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# SBAWNY

**Summer 2011****Open Board Meeting**

Join us on Saturday, July 9th at 9am for a breakfast meeting at the Holiday Showcase Restaurant on Union Road near Galleria Drive and bring your ideas of what you'd like to do ,

**Summer Jazz Concert**

We are planning on attending the free Albright Knox Jazz concert on Sunday, July 31st. Date to be confirmed. Due to renovations at the Art Museum the concert will be held across the street by the rose garden steps. Bring family, friends, munchies, chairs, etc and enjoy the sounds of summer. Look for the mylar balloon! Pray for good weather. For more info you can contact Karen.

**Summer Family Picnic**

Saturday, August 27th from 11am to 4pm  
Steiglmeir Park, Shelter 1A  
Located on Losson Road, near Transit  
Cheektowaga, NY

Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverages. Hot dogs, condiments, place settings will be provided. You may want to bring a lawn chair as well. Please RSVP to: Karen at KES484@alo.com or to Liz at Lizkeicher@yahoo.com

***Check us out on Facebook!***

We are now on Facebook.

Search for "Spina Bifida Association of Western New York"

### ***From the President of SBAWNY***

I am very excited about becoming our organization's new President. However, we have an uphill climb in order to make it truly successful and relevant to our needs. WE NEED YOUR HELP in many areas: bringing in your ideas, your volunteering to make activities work, fundraising, attending events, etc. The bare bones of our board cannot do it alone. Several of us have had the bulk of making this group viable for many years now. We would greatly appreciate your input. At a recent open board meeting we welcomed 2 new families who are anxious to express their thoughts and input. This was a refreshing shot in the arm, new folks that we so desperately need. So I am inviting you to join us. Contact me or any other board member with your ideas. And, Please try to participate in making our events successful, either by helping to plan and/or attending. We have several summer get-togethers planned and the dinner dance in the fall. I hope that together we can infuse our group with new life and excitement. Thank you...

Karen Savanyu  
President of SBAWNY

### **Adult Network Spring Raffle**

Our Spring raffle for the Adult Network was highly successful. The winners of the raffle are:

1st Place—Susan Woodin from Java Center

2nd Place—Elyse Carlson from Westfield

3rd Place—Pam Erckert from Cattaraugus

4th Place—Harriet Penny from Cheektowaga

Congratulations! Thanks to all who participated. The funds raised assisted some of our adults attend a Buffalo Bandits game.

### **Excalibur Boat Ride/Fishing Trip**

We are planning to have a boat ride with possible fishing provided by Excalibur Sports & Leisure. This 2 hour ride will occur on a weekend in August from the small boat harbor in Buffalo. We are working with them on a date. It will be for teens and adults with SB and their companion. Seating is limited, especially for wheelchairs so please contact Karen to have your name put on the list. She can be reached at 585-457-9867 or kes484@aol.com. If we get enough responses then we could possibly schedule a second trip.

### **Annual Dinner Dance**

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 15th for the Annual Dinner Dance at Classics V Banquet Hall in Amherst, NY. We are moving the date up to accommodate more attendees and to coincide with Spina Bifida Awareness month. We will also invite our young adults to join us. Entertainment will be provided by Dennis George the Trivia Master! If you would like to help please contact the board. We will be looking for donations for the Chinese auction as well.

Our condolences go out to the Families of Donalyn Mowatt Saia, Kenneth Hennig, Stephen Petroci, and Christian Becht on their recent passing.

**Please provide your email address so that we can get info out to you quicker.**

**Please send your email address to: pmorris@sbawny.org**

# SBAWNY 2011 Membership Form

**Individual/Family Memberships:**

First and Last Name (Household Family)	Ages (Children only)	Check if this is person has SB or Hydro	Birth Date Children Only	Email Address: (This will allow dissemination of information 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 shown below.*

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

**Professional Memberships:**

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

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

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**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)**

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 31st - Summer Jazz Concert at the Albright Know

August 27th—Summer Picnic at Stieglmeir Park

October 15th—Annual Dinner Dance

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