

District 6 News and Events

Fall 2010 Newsletter

A district 6 update from April:

The summer sure has gone by quickly....only a few more weeks before kids & some adults head back to school, then the leaves start falling. I hope this newsletter find everyone doing well and enjoying the remainder of August.

There are a number of important things in this newsletter, please be sure to read it all. District 6 is changing the way we do our regional registrations please read about it on the next page BEFORE coming to the Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells. Speaking of the upcoming regional it's in a few weeks and as I write this email most of the LPA room block is sold out. Once the rooms are gone they're gone - we do not have the option to expand the block. Also bring your scooters and wheelchairs, this place is huge! For those walking the Wilderness has its own shuttles and each shuttle will have a step stool to make it easier to get on and off and all stops are marked with a white shuttle van and phone. The resort is looking forward to our group!

As the fall season approaches so does the time to plan our Holiday parties. If you know of a great place or wish to help out, even if it's a little, please contact your chapter president. I know it's cliché but a single volunteer can go along way. We appreciate everyone's willingness to help.

Enjoy this newsletter; please keep sending me articles, announcements, etc to put in here. Everyone likes to read about someone they know, especially if it's good news! Congrats to the three D6 women that received scholarships, we're very proud of you. Keep up the good work. I hope to see many of you in the Wisconsin Dells.

Take care,
--April ☺

Stay Current with D6 via our website

As always it is encouraged to check the District 6 website frequently for District updates. Any regional information, registration corrections, overflow hotels (if needed) info will be on the website. As you can see from the Dates to Remember event box the Windy City Holiday party is not listed, nor events for both Northern Lights and Little Prairie Chapters. I know all of these districts are in the process of planning events. The Badger Chapter is also looking to have a 2nd annual Holiday party at Stonefire Pizza, the same place as last year. We're currently working out the details for that. So keep your eye on that website!!

Also we encourage everyone to contribute to the district website. If you have a story or announcement or pictures you'd like to share with the district send them to Dan. There's a form right on the website or you can email Dan directly at dan@actionphotoqc.com. Please give Dan a week to get any submissions up online.

Spring 2011 D6 Regional – Quad Cities

The Spring 2011 regional will be held in the Quad Cities and hosted by Dan and Jenn Verscha. They are currently in the process of touring a couple of hotels. A decision will be made and contracts signed by the fall regional; all information will be announced at the General Assembly meeting in the Dells. Also check the website in the end of September for all the information. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help please contact Dan or April.

LPA & District 6

Dates to Remember:

August 15th, 2010

Windy City – Chapter Picnic

September 24th – 26th, 2010

Fall Regional – Wisconsin Dells, WI
Wilderness Hotel and Golf Resort

November 20th, 2010

Adults Night Out – Madison, WI
Restaurant to be determined

November 21st, 2010

MadRock Holiday Party – Sun Prairie, WI
Prairie Lanes Bowling Alley

April 2011

Spring Regional – Quad Cities
Hotel to be Determined

July 1st – July 7th, 2011

LPA National Conference
Anaheim, California

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D6 News & Announcements

Three teens from D6 receive scholarships

Scholarship applications were due in the end of April 2010. D6 had three people apply for LPA national scholarships and two people apply for the D6 scholarship. In Nashville on banquet night the scholarship awards were given out. Ciara Laubscher and Samyuktha Gumidyala both received national LPA scholarships and Alicia Day received the D6 scholarship. As an overview for national scholarships this year, three scholarships awarded by The Coalition for Dwarf Advocacy (CODA), the Anu Trombino Memorial scholarship, and Cari Shaffer and 10 scholarships awarded by the Greenberg Center. LPA had the privilege of awarding 19 national scholarships on banquet night at the conference. After conference I asked all three girls to write a paragraph about themselves and their college plans for the newsletter, enjoy!

Alicia Day - I'm going to be entering my second year of college at Kishwaukee Community College. I'm here to take my general eds and get an associate degree in science. Then I would like to transfer out to Northern Illinois University to finish my undergraduate study in the medical field. My goal is to become a pediatrician and finish medical school in Chicago.

Samyuktha Gumidyala - I will be a senior at the University of Illinois in Champaign. I major in Molecular and Cellular Biology, but I plan to attend graduate school and obtain a Master's in Health Administration after I graduate from UofI in Spring of 2011. At U of I, I do undergraduate research in Dr. Gardner's Microbiology Lab, am secretary of Dharma/Hindu Students Organization, and work as an undergraduate assistant at the Center of Informatics Research in Science and Scholarship

Ciara Laubscher - I plan to attend McKendree University, in Lebanon, IL. I went on many college visits and after touring McKendree, I decided it was the one for me. The campus and town felt very much like home. I will be residing on campus and plan to major in Elementary Education. I have babysat for 4 years now, and babysit during the summer on a regular basis. As you can see, I love children and am very excited to start achieving my goal of becoming a teacher this fall. I am very thankful for receiving one of the LPA Scholarships. This helps me further my education and pursue my dream career.

Good luck to all three women as they head off to college this fall ☺

Tekki Lomnicki receives the Grigsby Award for Excellence in the Art of Solo Performance

In honor of Tekki's exceptional achievement and unique talent. Ms. Lomnicki will be performing three pieces from her amazing career and be celebrated with an industry roast with those who have worked with her and have loved her throughout her amazing career.

Friday (8/20) - At The Artistic Home (formerly Live Bait Theater)
3914 N. Clark Street, Chicago) 7:00pm

The Best of Tekki Lomnicki - Ms Lomnicki presents classic three pieces: Thanksgiving, her classic first solo show about growing up Catholic and the journey with her mother to Lourdes; Clothing Optional, an peek at what goes on at a clothing-optional commune in Northern California; and Mr. Sandman, where Tekki's sleep patterns, dreams and CPAP machine collide.

Saturday (8/21) - Theater Wit (1229 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago) 7:00 pm

Grigsby Award for Excellence in the Art of Solo Performance - Saturday August 21

Ms. Lomnicki will be celebrated with an industry roast with those who have worked with her and have loved her throughout her amazing career. Tickets: \$50 VIP seats include a Champagne pre-show reception at 6pm \$35 for regular admission. Click here to order, or call 773-761-4477



This award is named after James Grigsby, an inspirational figure in solo performance in the late seventies and early eighties in Chicago. A portion of ticket sales will be donated to Tellin' Tales Theatre.

Some Changes for D6 Regionals

At the officer meeting in Chicago it was decided we needed to adjust some of the registration process for D6. This would streamline some of the registration as well as make sure D6 does not lose money at the regionals as we continue to try to offer different things at each regional.

- **Registration Costs:** Before we had multiple registration types: family, individual, seniors.... It was hard to keep them straight for both regional registrants and those planning the regional. The biggest problem seemed to be with the family registration. We were unable to account for who were children and who were adults when planning for Friday night dinners and seating at meetings. Also many people were registering as one family and families of 11 were eating at the hospitality suite for one price. Starting this Fall's regional in the Dells you will notice the registration packet is different.
 - \$10 per Paid Adult Member (this is 18 and over)
 - \$5 per Child (Member/Non-Member this is for 17 and under)
 - \$15 per Non-Paid Adult Member (this is 18 and over)

Children pricing was a set \$5 because we decided it was unfair to penalized kids when they have no control over their parents renewing/obtaining memberships. Furthermore having definite numbers make future regional planning much easier and more accurate.

- **Hospitality Room:** It's gotten harder and harder to find hotels that will allow carry in food at regionals for the Friday night hospitality suite. Both hotels in 2010 required the hospitality suite to serve food provided by the hotel. At the officer meeting it was decided that charging for the hospitality suite will go on a case by case basis; depending on the location and what's served. There will "No Charge" for snack foods and when we can bring items in. If hospitality room does have charges it will be clearly stated in the registration packet.
- **DAAA:** A fee will be charged to participants in the future based on what events that are being offered and cost of the venue. This will be determined prior to the registration mailing and clearly stated in the mailing.
- **Typical Late Fees Apply:** We will continue to enforce standard late fees for many reasons. First and foremost LPA takes a gamble on estimating how many people will attend a regional. If we guess wrong it has the potential of being costly to D6. I'd like to reemphasize here that registration deadlines are because the hotel requires us to give our numbers to them in advance; if we estimate a few onsite registrations and if we don't sell them then LPA must absorb the cost.
- **Fund Raising at Regionals:** The officers approved fund raising to take place at regionals and profits will be split 50/50 with the chapter that hosts and the district regional. All 50/50 raffles go to offset regional expenses and any profit from them is solely D6's.

I'm Pregnant and May be Having a Dwarf Child

This reality show on the Discovery Health channel featured an all-star Windy City Chapter cast as it chronicled Michael & Nicole Massett on the birth of their first child – Vincent. Check your local listings this summer and fall for the Discovery Health channels repeat of this program.

D6 is looking for a representative for the LPA National Advocacy Committee

The goal is to appoint one committee member for every district. The idea is to expand the reach of the advocacy committee to address the diverse concerns and issues of our membership. Committee members will be responsible for responding to concerns of members in their district and initiating campaigns to address issues that concern LPA. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Gary Arnold (312)640-2199 or garnold@accessliving.org

Badger Chapter is still in need of a President

The Badger chapter is still currently without a president. If you are interested in being chapter president please contact April Brazier or Jason Rasa and they will help you get started.

Join the District 6 Yahoo! Group

If you want to get emails about the most current and up to date information about District 6 and its events join the D6 Yahoo group! It's easy to do, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/lpadistrict6> and choose to join.

Don't forget to renew your LPA membership

Be sure to keep your LPA membership current by either calling the national office at 888-LPA-2001 or visit www.lpaonline.org. On LPA's website in the green menu bar at the top is Membership Benefits, click on that and it and choose Pay Dues Now. As a paid member you will also get the quarterly LPA magazine, LPA Today and discounts on your regional registration as well as National registration. LPA scholarships are awarded to paid members first and the Lee Kitchen's Travel fund are only available to members. Remember D6 also receives part of your membership fee to continue its programs locally. LPA and district 6 thanks you for your continued support.

MadRock Adults Night out and Bowling Party

Our 3rd annual MadRock Adults Night out and Bowling party will take place the weekend of November 20th & 21st. The restaurant for Saturday night has not been determined. Sunday's bowling party will be Noon – 3:00pm at Prairie Lanes, 430 Clamar Drive in Sun Prairie. The price per game is \$2.75 with \$1.00 shoe rental. The chapter will take care of the pizza, soda and dessert. If you plan on attending either or both events please let April Brazier or Dan Verscha know by November 14th so the correct number of lanes can be reserved and a dinner reservation can be made.

Rosemont Chicago Regional a Great Success

The Spring 2010 regional in Rosemont, IL was a huge success! We had 123 people registered at the Crowne Plaza O'Hare. A driving adaptations workshop took place in the morning and many people attended, thanks to Tom and Laureen for arranging that. I think the highlight of the weekend Saturday night's performance of the "Good to Go" band. They were awesome and really kept the party hopping. A special thanks to Heather and Scott and the rest of "Good to Go" for making the such a great party!

A note from Tom Lash: Tom Lash would like to thank all the Windy City Chapter volunteers who helped make the spring regional in Rosemont a success. Planning a regional takes a little initiative and assistance from various members. Dave Partak, our chapter treasurer took upon himself to drive to various hotels before settling on one that he thought would be suitable for a regional. After Dave contacted me to inform me of that he "found the one", the wheels were then set in motion. Membership was contacted to see what could be done to make the regional special. The rest as they say is history. And the moral of my story – all it takes is one person to make that that first move. So if want to be that person who gets the ball rolling, just contact April or your local chapter president if you know of a good potential hotel to host a regional. All it takes is that first big step...

D6 Financials

Profit Made at the Rosemont, IL Regional

Due to the great success of the Rosemont regional our district was able to make a profit of about \$300. The profit was then split between the district and the chapter, in which a check was issued to the Windy City for \$150. As of June 30th, 2010 the District 6 Finances stand at:

D6 Accounts: Checking: \$5,920.79 Savings: \$7,435.03
Restricted Funds: Outreach & Events: \$2,654.45 Support: \$5,920.35 Scholarship: \$5,920.35

National LPA News

2010 National Conference in Nashville, TN – 2nd Highest Attended Conference

Nashville, "Music City" proved to be an excellent place to host an LPA National. The final count was 2585 registered attendees. The hotel was conveniently located downtown about a block from Broadway Street which seemed to be the place to be for live music, places to eat and shopping for cowboy boots. The hotel itself was busy hosting more than 30 different workshops, multiple days of medical clinics, a jam packed expo and of course the nightly dance that lasted until

2am! Surprisingly the board meetings were done in one very long day. I will be putting out a report after the officer meeting in the Wisconsin Dells giving a summary of what took place.

2011 National Conference in Anaheim, California

The 2011 planning committee is busy getting ready for next year's national conference. I don't expect room reservations to open until early 2011 but I will let everyone know a date when I do.

2012 National Conference in Dallas, TX

At last year's board meeting the proposal for Dallas, TX in 2012 was approved.

2013 National Conference – Now Accepting Bids

This year at our board meeting the proposal to have the 2013 conference in Puerto Rico was rejected. The board was concerned about costs and attendance since everyone will have to fly there. Currently a second site was not proposed and Conference Management Committee is looking at possible locations.

Photographer's Perspective of 2010 Nashville Conference

I asked Dan to write an article about his experience as the conference photographer for Nashville---

It was a pleasure being the 2010 LPA National Conference Photographer in Nashville, TN. My family and I made so many new friends while there photographing DAAA Basketball, Soccer and Volleyball, the group photo and formal banquet photos.

On Monday, I set out to a local high school to photograph volleyball. It was really exciting, since I have never shot LP volleyball before. The "net" is lowered to approximately 6' 6", but that still didn't stop people from spiking the ball over the net. Watching and shooting these games was truly a complete enjoyment for me. The only thing I didn't like about shooting volleyball was, the lack of air conditioning inside the High school, boy was it hot!

Tuesday was basketball and I was amazed at the athleticism of the players. Even though having photographed LP basketball in 2006 at the Milwaukee Conference, it was still a great sport to watch and shoot.

Wednesday morning I headed outside to the soccer fields. Boy, I was complaining about how hot it was inside, I should have kept my mouth shut. It was so hot at the soccer fields that the bus company left a bus running for players and fans to cool off inside. Due to the devastation of the recent Nashville flood, the soccer complex didn't have any shade and I was told that the soccer fields were 20 feet under water. Wow! I can't even imagine -- with that said, I think they did a great job of getting the fields ready for DAAA soccer. So, even though it was extremely hot, a good time was had by all and I was able to get some great photos of the fabulous soccer players braving the heat!

Wednesday afternoon I was in charge of taking the group photo. It was taken in the hotel on the west side of the Grand Ballroom; this room was huge with really high ceilings. With a little help from my lovely wife and 2 1/2 year old son, I setup my lights, metered and did some test shots before I let the group in. Once the group of people was inside and in position for the photo, I climbed into a "sky lift" and was raised about 20 feet into the air. It's no easy task to shoot this many people inside, but I think I pulled it off pretty well.

Thursday evening was banquet night. This is where everyone gets dressed up and walks down the red carpet into the Grand Ballroom. I was setup, right outside the ballroom for couples, friends and families to stop by for a professional photo. It is always fun to see everyone dressed so nice and having a great time - it was truly an enjoyable night of shooting banquet photos.

Being an LP myself, it was truly an honor to have been the official photographer for the 2010 LPA National Conference in Nashville, TN. Don't forget, you can view all of the Conference photos at my site.

<http://lpa.actionphotoqc.com>

password: lpa2010

Hope to see you all again real soon! - Dan Verscha, Owner Action Photo of the Quad Cities & MadRock Chapter President



D6 Fall Regional 2010

Wisconsin Dells, WI

September 24th – 26th, 2010

Hotel Contact Information:

Wilderness Hotel and Golf Resort ~ Glacier Canyon Lodge

45 Hillman Road • Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965 • Phone: 800-867-9453 • Web: <http://www.wildernessresort.com>

Reservations and Room Rates: The nightly room rate is \$99 + 11% tax and \$9.50 resort fee. Members need to call to make reservations; online reservations are currently not available. Please remember to say you are with LPA or use the group code: 856492 when making reservations. The regional room rate is on a first come first served basis, no more rooms will be added to our room block when they're gone they're gone.

****IMPORTANT Hotel Info – Please Read this before coming it will make your arrival much easier!****

- The use of the Wilderness waterparks are reserved exclusively for hotel guests ONLY; they do NOT have public admission pricing. If you do not have a room at the resort you cannot enter the waterpark areas, even to socialize. LPA does not have control over this and we are not able to make exceptions.
- This resort is **HUGE**, a map is on the back page, bring a scooter or wheelchair etc. if at all possible.
- All events for the weekend are held in the convention center. Our sleeping rooms are a bit of a distance from there located near the Continental Divide across the Lost Canyon Sky Walk.
- **Special hotel room check in** has been organized for our group at the convention center from **Thursday 9am-5pm and Friday 11am – 7pm and Saturday 9am-5pm**. The hours were changed to help with our groups peak arrival times. If you get there outside of these times go to the New Frontier Lobby entrance, off HWY 12; the Convention Center is located off Hillman Road. The hotel room check in is at the coat check counter there because it's lower desk and very near the hospitality suite. Look for the convention center signs and awning when driving in on Hillman Road.
- If you arrive outside of the convention center check in times, please check in at the New Frontier Lobby. Don't get your stuff out; you will still need to drive around to the parking and where your room is located.
- **Early Checking:** If you get to the hotel before your room is ready you can do early check in to get your wristband and parking pass. Once your hotel room is ready you do not have to go back to the convention center for your key you can pick that up at any of the multiple check in desks.

Fee Waiver: For those attending their first regional or those that might find it difficult to afford the cost for this regional please contact April Brazier **BEFORE** sending in your registration for a registration fee waiver. The fee waiver must be approved by April and only applies to LPA registration costs; you must also be a paid member of LPA to be eligible. Hotel, meal and miscellaneous expenses are the responsibility of the attendee.

Hotel Information: The Wilderness Resort is a year round vacation destination. There are over 250,000 sq ft. of indoor waterparks and 500,000 feet of outdoor waterpark if weather permits. There are also plenty of onsite attractions such as kids club, Canyon kids and Wilderwonderland. All of these attractions provide lots of things for kids of ages. There's truly something for everyone at the Wilderness.

Airport/Shuttle Service: There isn't an airport in the Wisconsin Dells. If you fly in you will need to arrange ground transportation from the airport to the resort as the resort does not have an airport shuttle.

Parking: Plenty of complimentary onsite parking is available.

Outside the Hotel: The Wisconsin Dells is filled with things to do. There's the Wisconsin Dells, the Tommy Bartlett show and Ho-Chunk to name a few. If shopping is for you, visit the downtown Dells or the Tanger outlet mall near the hotel. Check out what the Wisconsin Dells has to offer before you come at : <http://www.Dells.com>.

Regional Schedule



(Dates, Times and Events are subject to change without notice)

Friday

D6 Officer Meeting

This meeting is only for Chapter presidents, the district treasurer and the district director.

12 Noon – 5 PM

Registration

Come pick up your pre-registration or register onsite here.

5:00 PM – 8 PM

The Hangout

A \$5 fee will be charged for each teen attending the Hangout to cover the cost of activities and light snacks. Most of the time the Hangout is 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.

5 PM – 1 AM

Hospitality Suite (pizza to be served)

Friday night will kick off with a pizza party in the hospitality suite. Come pick your registration, mingle and have piece of pizza before you hit the resort!

5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Saturday

Registration

Pre-registration can be picked up or you can register onsite.

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM

The Hangout

Noon – 5:00 PM

NO Kids Room or Parents Meeting

Due to lack of interest at past Wisconsin Dells regionals as well as being at a family orientated resort we will not be offering a kids room or parents meeting. Parents may bring their kids to the short general assembly meeting.

N/A

D6 General Assembly

Come get all your D6 info and updates here. A financial update, notes from the National board meetings, chapter updates and any other D6 news will be shared here. Please feel free to come with questions and suggestions.

10:30 AM – 12 Noon

Cocktail Hour & Banquet Dinner

Saturday night we will have our traditional sit down style banquet dinner. All plated dinners are served with fresh brewed coffee, iced tea and milk. Entrées are served with green salad, seasonal vegetables, starch and dinner rolls. An assortment of cheeses and brownies will be available for dessert. Dinner options are:

6:00 PM

- Chef's Premier Beef Wellington – A tender cut of beef tenderloin topped with a mushroom duxelles then wrapped in a puff pastry.
- Grilled Chicken – Seasoned, grilled chicken breast.
- Pasta Primavera – Arrangement of steamed vegetables served over penne pasta, garnished with Alfredo sauce and finished with parmesan cheese.
- Kids Chicken Tenders

Please note, a cash bar will be available for soda and alcoholic beverage purchases. A hotel bar is not located in the convention center. There will be 2 weddings also taking place in the convention center at the same time we're there. The nearest hotel bar is across the skywalk and back in the hotel area.

DJ Dance

Come dance the night away with all your D6 friends and Billy the DJ.

8 PM to Midnight

The Hangout

8 PM to 1 AM

Sunday - Goody Bye – See you In the Quad Cities

Registration Form

Fall 2010 Regional – Wisconsin Dells, WI September 24th – 26nd

Fill out this form completely and mail WITH payment before September 11th, 2010. Registrations postmarked after September 11th, will be charged as an onsite registration with additional fees. 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 age of 18 and older, this includes relatives and guests.				
	First Name	Last Name	Contact Info for Main Contact:	
*1.			Home #:	
2.			Cell #:	
3.			Email:	
4.				
5.				
6.				
Teens and Children Registration – All persons under age 18. Please checkmark if you plan to attend The Hangout.				
	First Name	Last Name	Age	The Hangout
1.				<input type="checkbox"/>
2.				<input type="checkbox"/>
3.				<input type="checkbox"/>
4.				<input type="checkbox"/>
5.				<input type="checkbox"/>
6.				<input type="checkbox"/>

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.

Weekend Activities and Registration Fees

(All activities and fees are subject to change without notice)

Registration			
Total Number of LPTA Member Adults:		X \$10.00 per adult:	
Paid LPTA adults are 18 and over			
Total Number of Non-LPTA Member Adults:		X \$15.00 per adult:	
NON-Paid LPTA adults are 18 and over			
Total Number of Children:		X \$5.00 per child:	
Paid or Non-Paid children are those 17 and under			
			SUBTOTAL:
On Site Events - Included: I need numbers for these events for planning			
Friday Night Hospitality Suite – Number of people:	#:		INCLUDED
Saturday General Assembly – Number of people:	#:		INCLUDED
On Site Events – NOT Included:			
The Hangout – Teens \$5 (per person)	# of teens:	X \$5:	=
			SUBTOTAL:
Banquet			
• Beef Wellington	# of meals:	X \$25	=
• Grilled Chicken Breast	# of meals:	X \$25	=
• Pasta Primavera	# of meals:	X \$20	=
• Kids Chicken Fingers (12 and under only)	# of meals:	X \$10	=
			SUBTOTAL:
			GRAND TOTAL:

All registrations must be postmarked by September 11th, 2010 otherwise they will be processed as onsite registrations and additional charges will be applied.

D6 Fall 2010 Regional is September 24- 26th in the Wisconsin Dells
Registration Packet is Enclosed, Hope to see you there!!

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Little People of America