

DSAOC's **Mission** is to create a place for connection, information and hope for people with Down syndrome and their families throughout greater Orange County, to promote Down syndrome awareness through community outreach, and to offer programs, services and support that aim to empower individuals with Down syndrome to reach their full potential. Our **Vision** is to be a one-stop-shop for all things Down syndrome related, and to be a model organization for community collaboration and Down syndrome awareness, to change perceptions and change lives.

<p>Looking Forward in 2019</p>	<p>Support and Networking Groups</p>
<p>Circle of Friends – Thursday, February 7 Adult Single's Mixer – Thursday, February 2 Red Carpet Ball – Saturday, March 16, Phoenix Club Anaheim Sibshops – Saturday, March 23, DSAOC Center New Parent Lunch – Sunday, April 7, SBYC Designer Purse Bingo – Saturday, April 27 Golf Tournament – Monday, June 10, Los Coyotes CC</p> <p><i>For more information about DSAOC activities/events visit:</i></p>	<p><u>Circle of Friends Support & Networking Group</u> Thursday, February 7 from 7:00—9:00 p.m. at the DSAOC Center</p> <p>Circle of Friends: Make friends, and share the challenges, milestones, and triumphs as you raise your child. Expectant parents are also welcome. Child care is not provided, but your little one with Down syndrome is welcome to accompany you.</p> <p>Presenter: USARC to discuss recreational programs for children, teens and adults with disabilities.</p> <p>Please RSVP to Ali at admin@dsaoc.org or (714) 540-5794</p>
<p>Teen/Adult Activities</p>	<p><u>Homeschool Friends</u> Mondays, beginning February 4 – Schedule Varies – Please call our center for info. Starts at noon at the DSAOC Center</p> <p>The Homeschool children in this group are participating in a special Speech program. Parents are still welcome to join for discussion and networking with the other parents, however, we cannot accommodate additional children in the program at this time.</p> <p>Questions? Email Ali at admin@dsaoc.org</p>
<p><u>Teen and Adult Bowling League</u> Saturday, February 9 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>This activity is for teens and adults with Down syndrome ages 12 and up. Join us for this FUN & social activity! Takes place on the 2nd Saturday of each month from September to May.</p> <p>Location: Irvine Lanes – 3415 Michelson Dr. Irvine, CA Cost: \$6 per session (includes 2 games and shoe rental)</p> <p><i>Please RSVP to Ali at admin@dsaoc.org</i></p>	<p>Red Carpet Ball</p>
<p><u>Red Carpet Ball</u> Saturday, March 16 from 6:00—10:00 p.m. at the Phoenix Club of Anaheim 1340 S. Sanderson Ave, Anaheim, CA 92806</p> <p>For more information or to purchase your Red Carpet Ball Tickets Online Website: give.classy.org/RCB2019</p> <p><i>Early Bird Ticket Cost (Before 2/14/19):</i> Per Person Price: \$50.00 <i>Standard Ticket Cost (After 2/15/19):</i> Per Person Price: \$60.00</p> <p>Invites have been mailed. If you did not get one, reach out to admin@dsaoc.org.</p> <p>If you have questions about the Red Carpet Ball, Parent Mixer, or Payment, please contact DSAOC at 714-540-5794, Monday-Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm or email Ali at admin@dsaoc.org.</p>	<p>Adult Mixer</p> <p>Join us on the SS FriendSHIP Saturday, February 2 6:30-9 p.m. – Orange Elks Lodge, Orange</p> <p>Our friends at the Orange Elks Lodge are once again hosting an exciting Mixer event for those 18yrs and older. Please note that this year's event is for couples and also those that are single (this is NOT a single only event).</p> <p>Parents are welcome to stay or drop off (as long as we have an up to date independence assessment form on file). There is a bar upstairs where parents are welcome to hang out during the event. There are also many restaurants within walking distance at the Orange Circle.</p> <p>All individuals with Down syndrome 18yrs and up need to RSVP and pay a \$5 fee PRIOR TO THE EVENT. We <u>cannot</u> accept payment at the door. RSVP numbers are required by end of day, Wednesday, January 30, 2019.</p> <p>Questions? Email Ali, admin@dsaoc.org or call the DSAOC Center at 714-540-5794.</p> <p>LINK: https://give.classy.org/Mixer2019</p>