

# Lincoln Land Down Syndrome Society

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- UCP Telethon Jan 29
- February Meeting Feb 9  
6-8 pm
- Sparc Chili Dinner Feb 10  
3-8 pm
- Polar Plunge Mar 3
- March Meeting Mar 8  
6-8 pm

## JUST FOR BABIES & TODDLERS:

- February Meeting Feb 9  
5-6 pm

## Sign Language Speaker

For the first hour of the February, March and April meetings, LLDSS will hold American Sign Language (ASL) classes. The first class will be held Thursday, February 9, from 6-7 pm, at Erin's Pavilion.

## UCP Telethon

Jason Schnepf is representing LLDSS at the UCP telethon to be held January 29, 2012. He wants to raise \$500 for UCP. The donation site can be accessed from our website ([www.LLDSS.org](http://www.LLDSS.org)).

## Wii™ Night at Erin's Pavilion

Wednesdays are free Wii nights at Erin's Pavilion, courtesy of the Springfield Park District. They are on February 8, 22, March 7, 21, April 4, 18. Please RSVP to Annette Reese at 753-0702.

## Polar Plunge Update

Christina and Matt Smith will be representing LLDSS as they plunge for Special Olympics on March 3, 2012. The LLDSS website has a link so that you can sponsor the Smith's. If you can't plunge, please sponsor our LLDSS plungers!

## LLDSS Now On Twitter

LLDSS is now on twitter thanks to Jared Owen! Follow us at @TheLLDSS.

## Golf Outing Update

The 2012 LLDSS Golf outing will be held on May 25 at Piper Glen Golf Course. We need to start getting give-away items for the golf outing. If you have any items or any ideas please contact Jared Owen at 217-899-1718 or [oderaj78@yahoo.com](mailto:oderaj78@yahoo.com).

## Newsletter Changes

The LLDSS newsletter will be converted to a quarterly publication. Pam Rigby will prepare the newsletters. Contact Pam at [tprigby@comcast.net](mailto:tprigby@comcast.net) if you have any ideas.

## Executive Officers

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## 2012 Scholarship Program Review

This is a refresher on the LLDSS scholarship program. Currently, each member may be eligible for \$300 per period. There are two periods per year: January 1-June 30 and July 1-December 31. This amount will be re-evaluated each year. As a reminder, the purpose of the program is to encourage members to participate in extracurricular, therapeutic and educational opportunities.

The only criteria for receiving scholarship funds from LLDSS are as follows:

- Individuals with Down syndrome will be eligible to receive scholarship funds;
- Scholarship funds must be used for therapeutic and/or educational purposes. Examples of qualifying expenses include but are not limited to swimming classes, dance classes, therapy, camps, etc. Examples of non-qualifying expenses include but are not limited to uniforms, lodging and travel;
- Except as provided for by the LLDSS Executive Committee, LLDSS will pay scholarship funds directly to the provider and it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to provide a copy of an invoice for payment, i.e., LLDSS cannot pay the member directly in the event they pay for the activity and seek reimbursement;
- One or both parents/guardians of scholarship program participants must either (i) volunteer to serve as a chairperson or serve as lead of a committee for a major LLDSS fundraising event (Buddy Walk, golf outing, etc.) or (ii) attend two (2) meetings in each scholarship period; and
- The LLDSS executive committee may determine whether the above criteria are met.

If you have any questions regarding this scholarship program, please contact Jason Schnepf or Deb Bobell.

## New Board Members and Officers

New board members and executive committee members were voted on at the January meeting. Please see side bar for the updated positions.

## Sparc's Sugar and Spice Chili Dinner

The Sugar and Spice fundraiser for SPARC will be held on Friday, February 10, 2012 from 3 to 8 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Volunteers are needed for this event to help with the play area and craft table. Contact Ed (or Deb) Bobell at [deborahbobell@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahbobell@yahoo.com) to volunteer. If you are an LLDSS volunteer, you and your family will receive a meal ticket for the event.