
6th Annual Golf Tournament
Dinner & Silent Auction
Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville***

*For more information email
Kimberlee at
Kimberlee@summitfingroup.com*

***If you don't golf
come for dinner!***

BRANDON (A Grandparent's Perspective)

On October 7, 2004 our son came out of the delivery room with the doctor. The first thing he said to us was that Brandon was born with Down syndrome.

We have to be honest. Our first reaction was that it took us back; we were confused, not knowing what that would mean to our son and his family. Then a very short time later, they had to rush Brandon to ICU, with the possibility of congestive heart failure. All of a sudden Down syndrome wasn't a serious problem to face. Our prayers were please do not take our grandson.

Well here we are 3 ½ yrs later. Brandon is a healthy active toddler and is the joy of our lives. He is never in a bad mood. He loves unconditionally. When he first sees us he always gives us the biggest hugs and kisses.

We have enjoyed watching him develop into a special little boy and appreciate all the assistance he has received along the way.

Brandon has taught us how to do sign language. He is starting to say a number of words, but he knows how to communicate and tell us exactly what he wants.

We cannot be around him without smiling and laughing. He is such a joy and he has made us better people.

We have enjoyed meeting so many families at the Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area. They are all so involved in getting to know more about Down syndrome.

We believe that Brandon is truly our gift from God. So many people have said how lucky Brandon is to have been born to our family, but in reality we are the lucky ones. He has shown us that the only handicap a person has is his own prejudice.

We have four wonderful grandchildren, Brandon being the third. They are all very special to us, but Brandon, is the one that brings light to everyone's day.

John and Judi Garcia



BUDDY WALK UPDATE

Plans for the Buddy Walk 2008 are well under way. Save the date October 12th. This year the walk will take place at Heather Farms in Walnut Creek. Our goal is to raise \$20,000. We need your help securing corporate sponsors as well as raffle items. We are also in need of volunteers the day of the walk. If you can help in any way please contact the Connection at 925-362-8660 or via email at down_syndrome@sbcglobal.net

Angie Rettig and Jo Kelly
Buddy Walk Co-Chairs



WE'RE MORE ALIKE THAN DIFFERENT



2008-2009 STEP SCHEDULE



BABY STEPS

MARTHA HOGAN – DANVILLE

EVERY 2ND WEDNESDAY 10:00AM – 11:30AM

2008 SCHEDULE

AUG 20
SEPT 10, 24
OCT 8, 22
NOV 5, 19
DEC 3, 17

2009 SCHEDULE

JAN 7,21 JUL 8,22
FEB 4,18 AUG 5,19
MAR 4,18 SEP 2,16,30
APR 1,15,29 OCT 14,28
MAY 13,27 NOV 4,18
JUN 10,24 DEC 2,16



SMALL STEPS

LAURA BRIGGS – DANVILLE

MONDAY'S 3:30PM – 4:45PM

2008

Session 1 – Sept 8,15,22,29 & Oct 6,13,20
Session 2 – Nov 3,17 & Dec 1,8,15

2009

Session 3 – Jan 5,12,26 & Feb 2,9
Session 4 – Feb 23 & Mar 2,9,16,23,30
Session 5 – Apr 20,27 & May 4,11,18



FIRST STEPS

LAURA BRIGGS – DANVILLE

WEDNESDAY'S 3:00PM – 4:30PM

2008

Session 1 – Sep 10,17,24 & Oct 1,8,15,22
Session 2 – Nov 5,12,19 & Dec 3,10,17

2009

Session 3 – Jan 7,14,21,28 & Feb 4,11
Session 4 – Feb 25 & Mar 4,11,18,25 & Apr 1
Session 5 – Apr 22,29 & May 6,13,20



EXPRESS YOURSELF

VIRGINIA BONHAM – DANVILLE
TUESDAY'S 4:00PM – 5:30PM

2008

Session 1 – Sep 9,16,23,30 & Oct 7,14,21

Session 2 – Nov 4,11,18 & Dec 2,9,16

2009

Session 3 – Jan 6,13,20,27 & Feb 3,10

Session 4 – Feb 24 & Mar 3,10,17,24,31

Session 5 – Apr 21,28 & May 5,12,19



STEP IN

VIRGINIA BONHAM – DANVILLE
THURSDAY'S 4:00PM – 5:30PM

2008

Session 1 – Sep 11,18,25 & Oct 2,9,16,23

Session 2 – Nov 6,13,20 & Dec 4,11,18

2009

Session 3 – Jan 8,15,22,29 & Feb 5,12

Session 4 – Feb 26 & Mar 4,12,19,26 & Apr 2

Session 5 – Apr 23,30 & May 7,14,21



STEP TOGETHER

TAMARA REED – ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL
MONDAY'S 3:30PM – 5:00PM

2008

Session 1 – Sep 8,15,22,29 & Oct 6,13,20

Session 2 – Nov 3,17 & Dec 1,8,15

2009

Session 3 – Jan 5,12,26 & Feb 2,9

Session 4 – Feb 23 & Mar 2,9,16,23,30

Session 5 – Apr 20,27 & May 4,11,18



STEP OUT

JAMIE LANTZ – TEMESCAL ARTS CENTER OAKLAND – WEDNESDAY'S 4:00PM – 5:30PM

2008

Session 1 – Sep 10,17,24 & Oct 1,8,15,22

Session 2 – Nov 5,12,19 & Dec 3,10,17

2009

Session 3 – Jan 7,14,21,28 & Feb 4,11

Session 4 – Feb 25 & Mar 4,11,18,25 & Apr 1

Session 5 – Apr 22,29 & May 6,13,20

SF STEP

JAMIE LANTZ/CHRISTINA LEWIS

JOHN O'CONNELL H.S. OF TECHNOLOGY SAN FRANCISCO – TUESDAY'S 4:00PM – 5:30PM

2008

Session 1 – Sep 9,16,23,30 & Oct 7,14,21

Session 2 – Nov 4,11,18 & Dec 2,9,16

2009

Session 3 – Jan 6,13,27 & Feb 3,10

Session 4 – Feb 24 & Mar 3,10,17,24,31

Session 5 – Apr 21,28 & May 5,12,19



PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Parents of children with Down syndrome are welcomed and encouraged to join our monthly support group. Exchange information, share common experiences and be encouraged by other parents with similar issues and concerns. The group will usually meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7-9 p.m. at the Connection office in Danville.



LOCATION

117-A Town & Country Dr., Danville, CA 94526

Phone: 925-362-8660

TIME: 7-9p.m.

DATES FOR 2008

August 26 September 30 October 28 December 9



*Childcare is NOT available. Babies under ten months are welcome. This group is for parents. We hope you find these dates and times convenient for your busy family schedules. If you're interested in participating in a support group, please call the office at 925-362-8660. We look forward to seeing you!



From the Co-Editors

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to the Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area members. Our names are Tammy Garcia and Angie Rettig. We are the new co-editors of the newsletter Making the Connection. We are very committed to making sure that the newsletter is informative and helpful. We both appreciate comments and feedback from the community on the type of information you would like in the newsletters. Please email Tammy or Angie with ideas and comments. Thank you for your support.

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Marie Callendars and
all who ate there on
Cole Kelley's Birthday!
A donation of \$600 is being
made to the
Down Syndrome Connection
and will go towards the
Amelia Bibles
Scholarship fund.***

HELP WANTED!!!

Did you know the DSCBA has a FREE to members library of resources such as books and dvds? We need a volunteer to fill out library cards so they can be checked out and tracked by the office. If you have a couple of hours to work on this please give us a call at 925-362-8660.



BUDDY PLAY UPDATE

by Bernadette Fatehi

Summer is in full swing and as the vigorous schedules of the school year have been "sent on vacation," there is more time to reflect on what's been happening with Buddy Play.

I am happy to say that our Buddy Play network is growing every week. Parents seeking a fun, friendly, social outlet for their children have been contacting me asking for more information. I have also been working on spreading the word about Buddy Play to the parents of typically developing children, and inviting them to participate in our playgroups. It is always in the background of my thoughts to promote awareness and empathy for children with special needs. The more the TD kids (typically developing) come to Buddy Play, the more likely those kids will help us spread the message that "our kids are more alike than different," as promoted by the National Down Syndrome Congress.

Besides all of that, we're just plain having fun! I continue to enjoy watching the kids come together to take part in the activities. I am learning what works and what doesn't. Sometimes we parents go over the "top", when all we need to do, is quietly "slip under." The mission of Buddy Play, in my mind, is to give our kids the opportunity to help each other naturally through interaction. With the help of Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area, our kids are getting that opportunity.

Something exciting is happening. As one of the mothers who brings her two sons regularly once told me, "things happen at Buddy Play that don't happen anywhere else." That says it all.

I look forward to a fun-filled regular schedule of playgroups in the Fall. Until then, visit the Buddy Play site at www.buddyplay.org for impromptu groups during the summer.



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down_syndrome@sbcglobal.net

Put in the subject field
"EMAIL ME" and
we will add you to our list.





A Memoriam of Amelia Bibles

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Start your evening off with lip-smacking Cajun food and prize-winning beer from the Pyramid Alehouse.

Slam 'N Music

Come dance to the hot music of “BAMMIE Award-Winning” musician Jules Broussard and his band.

Tickets

Tickets are \$50 per person and available through the Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area by phone at **925.362.8660** or via the web at **www.dsconnection.org/cajunfest**.

Please note: Tickets a limited to the first 250 people and no tickets are available at the door.

Silent Auction

You'll be dazzled by the many auction items available at this event. Whether art, sports memorabilia, or vacation packages is your thing, we've got you covered!

DETAILS

- WHEN:** Saturday, August 23rd
6 p.m.–Midnight
- WHERE:** Pyramid Alehouse
1410 Locust Street
Walnut Creek, CA
- COST:** \$50 per person
No-host bar
opens at 6 p.m.
- DANCING:** 8:30 p.m.

**Tickets: Call 925.362.8660 or visit
www.dsconnection.org/cajunfest**



Please Join us on Saturday, September 27, 2008
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Golf Tournament, Wine Tasting, and Dinner
to benefit the
Down Syndrome Connection of the Bay Area*



“The boys are growing but they still need your support!”

Duffers are welcomed, but if golf isn't your thing,
come join us for an evening of fun!
Gabriel, Cole and the rest of the kids at DSC
send their love and thanks for your support!

**Golf at San Ramon Golf Club
Dinner, Wine Tasting, Raffle & Auction
at the St. Joan of Arc Gymnasium**

For details please visit the St Joan of Arc Knights of Columbus web site
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Come join us at the



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Sunday, October 12, 2008

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10:30 a.m. Registration

11:30 a.m. Walk

12:30 p.m. Picnic

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For more information contact
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		SILENT AUCTION / RAFFLE CONTRIBUTOR Donation	All items donated will receive Listing in Event Program



Previous contributions have included wine, gift certificates, gift baskets, sporting event tickets, and autographed memorabilia

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