

District 6 News and Events

Fall 2008 Newsletter

A district 6 update from April:

Hello and happy fall to everyone! I hope you all had a great summer; for those that attended Detroit it was great to see you. Our board meetings went quickly and extremely smooth. All funding items that came to the board were approved. As a group we spent an entire day discussing fund raising and what it means to a non-profit organization. The underlying theme of that discussion was how LPA has fostered its relationships with donors to continue repeat donations and last relationships. LPA is also trying to do even more to show appreciation to our donors through a different recognition programs. This started me thinking about District 6 and what we do to recognize the people that donate to our districts and our chapters. Right now we don't have an organized process on recognizing donors. This is something I'm working on now. I've accepted Liz Tibble to be our courtesy chair. What does this mean? It means that we are going to try to formally recognize people that give donations to district 6. This extends to all of our membership, if you receive a donation for LPA please pass this information onto me and we will send them a thank you note and keep track of it. If you have any suggestions on how to thank our donors please send them to me!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the fall regional in Springfield. Remember this is a joint regional with District 5 and is guaranteed to be a good time! Our room block is almost sold out and we have several people from out of our district flying in for the weekend. The regional info and registration form is at the end of the newsletter.

As always if you have any news about district 6 members please send it to me so I can include it in our next newsletter!

See you in Springfield,
April

DISTRICT ELECTIONS

It's the time of year again, district 6 elections. By now most of you have gotten your chapter newsletters announcing election time. It's also election time for our district. The positions of District Director and District Treasurer are available. In Springfield we will be holding district elections for these two positions during our general assembly meeting. All paid members of LPA are eligible to vote. To run for district director or treasurer you must be a paid member of LPA for one year. If you are interested in running please contact me by October 20th so I can include you in the general assembly meeting agenda. All candidates should prepare a small speech of who they are and the qualifications they have for the office they are running for. If you have ever thought about volunteering in district 6 this is the time to do. If you have any questions about what these offices entail please contact myself about the district director position and Tom Lash at mrcubswon@yahoo.com about the district treasurer position. Many people have asked and I will be running for district director in Springfield.

LPA & District 6

Dates to Remember:

September 13th, 2008

Little Prairie Meeting - Elections
Diamonds Buffet
Springfield, IL

September 13th, 2008

Adults Night Out
Bravo Italian Restaurant
Brookfield, WI

CANCELED - September 27th, 2008

Brewer/Cub Game
Miller Park
Milwaukee, WI

October 24th – 26th 2008

Fall Regional – Springfield, IL
Hilton Springfield Hotel

November 16th, 2008

MadRock Bowling Party
Prairie Lanes Bowling Alley - Noon-4PM
Sun Prairie, WI

December 7th, 2008

Badger Chapter Holiday Party
Schuetze Recreation Center
Waukesha, WI

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CHAPTER UPDATES

MadRock Bowling Party – Sunday November 16th, 2008

The MadRock chapter will be having a bowling party on Sunday November 16th at the newly renovated Prairie Lanes Bowling Alley in Sun Prairie, WI. Get ready for an afternoon of fun, bowling and of course socializing! Bowling will cost \$2.25 a game (it's usually \$3.50) and this includes free shoe rental. The chapter will be providing free pizza, cake and ice cream, attendees will be responsible for purchasing their choice of beverage. Please RSVP to April Brazier by November 12th if you plan on attending. This is so we can order the pizza and reserve the necessary number of lanes. Everyone is invited to this event, you do NOT have to be a MadRock chapter member! See you there!

Badger Chapter Holiday Party – Sunday December 7th, 2008

The Badger chapter will host its annual holiday party on Sunday December 7th at the Schuetze Recreation Center located at 1120 Baxter St in Waukesha, WI. It will be a potluck style lunch and chapter elections will be held. Please RSVP to Jason Rasa at jsrasa@tds.net. More information will be available in the Badger Chapter newsletter and on the Yahoo! District 6 email group as the event gets closer.

Painted Turtle Camp

This year seven lucky district 6ers went to the Painted Turtle camp. They were Jessica Freda, Genevieve Kyle, Ciera Laubscher, Zach Mellen, Ben Saylor, Seth Schmaling and Jeffery Valodine. The camp ran from August 9th – August 14th and from what I've heard everyone had a great time! To find out more about the painted turtle camp visit <http://www.thepaintedturtle.org/turtle/>. If you are interested in sending your child to camp next year please contact April or Joanna Campbell, LPA's executive director at joanna.lpa@earthlink.net for more information.

Brewer/Cub game CANCELED

Due to lack of interest the Brewer/Cub game was canceled. Next year we are going to try a little bit different process and I hope to bring this event back as an annual event.

D6 NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join the District 6 Yahoo! Group

The District 6 Yahoo group keeps growing, we're now over 100 members!! If you want to get the most current and up to date information about District 6 and its events join today!

It's easy to do, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/lpadistrict6> and choose to join. You can choose to receive individual messages or digest format of emails. This is a low volume group mainly used by District 6 members; it averages less than 5 messages a month. If you have any questions about this or are having trouble becoming a member do NOT hesitate to contact April. She can send you an invitation directly to your email with a link to join!

Spring 2009 Regional Suggestions and future regionals?

Are you interested in hosting a regional? Do you have a suggestion on a great hotel you've been to that would be perfect for an upcoming regional? Please let me know. Right now I have volunteers to host the Spring 2009 regional in Pleasant Prairie, WI. I'd like to get our spring and fall sites picked out before the beginning of next year.

Get Well Wishes for Eileen Hagen

Eileen Hagen had surgery earlier this summer and we wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her and Jim at more D6 events.

Pediatric Walker Available

Mary Rasa has a new pediatric walker available to anyone that could use it. Please contact Mary at mer228@att.net or April if you are interested.

a night of
Dinner & Dancing

Fundraising Event for Little People of America

*Please Join us Saturday, November 8th
for a night packed with dinner, dancing,
prizes, and tons of fun, all the while
supporting an incredible cause!*

Italian Buffet catered by Casa Restaurants

Live Variety Musical Entertainment from
Good Night Gracie

5:30 PM

COCKTAILS

6PM-8PM

DINNER

8PM-12AM

DANCING

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 8

American Legion Post #47 Fort Wayne, Indiana

Business Casual: NO JEANS

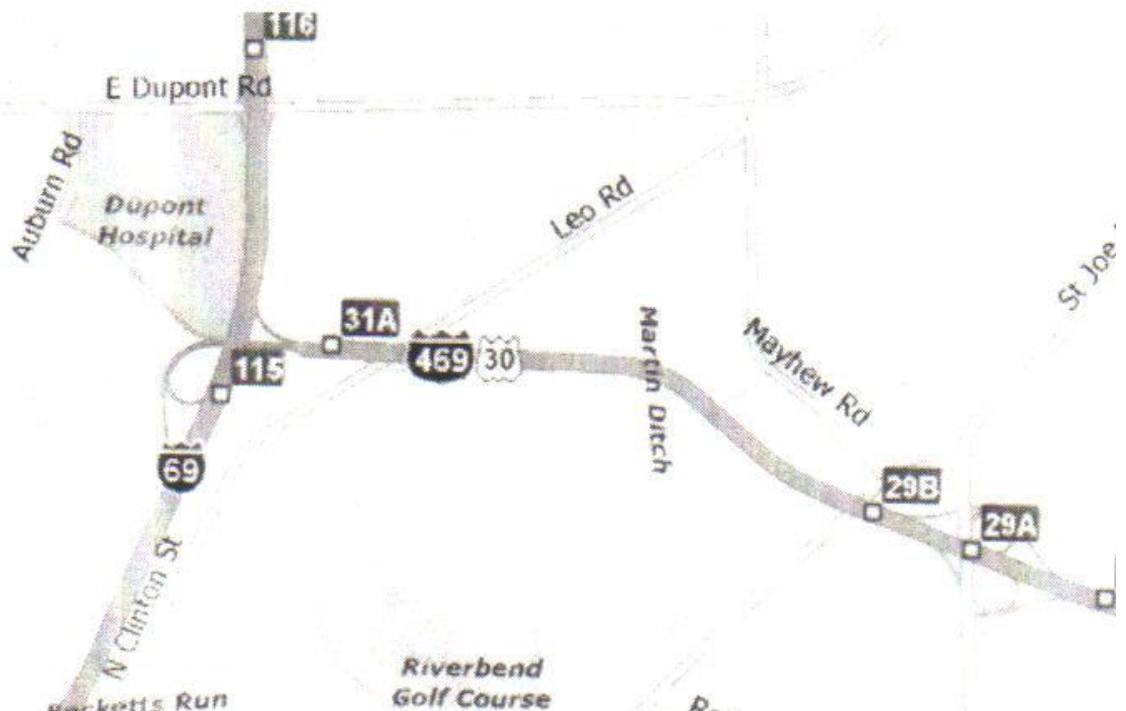
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 --- FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

AMERICAN LEGION POST #47

**6424 Saint Joe Road
(northeast side of Fort Wayne)
Contact Phone: 260-402-4035**

**5:30 P.M. Cocktails
6:00 P.M. Dinner – Italian Buffet
8:00 P.M. Dancing – Live Music – Goodnight Gracie**

DIRECTIONS TO AMERICAN LEGION HALL: Take I-69 to Fort Wayne Exit 112 (coming south from Michigan) or Exit 112-A (going north from Indianapolis). You will see the Marriott Hotel on right if are staying overnight and also a Marathon service station over to the far left corner. If heading to the American Legion direct, after you come off exit, get IMMEDIATELY over to the two left turn lanes. Turn left at the two left turn signals; make sure you stay in the left lane. This is Washington Center Road that eventually turns into St. Joe Center Road. You will then go through a total of four traffic lights after turning left. At the fifth traffic light, you will turn left from St. Joe Center Road on to St. Joe Road. At this intersection on the left side, Riviera Plaza shopping is on the left and McDonald's, Cosmo's and Taco Bell/Pizza Hut is on the right. After turning left, make sure you are in the right lane of these two lanes. The American Legion is about two miles down on the right hand side of the road. (Shoaff Park is across the street from the American Legion to use as a landmark to locate the Legion.) Map below should assist in locating the Legion off I-69, Exit 112.



Become a Member of LPA

To become a member or renew your membership either call the national office at the numbers listed above go on to lpaonline.org. On LPA's website in the green menu bar at the top is the option Membership Benefits, click on that and it and choose Pay Dues Now. Being a member will give you reduced registration rates at LPA regional and the annual National conference. As a paid member you will also get the quarterly LPA magazine LPA Today. Remember you must be a paid member to vote at the district and national level. LPA thanks you for your continued support.

LPA NATIONAL NEWS

New National Office Address

The LPA National office now has a new home. Their news address is:
Little People of America ~ 250 El Camino Real, Suite 201 ~ Tustin, CA 92780
Phone: 714-368-3689 ~ Toll Free: 888-LPA-2001 ~ Fax: 714-368-3367

District 5 – Fundraiser for the Midwest Medical Conference

The LPA Midwest Medical Conference Fundraiser Dance will be held in Fort Wayne, Indiana on Saturday, November 8. Only 300 tickets are available; tickets are now officially on sale to both LPA membership and the Fort Wayne community. Please note all tickets are planning to be sold by October 15, no tickets will be sold at the door. Proceeds will go to funding another Midwest medical symposium.

Upcoming National Conferences

Brooklyn New York – Summer of 2009

Our annual national LPA conference will be held from July 4th – July 10th at the Brooklyn Marriott in Brooklyn, NY. This conference will be a compressed conference meaning the conference will start on Saturday July 4th and the banquet will wrap up LPA events on Wednesday July 8th. Dances will continue until Friday and the conference room rate of \$170 a night plus tax will be available through the end of the week for those that wish to stay. The Brooklyn Marriot hotel will begin accepting reservations on December 1st, 2008. Please note like the past two years conference attendees will only be able to make hotel reservations once they have paid a registration deposit directly to LPA. Deposits will automatically be credited to your full conference registration; registration packets are will be mailed in the spring.

Highlighted events are:

Saturday, July 4 - BBQ and Fireworks
Sunday, July 5 - Welcome Reception
Monday, July 6 - Talent and Fashion Shows
Wednesday, July 8 - Banquet Night

There's much more being planned!! Look for updates at LPA's website www.lpaonline.org or on the conference website <http://www.lpanyc2009.org/nyc2009.htm> and in the LPA Today newsletter.

Nashville Tennessee – Summer of 2010

Nashville will be the 2010 conference site. The hotel contract has been signed and the planning committee is starting to meet. I will post more information about this conference as it becomes available.

Anaheim California –Summer of 2011

In Detroit the Board of Directors approved Anaheim, CA as the site for the 2011 conference site. This was the only bid brought to the board and it was unanimously approved. Joanna is working on the getting the hotel contract signed and finalizing the exact dates. More information will also be posted about this conference as it becomes available.

FALL REGIONAL 2008

SPRINGFIELD, IL

OCTOBER 24TH - 26TH, 2008

Hotel Contact Information:

Hilton Springfield

700 East Adams Street

Springfield, IL 62701

Phone: 217-789-1530 or

<http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/SPFSHHF-LPA-20081024/index.jhtml>

Reservations and Room rates: The nightly room rate is \$87.00 + 12% tax. Hotel reservations must be made by September 26th, 2008, please make your reservations now. Please mention LPA or use the link above to get the LPA block room rate.

Fee Waiver: For those attending their first regional conference or those that might find it difficult to afford the cost of a regional please contact April Brazier for a waiver of the registration fee. The fee waiver only applies to LPA registration costs. Hotel and meal costs are the responsibility of the attendee.

Hotel Information: Located in the historic downtown area of Springfield, Illinois, the newly remodeled Hilton Springfield hotel offers its guests three outstanding food and beverage options. This includes The Highland Room, Bennigan's Grill & Tavern and the only Starbucks® in Downtown Springfield. Guests will also enjoy the Fitness by Precor® Workout Room or relax the heated indoor pool. Each room is furnished with a king or queen bed, an oversized work desk, ergonomic leather desk chair, Mp3 clock radio, 32" flat screen HDTV with expanded cable channels, video games, safe, digital thermostat, Cuisinart coffee maker, and high-speed Internet access.

Airport/Shuttle Service: The closest airport to the Hilton is the Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport (SPI). The Hilton does provide a complimentary shuttle service to and from the airport and train station however this shuttle is NOT handicapped accessible. If you are able to climb the stairs there is room to stow your scooter/wheelchair. Please contact the hotel directly to arrange necessary transportation.

Parking: The Hilton Springfield offers parking in the ramp for \$7 a day with in and out privileges, those parking passes can be purchased at the front desk. Another option is to pay \$.50 an hour or \$5.50 for a 24-hour time period if you choose to pay this way do so at the parking ramp itself. The hotel is unable to offer us a parking discount because the ramp is owned by the city of Springfield.

Outside the Hotel: The Hilton Springfield hotel is the closest hotel to most of the Abraham Lincoln historic sites. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library and Lincoln's Home Site are both two blocks away. The Old State Capitol, the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Dana-Thomas House, Governor's Mansion and Lincoln's Tomb, as well as many other sites are less than five minutes away. The Illinois State Fairgrounds, Knight's Action Water Park, Route 66, and White Oaks Mall are all easily accessible from our front door.

REGIONAL SCHEDULE

(DATES, TIMES AND EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

FRIDAY NIGHT

D6 Officer Meeting

3:30 PM – 5 PM

Location TBD – Quick officer meeting to get everyone up to date

Registration

5 PM – 9 PM

Come here and pick up your registration if you pre-registered; if not you can register here.

Attic

5 PM - Midnight

A \$5 fee will be charged for each teen attending the ATTIC to cover the cost of activities and light snacks. While there are some activities will take place in the ATTIC, most of the time it's unstructured and designed for teens to socialize with one another- lounge around, chat and play cards. There will be a TV set up with DVDs and Playstation

Hospitality Suite

5 PM - Midnight

After a day of traveling to Springfield come to the hospitality for complementary dinner and of course mingling. We'll be having party subs from Subway along with man sides, dessert and beverages!

Girls Slumber Party

7 PM – early Saturday Morning

A two story suite has been reserved for the young girls (ages 7-12) to have a slumber party. Girls should bring a sleeping bag and pillow with them. Gather 'round and watch High School Musical or Camp Rock while painting your toe nails and hanging out. Each girl is encouraged to bring a favorite snack to share, additional snacks and beverages will be provided. The cost is \$5 per girl to cover the cost of the suite.

District 5 Officer Meeting

Later Friday Evening

This meeting will be held later in the evening, location and time to be TBD. Lydia will be organizing this.

Meet LPA's National Executive Director

Later Friday Evening

Meet Joanna Campbell's LPA's first executive director. She will be in Springfield to meet the great members of District 5 & 6 as well as answer any questions about National and what LPA is doing on a National level.

SATURDAY

Registration

7 AM - Noon

Attic

8 AM – 3 PM

Dr. Pauli Appointments

8 AM – 5 PM

People wishing to see Dr. Pauli must sign up for an appointment in advance, see Page 1 of the registration sheet. These appointments are on a first come first serve basis. On-site appointments are only accepted IF time and space permits.

Children's Room

8:30 AM – 12:15 PM

The children's room will be staffed by local volunteers. We encourage parents to drop their children off at the children's room during both the parent meeting and general assembly. The children's room also gives kids of all sizes and ages a chance to interact with others their own age.

Parent's Meeting

9 AM – 10:15 AM

The parent's meeting will be a round table discussion that includes LP and average height parents. As always feel free to bring any questions or topic suggestions for the group.

District 6 Meeting**10:30 AM – Noon**

All district 6 members are encouraged to attend our general assembly meeting. We will discuss district events and chapters will report their updates. Keep in mind this year will be district elections and paid members are encouraged to come and vote. We will also be discussing plans for our Spring 2009 regional.

District 5 Meeting**10:30 AM - Noon**

All district 5 members are encouraged to come to the general assembly meeting and get an update of what's going on in your district.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum**1:15 PM – 4 PM**

Make a point to visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum while you're in town. This historic place is one of the most popular tourist spots in Springfield. The museum will be featuring a special exhibit the weekend we are there called "Packaging Presidents". Here's the write up from the museum: "Two Centuries of Campaigns and Candidates the quadrennial political rite of the American presidential campaign has undergone profound change over the past two centuries. Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and many of their successors would hardly recognize an electoral process that today involves endless polling, dawn to dusk campaign stops, non-stop advertising, and the expenditure of tens of millions of dollars. Packaging Presidents will explore this changing phenomenon via an exhibition.

Workshop: LPA Community Outreach**2 PM – 3:30 PM**

Barbara Spiegel from district 1 will be doing a workshop on LPA's national community outreach program. She will have a presentation and then allow for questions after. I highly encourage people to attend and talk to Barbara since she will be visiting our regional just for this workshop!

Children's Trick or Treating**5 PM – 6 PM**

Kids are encouraged to dress up and trick or treat to LPA occupied hotel rooms. Signs will be on the hotel doors indicating those participating in trick or treat!

Cocktail Hour**6 PM – 6:30 PM**

A cash bar for those interested will be available.

Banquet Dinner**6:30 PM – 8 PM**

Saturday night's Halloween party will kick off with a sit down banquet style dinner before the dance. All dinner options come with iceberg, romaine & endive lettuce salad with chopped Roma tomatoes, bacon, egg & ranch dressing on the side. Fresh baked rolls, coffee decaf, iced tea and water are also included. Meal options are:

- Roasted Sirloin of Beef - Sliced and prepared medium rare with secret spices and presented with a Coppola Demi Glaze, Potatoes Anna, fresh green beans with caramelized red onions
- Grilled Sesame Chicken with Teriyaki Glaze - Presented with roasted pineapple and tropical fruit salsa, served on a bed of Michigan wild rice with Grand Marnier glazed baby carrots
- Fettuccini Alfredo- A white wine butter sauce over a bed of fettuccini and topped with fresh grated parmesan cheese, Chef's choice of seasonal vegetables
- Children's meal – Chicken fingers, fries and applesauce.

All meals come with a choice of dessert from the dessert table; there will be several sweet treats to choose from. All prices include taxes and gratuity.

Halloween Costume Party and DJ Dance**8 PM - Midnight**

Come dance the night away in your Halloween costume at our DJ dance. We will have a costume contest, a 50/50 raffle, a basket raffle and a visit from our friendly witch for the kids.

Attic**8 PM – 1 AM****SUNDAY**

District 6 says thank you to everyone that attended and travel home safely.

REGISTRATION FORM

FALL 2008 REGIONAL - SPRINGFIELD, IL - OCT 24 - 26TH

Fill out this form completely and mail with payment **before October 11th, 2008**. Registrations postmarked after October 11th, will be charged as onsite. Note: All regional checks will be cashed after the regional.

Please put the main contact person in the first spot denoted with an *; include a phone number and email address so you can be contacted if there's a problem with your registration.

Adult Attendee Information – All attendees over the age of 18, this includes relatives and guests.

	First Name	Last Name	Contact Info for Main Contact:
*1.			Home #:
2.			Cell #:
3.			Email:
4.			

Attic Information – ages 13-17; checkmark if you plan on attending either the Fun Zone or the Attic.

	First Name	Last Name	Attic
1.			<input type="checkbox"/>
2.			<input type="checkbox"/>
3.			<input type="checkbox"/>

Fun Zone (ages 8-12) & Children's Registration (ages 2-11) checkmark if your child will be in the Fun Zone or the children's room.

	First Name	Last Name	Fun Zone	Children's Room
1.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Dr. Pauli Appointment Registration

If more than one person in your family wishes to have an appt, separate appointments must be scheduled. Dr. Pauli has requested each person have a 30 minute appointment. Please use the back for additional people.

Patient Name:	
If the Patient is under 18 include Parent (s) name (s):	
Diagnosis:	
Specific Concerns**:	

This is to give Dr. Pauli as much information as possible before the appointment. You are **NOT required to fill this out to get an appointment. All information is confidential.

Flip over to complete registration and activity sign up

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES AND REGISTRATION FEES

Registration				
PAID Members				
	Individual \$20:		Household \$30:	
	Students \$10:		Seniors Single \$10:	
			Seniors Couple \$20:	
SUBTOTAL:				
NON PAID Members				
	Individual \$30:		Household \$40:	
	Students \$10:		Seniors Single \$15:	
			Senior Couple \$25:	
SUBTOTAL:				
On Site Events - Included: I need numbers for these events for planning				
Friday Night Hospitality Suite – Number of people:				INCLUDED
Saturday District 5 General Assembly – Number of people:				INCLUDED
Saturday District 6 General Assembly – Number of people:				INCLUDED
Saturday Community Outreach Workshop:				INCLUDED
On Site Events – NOT Included:				
Teen – Attic \$5 (per person)	# of teens:	X \$5:	=	
Girls Sleep Over \$5 (per child)	# of girls:	X \$5:	=	
SUBTOTAL:				
Off Site Event: (there's not a price difference between children and adults)				
Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum	# of people:	X \$6:	=	
SUBTOTAL:				
Banquet				
• Roasted Sirloin of Beef	# of meals:	X \$30	=	
• Grilled Sesame Chicken	# of meals:	X \$28	=	
• Fettuccini Alfredo	# of meals:	X \$28	=	
• Kids Chicken Fingers (12 and under only)	# of meals:	X \$14	=	
SUBTOTAL:				
GRAND TOTAL:				

All registrations must be postmarked by October 11th, 2008 otherwise they will be processed as onsite registrations and additional charges will be applied.

All checks should be made out to LPA District 6 and mailed to: April Brazier
 5425 Patriot Drive
 Madison, WI 53718

Any contributions made to LPA to help offset the expenses of this regional would be greatly appreciated.

DISTRICT 6 REGIONAL INFO AND RULES

1. A lower registration fee for students and senior citizens.
 - Student Registration is \$10 a person. A copy of the valid student ID must be enclosed with the members registration form and/or present onsite.
 - Senior citizens are \$10 a person or \$20 a couple – a senior citizen is 65 and older.
2. Onsite Registration will be \$5 on site per category as well as \$5 more per event IF that event can be purchased onsite. For example if banquet is \$20 a meal it will be \$25 onsite.
3. Registration will only be available during set times. If you cannot make it to registration during these times you MUST make prior arrangements.
4. Registration will not be available during the general assembly meeting. Once the meeting is over ½ of the regional is over therefore registration is closed. Again if you do NOT plan on getting there until the afternoon arrangements can be made and you will be able to register sometime Saturday afternoon if you contact April.
5. Bracelets are required to get into the dance on Saturday night. If you do NOT register for the regional you will not be permitted into the dance. To obtain entrance into the dance only is a \$10 cover charge. Chapter presidents will be monitoring the door and bracelets will be checked.

What does Regional Registration Pay For?

Many times I get the question “Why do I have to pay to come to a regional?” Listed below are what your regional registration goes to pay.

- DJ
- Hotel Fees
- Banquet decorations
- Audio/Visual fees if we use AV
- Name tags or badges
- Wrist bracelets
- Paper & printing costs for tickets, schedules, agendas, registration envelopes, etc
- Hospitality room food
- Kids room supplies and snacks
- Supplement Attic when necessary
- Guest expenses

Regional Reminders- These have been long standing regional guidelines and serve as a reminder.

2. If you use a different hotel room discount such as AAA the room does not count towards the LPA room block. LPA is fined if we do NOT make our room block. Please let me know if you are making a reservation outside the room block because of pricing and I will work with the hotel.
3. The Kids Room is designed to provide a place for children to interact with their peers while parents participate in LPA related meetings. Parents are expected to stay at the hotel and pick up their children in the Kids Room at the designated time. We want to appreciate volunteers that assist us with the Kids Room so please be considerate of their time.

Regional Payment: Please send checks or money orders payable to LPA for mail in registration. These checks are NOT deposited until after the regional, in case there's a problem with your registration. For onsite registrations cash in the amount will be accepted. In the event that your check is returned for insufficient funds, a returned check fee of \$15 is applied. You cannot attend another regional until payment of the original amount and the \$15 fee are received.

April Brazier
LPA District 6 Director
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Madison, WI 53718

