

Seminole Spirit

APRIL 2007

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 5	Management Team Meeting @ Parkside Fellowship Church
April 14	Swim Coaches Pre-season Meeting @ RDV SportsPlex
April 15	Cheerleaders End of Season Party @ Eastmonte Park
April 27-28	Summer Sports State Games @ USF
May 5	Swim Season Starts
May 10	Management Team Meeting @ Parkside Fellowship Church
May 18	State Equestrian Championships, Tampa
May 19	SOSC Health Fair

SPORTS TALK

Aquatics Begins in May

Swim season begins Saturday May 5, 2007 at the RDV SportsPlex from 8am-10am.

The first practice will have a VERY IMPORTANT preseason meeting followed by a basic skill assessment. If you are interested in participating, volunteering, or need any information, please contact:

Debbie Harger at 407-739-3622 or DHarger@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

PRE-SEASON COACHES MEETING: April 14, 11am, RDV Sportplex. All volunteers welcome!

Golf

Coming Soon! We are still trying to secure a place to practice. Make sure you contact Dani Lundy if you are interested in participating so once we find a golf course, we can contact you right away!

Dani Lundy: DkLundy@altamonte.org or 407-571-8813.

Cheerleading

End of Season Party April 15, 2007 Eastmonte Park 3-5pm

FOOD!! AWARDS!! MUSIC!! DANCING!! FUN!!

Don't forget to bring your dish to share! Season Three will begin in October 2007.

Ranwa Nin Elkhoury 407-929-7254, Sparklers@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

Summer Sports

Good Luck to the athletes representing Seminole County during State Games at USF on April 27-29. Our athletes will compete in Track, Cycling, Volleyball, Bocce, and Tennis! Make Us Proud!!

Area Games Results

Track n Field, Cycling, Tennis, Bocce and Volleyball were held March 24.

Congratulations to all of our athletes who participated! Seminole County was well represented!

Track Events: 16 First, 7 Second, 1 Third, 2 Fourth, 1 Fifth Bocce: 4 First, 4 Second

Tennis: 1- First, 1 Second Cycling: 2 First, 1 Second Volleyball: First Place!

Equestrian Area Games Results

English Equitation – 1 Second

Stock Seat Equitation – 1 Second, 1 Third, 1 Fourth

Barrel Racing – 1 Second

Trail – 2 First, 1 Third

Athlete Input Council

Interested in Roller Skating?

SOSC's Athlete Input Council is attempting to start up Roller Skating. This sport takes place during the Fall Classic- which means if you choose to participate in Roller Skating you can not do Bowling, Softball, Power-lifting, or Gymnastics. If interested, please contact:

Ranwa Nin El-khoury at 407-929-7254 or Relkhoury@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

Global Messengers

Congratulations to Chris Friedman on being selected as a Global Messenger. Chris will help to spread the word about Special Olympics at various events.

SOSC Health Fair

Seminole County will be hosting a HEALTH FAIR on May 19, 2007. We will offer many screenings and will try to provide free physicals again. Please look for more information in our next newsletter! ☺

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Seraias Alvira	Alexander Balleras	Ester Benitez	Patricia Wittick
Amy Canaan	Christian Colon	Joanne Counelis	Rafael Vandestreek
Melody First	Monica Hernandez	Terry Juhl	Michael Scrimenti
Hope Lloyd	James Moore	Katherine Moricca	Pamela Scribner
Kellie Mortensen	Mitchell Omana	Greg Ortt	Jennifer Osley

ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

Emily Funaro - Equestrian

Emily achieved one of her goals when she turned the big 18 on March 28th. You see Emily has two older sisters who she looks up to with great pride. Although she is the little sister they look up to her as well. Her successes and achievements are theirs.

Emily began participating with Special Olympics when we moved here from Connecticut ten years ago. It has continued to be a very important part of her life. First came swimming. We'll never forget her 1st event when she insisted on swimming the complete lap instead of exiting the pool at one end. She was "looking for the stairs". More recently Special Olympics Cheerleading has fulfilled her love of dance and performance. She loves music of all kinds and is a natural ham. We are very thankful to Nin for her tremendous job initiating this dynamic program and we hope it's here to stay! The Equestrian program has allowed Emily to express her love for animals. Coach Elise has been very instrumental in helping Emily to work harder and do her best. This past weekend some of that hard work paid off when Emily won her first blue ribbon at an Equestrian event at the Silver Spurs Arena. Throughout her experiences with Special Olympics all of her coaches and assistants have been incredible. We've never met such warm, caring and devoted individuals. A big thank you to all who choose to become involved. The Special Olympics program has allowed Emily to thrive and blossom into the beautiful young woman she has become. We can't imagine her life without it or the lifelong friends she has made along the way.

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Welcome our newest members to the team- Winston Jones & Neil Scribner!

Or next meeting is May 10 at 6pm at: Parkside Fellowship Church of Nazarene, 200 North Wayman Street, Longwood Fl 32750. Directions: From Casselberry/Altamonte take 17-92 & make a LEFT onto 434. Make a RIGHT at the first light, Wayman. Go through the first stop sign, you'll see the church on your left. Pass the church & turn LEFT down the next street (by the Fire Station). You want to enter the last doorway of the church.

SPONSOR OF THE MONTH

A Special Thanks to Friendly's Restaurant in Altamonte Springs for supporting us! For two Sundays in March they allowed us the opportunity to do our car washes to help benefit our Cheerleaders. And after we were done, we certainly didn't have to go far to get our reward for our hard work...ice cream for all!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Shriners Circus

Tickets are still available for the Sunday, April 22nd 7:00pm performance! Please contact Debbie Taylor for tickets at 407-699-4776 or DTaylor@SpecialOlympicsSeminoleCounty.org

“Angels Among Us”

Many of our athletes are among 23 wonderful “Angels” from St. Mary Magdalen and neighboring churches who have been practicing for their next special performance! Join Bishop Wensksi and Monsignor Caverly for an evening of song, dance and comedy! Saturday April 21, at 7:00pm at Annunciation Church in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door.

Altamonte Spgs Special Com. Services

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Dance –Abilities

Heather Meyer at 407-862-5500
Turningpte@aol.com

Nathaniel's Hope

407-857-8224 or
info@nathanielshope.org

Illiad-Independent Living Initiative Assisting the Disabled

407-320-0016 or Shari_Gray@scps.k12.fl.us

Quest, Inc

407-889-4530 or visit, www.questinc.org

SEPTA- Special Education Parent Teacher Association

in Seminole County Public Schools
SEPTA Resource Room: 407-320-7871 or
scpssepta@excite.com

The Autism Society of Greater Orlando

407-855-0235 or visit www.asgo.org

Devereux Florida Center for Child Development

407-855-0235 or visit www.devereux.org

UCP of Central Florida

407-889-4530 or www.ucpcdc.org

Advisory Board for the Disabled

Vinnie Coon at 407-571-8812 or VinnieC@altamonte.org



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