



Fall 2009

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**Past Events and Upcoming Events:**

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**Living Opportunities for our Family Members:** An Event sponsored by the Family Committee of DDAWNY. **Page 2**

**Dinner Dance:** Saturday, Nov 14th starting at 6pm at Classics V Banquet Facility in Amherst. Adult entertainment provided by the Dennis George Show. A very entertaining show of Trivia. Invites will be mailed out shortly.

**EMAIL Address:** Please provide your email address to SBAWNY so that we can get information out to you in a timely manner. Many times events come up right after a newsletter has been published. We would like to put together an email database so that we can disseminate info. If you are interested please send an email to: [info@sbawny.org](mailto:info@sbawny.org)

If you have any suggestions for events you may want to us to sponsor please contact one of the board members.

## SUMMER EVENTS SUMMARY

### BOATRIDE

Some of our members had a lovely boat ride on the Niagara River courtesy of Excalibur Leisure Sports. The boat is setup to accommodate wheelchairs. Our journey began on a rain free Saturday in August at the Small Boat Harbor and continued up the river past the break walls. Then we cruised alongside the Naval Park and condos to the lighthouse before returning. It lasted close to 2 hours. The volunteers conducting the tour were very friendly and helpful. Perhaps we can do this again! Let us know if you are interested.

### TRAINRIDE

On Sunday, August 30, a group of our families took a picturesque ride back in time on the Arcade and Attica Railroad. What a lovely countryside! During the ride we were serenaded by a guitar-strumming lady minstrel and snacked on popcorn. After a brief stop half-way through the 2 hour ride, we returned to Arcade. Several wheelchairs took advantage of a lift to board the train. We enjoyed a pizza party afterwards. A fun time for all!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

This will be held at the Eagles Lodge on Broadway in Lancaster on Friday, October 23rd. This a fundraiser for Sled Hockey Organization, and all are welcome. For further details contact Karen at 585-457-9867, [kes484@aol.com](mailto:kes484@aol.com) or Cory at [Prince1217@aol.com](mailto:Prince1217@aol.com)

### SLED HOCKEY

A new season is beginning for the Buffalo Sabres Sled Hockey teams. They provide competitive activity for physically challenged youths and adults- males and females of all ages- with 3 different team levels. A commitment to adhere to a schedule of practices and games [some travelling required for away games and tournaments] that last until spring. Some equipment is provided and a registration fee is required. You are encouraged to attend a game or practice to explore if it is an option for you. Their home rink is the Bud Bakewell/Riverside Rink off the I-190, with the Buffalo State Rink being also used. The skating takes place on Saturday afternoons. Spectators are always welcome- it's exciting and fun to watch! If you would like more info contact Karen at 585-457-9867.

The Family Committee of the Developmental Disability Alliance of WNY

(DDAWNY)

Hosts its Second Meeting on

*The Urgent Wakeup Call for Families*

Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 7 PM

At

Aspire of WNY

7 Community Drive (off Maryvale Drive)  
Cheektowaga, NY 14225

**Our Family Members Deserve Living Opportunities!**

WHY? If you have a loved one who has developmental disabilities and may need an out of home living situation now or in the near future, you need to join this interested group of family members, including but not limited to parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, et al. There is strength in numbers, but also in our knowledge of the services system

We need to get the NYS government's attention *now*

If not us, who?

If not *now*, when?

Please RSVP to [maxjoy@roadrunner.com](mailto:maxjoy@roadrunner.com)

*This meeting will be hosted by the Developmental Disability Alliance of WNY and presented by members of the Family Committee; the Family Committee will meet regularly to examine various topics related to developmental disabilities: Visit: [www.ddawny.org](http://www.ddawny.org)*

# SBAWNY 2010 Membership Form

## 2010 Individual/Family Memberships:

First & Last Names of all Family Members (or people in household)	Age: (children)	Please note if the person(s) listed have Spina Bifida, Hydrocephalus or other Neural Tube Defect	Birth Date (children)	Please note relationship of each person listed to the Person with Spina Bifida	Email Addresses: (This will allow us to disseminate infor- mation quicker)

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*Membership dues are on a sliding scale to enable you to give as much as you can for our programs and services. We value your membership and financial support. Please circle one of the following dollar amounts and mail a check or money order for that amount to the address below.*

**\$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, or \$35: Local Chapter family/individual membership**

## 2010 Professional Memberships:

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to SBAWNY: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

*We value your membership and your financial support. Please choose your organization's membership level.*

Gold (\$500)     Silver (\$250)     Bronze (\$150)     Professional (\$50)

*Please make checks payable to SBAWNY and mail with this form to:*

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oct 13th - The Urgent Wake Up Call for Families

Oct 23rd - Halloween Party Sponsored by Sled Hockey

Nov 14th - Annual Dinner Dance at Classics V

Please make a note of our correct mailing address located on the front of this newsletter. The mailing address associated with the phone number is not correct. We have not had any success with getting it changed or removed.