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MONTHLY MEETINGS

General

Membership Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at the El Paso Center for the Deaf, 511 Executive Center Blvd. beginning at 6:30 p.m.
Board Meetings are held on the Monday, one week prior to the Membership meeting at 5:45 p.m.. All members are welcome to attend, and your input is always welcome.

MONTHLY MEETING

WE ARE NOT HAVING A MEETING THE FIRST TUESDAY IN JULY. We are not having meetings during the summer months of July and August, our office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are having a Verbal Skills Training on Thursday July 8th, for more information please read the colored insert. Come on by or call to schedule a time to come and get information or look at books. Our Tuesday meetings will resume on Tuesday September 7, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at 511 Executive Center Blvd. Join us to discuss issues important to families and to network with others who understand. We will continue to provide childcare and we will announce the topic of the meeting in the September Newsletter. We have a Spanish version of the newsletter if you would like to get one please give us a call at (915) 532-6014.

ASA'S 35th National Conference & Exposition on Autism Spectrum Disorders
"Soaring to New Heights" July 7-10,
2004 Seattle, Washington at the Wash-
ington State Convention & Trade Center

To register on line log on to www.autism-society.org or call (915) 532-6014 to get more information

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JOIN US FOR FAMILY BOWLING

NIGHT. We will be joining the El Paso Rehabilitation Center in their bowling night on Tuesday July 6, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at Freeway Bowling Lanes (6926 Gateway East). The cost is \$2.00 per game and there is no need to rent shoes. Hope to see you there!

Academy for Teachers of Young Children

July 12-14, 2004

Any person working with any child from birth to age six including: Teachers, Parents, Special Educators, Child Care People, Therapists.

Camino Real Hotel and El Paso Convention Center

\$125.00 Registration Fee and Purchase Orders Accepted. Some stipends available. For additional information call Kim McNally at (915) 780-5097

Assessment and Intervention of Parent/Child Attachment in Hospital, Clinic, Home and Office

El Paso Rehabilitation Center presents this workshop at the Camino Real Hotel (101 S. El Paso St.) Ballroom Salons A & B on Thursday July 22, 2004 from 7:20 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Cost to include lunch and Continuing Education Credits, for Professionals: \$50 and for Parents: \$25.

Deadline is July 9th, 2004

For more information call (915) 544-8484

Texas Autism Advocacy Website
Now Available

There is a new internet information and resource e-list called the Texas-Autism-Advocacy@yahoogroups.com that has a corresponding website of information for those in Texas. Each month, the Texas Calendar of Events and Announcements, Professional Directory, and Monthly Meeting Schedule will be updated on the website so that you may view it at any time. Also, a comprehensive resource link page for information in Texas is also available at the site. This website is an attempt to link all disability organizations and advocacy organizations in one place. Please check out this resource!

THIS JUST IN!!!

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has just released the official new statistic:

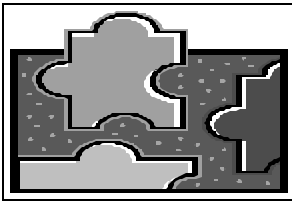
Autism now affects one in every 166 children in America. This is an increase from one in every 250 in 2002/2003.
WAKE UP AMERICA!!!!!!

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

BY LISA MITCHELL

Thank you to everyone who attended our Poki Roni family party. It was a little warm, but we had a great turn out and delicious food from Andre's. It was nice to see so many families relaxing and enjoying their time together.

Having children with special needs can make family outings a little more difficult, but that quality time together is so important, especially during summer vacation. The children can regress without the daily structure and routine of school. You can still keep that learning process going, and have fun while doing it. Children learn the most through play. Use family time as a fun/learning experience. Pick one night to be game night or pizza and video night. Take a walk after dinner and talk about all the things you see. Take some paper, fold it and staple together to make a book. Have your children help. You can write words, use stickers or cut out pictures from magazines. It is a fun and simple way to work on skills such as reading, spelling, math, matching, color and shape recognition and many other concepts. Be creative, and play along with the children. I hope everyone will enjoy the summer. Don't forget, there is also SWASA bowling night! El Paso Rehabilitation bowls every Tuesday night, but the second Tuesday of the month is when we all get together to have fun. I hope to see everyone in July.



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Submit Stories about your Children to the News Letter

We want to know more about your children and your entire family. Please share your family's activities, events, and endeavors with all of us through the SWASA News Letter. We would like each family to contribute a story about your children's accomplishments, hobbies, likes and dislikes.

You may mail your stories to SWASA office at 511 Executive Center Blvd., El Paso, Texas, 79902, e-mail us at autism@elpbizclass.com, fax us at 532-6015 or contact our office at 532-6014. Also please submit a photo of your child or family along with your story. Visit our website at www.autism@swasa.com

