

Calendar of Events

January 29	Young Athletes
February 5, 19	<i>Daemen College</i>
March 5, 12	3PM
April 2, 16	
May 14	
February 11	Valentine's Dance
	<i>Magruders, 4995 Broadway, Depew</i>
	5:30PM
February 25th	UB Bulls Basketball
	<i>Alumni Arena, 175 Webster Rd, Amherst</i>
	3:30PM
March 5th	Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Raffle
	<i>The Columbus Hall, 2735 Union Rd., Cheektowaga</i>
	3:30PM
April 1	Spring Dance
	<i>Magruders, 4995 Broadway, Depew</i>
	5:30PM
April 29	Presentation by Dr. Stein
	<i>TBD</i>
September 30	10th Annual Step up for Down Syndrome
	<i>Save the Date!</i>



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REMINDER: Save those Pop Tops! If you have pop tops or would like a collection house to benefit Ronald McDonald House of Buffalo please contact Tracey, leo8408@gmail.com or Michelle, michgiambra@gmail.com.

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February 2017

UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Athletes

Young Athletes is an early introduction to sports and the world of Special Olympics for children ages 2 1/2 to 7. The children enjoy games and activities that develop motor skills and hand-eye coordination. They learn new things, play and have a great time! Families are encouraged to participate and siblings are welcome to join the fun!

2017 Practice Schedule

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Special Olympics
young athletes™

All practices will be held at the Daemen College, from 3:00pm -4:00pm. Please email Melissa Garrity at mgarrity76@gmail.com for registration info and for location on the Daemen campus. The 2017 Spring games are Saturday, May 20th at Tonawanda High school.

DSPG Valentine's Dance February 11th

The Valentines dance will be Saturday, February 11, 2017 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm, at Magruders, located at 4995 Broadway in Depew. The DSPG will provide pizza, salad and drinks. Families with the last names A-S are to bring an appetizer, and families T-Z will bring a dessert. (We are in need of more appetizers than desserts.)

Please RSVP to Lynette at lynpriham@gmail.com with how many and what you are bringing by February 6 so that we can ensure adequate food and seating. Thank you!

UB Bulls Basketball Game February 25th

Bring your family to watch the UB Bulls courtesy of the DSPG on Saturday, February 25 from 3:30pm - 5:30pm at Alumni Arena. Activities for kids and concessions will be available. For tickets contact Janet Poreda by February 20 at janpo788@aol.com. Immediate family only please.

Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Raffle March 5th

The Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle will be on March 5. at the at The Columbus Hall, 2735 Union Road Cheektowaga, from 3:30pm – 7pm. Dinner tickets are \$8, Kids 2 years & under are FREE. **NO tickets will be sold at the door the day of the dinner.** *Gluten free dinners will be available by advance reservation only so please specify when ordering.* For tickets, please email Trish at trishwinnicki@gmail.com or register on-line at <https://form.jotform.com/dspgwny/spaghetti-dinner-2017>. Tickets will also be on sale at the Valentine's Dance.

We are currently in need of volunteers and baskets. To volunteer to help at the event please email Trish at trishwinnicki@gmail.com. If you would like to make a donation for the basket raffle please contact Barb at bb.wakefield1@verizon.net or 983-2140.

DSPG Spring Dance April 1st



We will celebrate World Down Syndrome Day with a dance from 5:30pm to 9:00pm, at Magruders, located at 4995 Broadway in Depew. Wear a crazy hat and celebrate your unique style! The DSPG will provide pizza, salad and drinks. Families with the last names A-S are to bring an appetizer, and families T-Z will bring a dessert.

Please RSVP to Lynette at lynpriham@gmail.com with how many and what you are bringing by March 26 so that we can ensure adequate food and seating. Thank you!

Save the Date! Presentation by Dr. David Stein

Join us Saturday April 29th for a specialized workshop on behavior and Down Syndrome. Author of the popular book, Supporting Positive Behavior in Children and Teens with Down Syndrome: The Respond but Don't React Method, Dr David Stein of Boston will be in Buffalo to present the basic neuroscience of Down Syndrome, and how this informs effective behavior management. Workshop attendees will leave equipped with practical strategies to immediately employ at home or in school. All parents and professionals welcome. More details to follow.

We are now a designated beneficiary of the Embrace the Difference line of jewelry from Reeds. To shop go to <http://embracehthedifference.org/shop/> and choose the DSPG as your charity!



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Medical Community Outreach

The DSPG gives presentations to local area medical professionals on the best practices in delivering a diagnosis of Down syndrome. If you would like to schedule a presentation please contact Emily Mondschein at emily.mondschein@gmail.com or 716-946-0429. See link below for the presentation document.

What You Say Really Matters

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B2ORVF523rU5eJPMkRjchOdjQ>



Family Bowling Day

Great fun with friends and family at our Family Bowling Day on January 22!



Board News

The DSPG will be providing college scholarships to deserving siblings. Please email dspg@dspgwny.org with questions and for requirements.

We are always looking for new people to help out at our many functions throughout the year....

If you are interested in helping out with any activities contact Amy Monson at amonson23@gmail.com.

If you have a change of address (email or regular mail) please email us at dspg@dspgwny.org

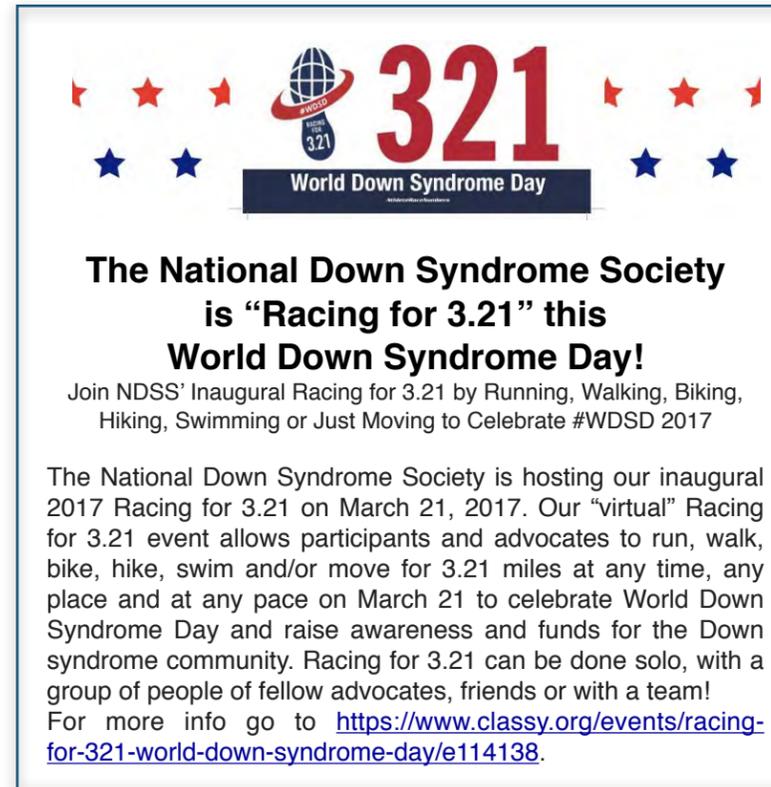
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Disability Pride Parade and Festival

WNY Independent Living, Inc. is celebrating the 26th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) with a parade and festival on July 22 at Coca Cola Field from 10:00am - 3:00pm. Admission is free and open to all individuals with disabilities.



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World Down Syndrome Day

The National Down Syndrome Society is "Racing for 3.21" this World Down Syndrome Day!

Join NDSS' Inaugural Racing for 3.21 by Running, Walking, Biking, Hiking, Swimming or Just Moving to Celebrate #WSDS 2017

The National Down Syndrome Society is hosting our inaugural 2017 Racing for 3.21 on March 21, 2017. Our "virtual" Racing for 3.21 event allows participants and advocates to run, walk, bike, hike, swim and/or move for 3.21 miles at any time, any place and at any pace on March 21 to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day and raise awareness and funds for the Down syndrome community. Racing for 3.21 can be done solo, with a group of people of fellow advocates, friends or with a team! For more info go to <https://www.classy.org/events/racing-for-321-world-down-syndrome-day/e114138>.

3rd Annual FICE Taking Flight Dinner

The 3rd annual FICE Taking Flight Dinner will take place at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, 6461 Transit Rd. on Thursday, March 2, 2017 from 6:00pm-9:00 pm. Tickets are \$50 and include a sit down dinner. Please contact Lynda Carver at (716) 908-6837 for tickets or go to www.fice-program.org and click "store". We are also gratefully accepting basket donations.

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