



Date: Thursday, April 28, 2011
Place: *Courtyard Marriott, Ronkonkoma*
Time: 7:00 – 9:00pm
Topic: **Building Effective Educational Teams around the New IEP**
Presenter: **Helene Fallon M.Ed.**
Training Coordinator, Long Island Parent Center, Long Island Advocacy Center and Long Island Communities of Practice

***Important:** Due to space limitations, prior registration is required.
Please call 516- 983-7008 or E-mail: dsaf03@gmail.com to register to attend.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce DSAF's new Officers...

President: Mike Hoffman
Vice President: Joanne Fevang
Secretary: Dona Brannigan
Interim Treasurer: Michael Kelly

******Upcoming Meetings/Events******

➤ **Meeting the Educational Needs of Children with Down Syndrome Conference**

Great opportunity...the distinguished Dr. Sue Buckley from Down Syndrome Education International will be presenting on May 6th, 2011

Please share the attached brochure with your school district personnel, SEPTA's and anyone else who may be interested.

➤ **Lose the Training Wheels™, The Down Syndrome Advocacy Foundation, and The Center for Community Inclusion at C.W. Post are collaborating again on an exciting event.**

Lose the Training Wheels™, a program that teaches individuals with disabilities to independently ride a conventional two wheel bicycle is currently taking applications for the week of June 27 - July 01. Lose The Training Wheels™ is more than just a bike-riding program. For many children with disabilities, it's a seemingly impossible task they can typically master in less than a week's time. Within days of learning to ride, many children exhibit independent behaviours for the first time ever. This achievement, in turn, creates a gateway of opportunity, helping them gain assurance and self-reliance in many other aspects of their lives.

For more information about the program visit www.losethetrainingwheels.org.

Registration forms are available on our website @ www.dsafonline.org.

Please pass on the attached press release to anyone who may be interested.

This program welcomes individuals with all different abilities.

Directions to Courtyard Marriott:

5000 Express Drive South, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779 ~ (631) 612-5000

From the East: West on LIE to exit 60, take Ramp (Right) onto Expressway Drive North. Turn Left (South) onto Hawkins Avenue, then immediately turn LEFT (East) onto Expressway Drive South.

From the West: East on LIE to exit 60, take Ramp (Right) onto Expressway Drive South.

Note: Most meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month

(Upcoming meetings can be viewed on our website @ www.dsafonline.org)

Individuals who would like to join DSAF will be asked to pay a nominal yearly membership fee of \$25.

Call Cathy Hoffman at 516-983-7008 for additional information / www.dsafonline.org