

District 6 News and Events

Spring 2010 Newsletter

A district 6 update from April:

Wow, it's already March...where does the time go?!? LPA has seen some great activity in past few months. A few of the chapters held their usual Holiday parties. The MadRock chapter had their first Adults Night out in Madison, we had a number of people attend and everyone looked to be having fun, maybe it was the margaritas? In any case we are planning to do it again! The Northern Lights chapter most recently held a meeting at Action City in Eau Claire, WI. Allison was able to get a great group deal of \$7 a person for all their activities. The Windy City hosted its annual and this year very well attended bowling party at the usual Comet Lanes in Crest Hill, IL. LPs were bowling in several lanes while even more socialized around the pizza and soda that was provided. A meeting was held to work on plans for the upcoming Windy City hosted regional in Rosemont, IL. Please look to the back of this newsletter for the regional registration packet.

Now looking forward to the rest of 2010.... First off many chapters are actively working on obtaining park permits for their summer picnic events. If any of you are at all willing to help with this PLEASE contact your chapter president or April Brazier. Planning a picnic is a lot of work and the more volunteers the better. Second if you are willing to host any other chapter events please contact your chapter president and let them know a little bit of help goes a long way in LPA since we are a volunteer organization so please do what you can.

Time to think about 2011! I'm sure you're saying what?? As a reminder it was this time last year we starting securing our regional spots for 2010 so it's now time to start thinking "where should we go for 2011?" So far I have a few ideas but I'd like to hear from you!! Please let me know of places you think might be accommodating for our group and I'd be happy to check them out. Also let me know if you are willing to host a regional I always need locals who know the area to help me out. At the general assembly we will be talking about 2011 regional sites so if you have a suggestion please make sure you let me know beforehand or come prepared to the meeting.

Finally it's scholarship time for LPA. Please read under D6 announcements for all that info. As always I might forget something as I put this newsletter together so make it a habit to check the D6 website. Go to <http://D6.lpaonline.org> and take a look. When writing this newsletter I glanced through to jog my memory and I noticed some stories are getting 400+ hits, GREAT job people!!! Keep using this invaluable tool to get your most current D6 news! ☺

That's all from me for now. I hope you are all enjoying the unseasonably warm March weather and I can't wait to see you in Rosemont.

Take care,

--April ☺

LPA & District 6

Dates to Remember:

April 23rd -25th, 2010

Spring Regional – Rosemont, IL
Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare

April 25th, 2010

Little Prairie – Springfield, IL
Chuck – E – Cheese

June 12th, 2010

Little Prairie Picnic

July 2nd – 9th, 2010

LPA National Conference – Nashville, TN
Renaissance Hotel

August 15th, 2010

Windy City – Chapter Picnic
Details TBA

August 2010

Badger Chapter Picnic
Details TBA

September 24th – 26th, 2010

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

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D6 News & Announcements

Congrats on the engagement of Tekki Lomnicki and Chris Radzak – from the Windy City Newsletter

The New Year was a memorable one for our own Tekki Lomnicki. Tekki & Chris Radzak (District 13) became engaged at midnight on New Year's eve. The couple met at the 2008 LPA Conference in Detroit and Chris proposed at the stroke of midnight this past New Year's Eve. Chris is planning on moving here from Orlando, Florida (he better invest in a warm coat). The wedding is planned for the summer of 2011. Congratulations go out to the happy couple and we look forward to seeing Chris at future events.



Harriet Stickney donates to LPA's archive program

Back in December Harriet's nephew Phil contacted April Brazier to say Harriet was doing well but had moved from her assisted living area into a room on a skilled nursing unit in the same facility. Unfortunately her "stash of things" had to be downsized. At that time her family went through her belongings and boxed up all her LPA memorabilia, contacted April and asked how they could donate it. Jim Kay, LPA's Historian gladly sent pre-paid labels; April and her mom carefully packed up all the stuff for their trip to LPA's storage facility in California. Jim emailed to say he received everything and Harriet had some amazing stuff from more than 50 years ago! Hopefully some of her items will be on display at the next LPA national so we can all enjoy them.

A successful weekend on the Mississippi – Fall 2009 D6 & D9 Joint Regional

At our joint regional in Dubuque we had almost 250 people attend! This included people from D6, D9 as well as several other districts. Fun was had by all throughout the weekend. Regional started off with dinner and socializing in the hospitality suite on Friday night. Saturday was jam packed with meetings, DAAA events, the children's room, the Hangout and a trip to the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium. Saturday night we had a sellout banquet and seated 120+ people in the glassed in River Room that overlooks the Mississippi. Of course we had a packed dance floor and a successful 50/50 raffle to finish out our evening. On Sunday people were busy saying their good-bye's and squeezing in any other activities, like playing in the game room or splashing in the water park one last time before heading out. We also made the local paper twice that week, go to the D6 website to read both articles that the Dubuque Telegraph Herald did on our group. A copy of the DAAA article is at the end of the newsletter after the regional registration sheet. It was great to see so much positive media attention given to LPA that weekend since October is National Dwarfism awareness month!

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

The Advocacy Committee is recruiting new members. 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 garold@accessliving.org

Badger Chapter is still in need of a President

The Badger chapter is still currently without a president. A very well attended holiday party was held at Stonefire Pizza in December however we did not have anyone interested in becoming a chapter 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.

Graduation Announcements

I know we have several members of D6 graduating high school in the next couple of months. Ciara Laubscher will be graduating from Southwestern High School and is currently deciding what college she is going to attend. Good Luck Ciara!! If anyone else has a graduation announcement please email it to me so we can get posted! Which brings me to my next topic....

D6 Scholarship

Please remember that D6 offers a scholarship opportunity to any D6 member who is attending college starting in Fall 2010. Scholarship information, the application including letters of recommendation are available online now at www.lpaonline.org then click on Scholarships and Medical Grants. If you do not have the ability to print this out (the application alone is 8 pages) please contact April Brazier ASAP and she will print it out and mail it to you. All applications for both the D6 scholarship and the National scholarship are due by April 2010; please note D6 uses the same application that National uses. To apply for the D6 scholarship, make a copy of your national application and mail it to April Brazier with a cover letter addressing the officers of D6. Please keep in mind that applicants are not eligible for both a national scholarship and district one. Your district director will work with the national scholarship committee to make sure as many people as possible get scholarships and to get each person awarded the most they possibly can be. All D6 scholarships follow the same criteria as the LPA National scholarship and are given in order of preference to:

- members of LPA who have a medically diagnosed form of dwarfism
- immediate family members of dwarfs who are also paid members of LPA
- people with dwarfism who are not members of LPA

Should you have any questions about this please contact April Brazier or the national office.

Fall Regional at the Wilderness Resort in the Wisconsin Dells, WI – September 24th – 26th, 2010

Hotel Contact Information: Wilderness Hotel and Golf Resort
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. Reservations are being accepted now and the room rate is on a first come first served basis. When rooms are sold out our group will not be able to get more and they go typically go for \$200+ a night. **The deadline for getting the LPA room rate is August 25th, 2010.**

Hotel Information: The Wilderness Resort is a year round vacation destination. There are over 250,000 sq ft. of indoor water parks; this includes the Wild WaterDome, Klondike Kavern and the Wild West which includes bumper boats! Several dining options are available; choose from fine dining at the Fields or grab something at the Wild Canyon Café . Sarentos features live entertainment and authentic Italian dishes. If the Wisconsin weather holds out many will enjoy a few rounds of golf at the Wild Rock Golf Club. There's also 500,000 feet of outdoor water park 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.

Airport/Shuttle Service: There isn't an airport in the Wisconsin Dells. If you are interested in flying 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.

As the regional gets closer updates will be made to the D6 website. When talking to the hotel staff we will not be working on details until June. A few things to remember about this regional:

- This resort is HUGE, so big in fact it has its own shuttle to get from one side to the other. If you have scooters please plan to bring them with you. There are phones throughout the hallways to call for a shuttle to pick you and take you to different places in the resort.
- Wisconsin Dells regionals always sell out so you MUST register for the regional to get the LPA room rate. April will be running a rooming list from the hotel up to one week before the regional. If you do NOT mail in your registration for this regional you MUST contact April to make arrangements or you will LOSE your LPA room rate. If you somehow get around all this at the end of the weekend when the hotel settles up with D6 you will be billed for a regular room rate.
- At large resort hotels it is hard to get people together for events since many want to go experience the resort or simply make other plans with people they don't usually bring along, we experienced this in the Dells last time. This regional will be considered a destination regional which means we will ONLY have a Friday night hospitality suite, Saturday morning meeting/kids room, Saturday night banquet and Friday/Saturday Teen Hangout. There will be NO workshops or special Saturday afternoon organized trips or no Dr. Pauli appts. Please feel free to contact April with any questions about this. Thank you!

D6 Financials

Jason's Treasury Report as of 2/26/10:

District Finances

Unrestricted Funds:

Basic Checking Account Balance: \$4,495.50

Savings Account Balance: \$7,4343.19

Restricted Funds:

Money Market-Outreach & Events: \$2,959.80

Money Market-Support: \$5,919.63

Money Market- Scholarship: \$5,919.63

Fall 2009 – Dubuque Regional Update:

We made \$64 in the 50/50 raffle and received \$120 in donations from our membership! The DAAA events cost more than \$300 which was taken out of our Outreach and Events money market fund so it did not negatively affect our regional finances. We made a profit of \$278 at this regional.

National LPA News

Take note that as of January 1, 2010 Membership fees increased and are listed below. This was voted on and approved by the LPA Board of Directors in New York. I hope most of you read the Special Financial Report Issue of LPA. It gives an excellent in depth summary of what LPA is doing financially and also give you a great idea of what our board meetings were in New York.

This year's board meetings were spent mainly discussing the best way for LPA to fare our current national economic problems. Jon North, VP of Finance spent a large part of the first day explaining the long term viability of LPA. In summary it was agreed to decrease the hours the LPA office staff at the California national office, increase membership dues by \$5 and all funding requests by LPA workgroups were denied until our finances recovered.

Memberships are now as follows:

Annual Membership: \$55

3-year Membership : \$120

International Membership: \$35

Student Annual Membership: \$35

Senior (65 and up) annual Membership: \$20

Lifetime Membership: \$750

LPA National Conference – Nashville, TN – July 2nd – 9th, 2010

The LPA national office started accepting reservations for the 2010 LPA National conference on January 15, 2010. To register please call the LPA office at 888-LPA-2001 or go to the online link at either the D6 website or <http://www.lpaonline.org>. An LPA conference registration deposit will be necessary to make a hotel reservation at the Renaissance Nashville at the conference registration rate.

Within several days the LPA room block was sold out at the Renaissance hotel. The Nashville planning committee did meet with the hotel a couple of weeks later to secure a larger room block as the interest in this conference was overwhelming. As it stands I believe the hotel is sold out for some of the nights for our group. There is a waiting list and the conference committee is working on an overflow hotel. The best thing to do at this time is to call the LPA National office with any questions. As people cancel and the room block is adjusted rooms may open up.

The Nashville registration packet is scheduled to be mailed in the spring of 2010. I expect this should be hitting your mailboxes in the next several weeks. Some events are expected to sell out as LPA was only able to secure a set number of tickets for our group. If you have an event you really want to attend please send your registration in asap to reserve those tickets.

Board meetings will be held starting at 8am Saturday July 3rd and continue to late afternoon on July 4th. From what I know right now the welcome events and kick off will be on Sunday July 4th, the Fashion show will be Monday July 5th, Talent Show Tuesday July 6th, Banquet will be Thursday July 8th. I hope this helps some of you with planning. If you do not get the registration packet or have problems please feel free to contact me.

D6 SPRING REGIONAL 2010

ROSEMONT, IL

April 23rd – 25th, 2010

Hotel Contact Information:

Crown Plaza

5440 North River Rd (Des Plaines River Road)

Rosemont, IL

Phone: 1-888-233-9527

Online Reservations: https://resweb.passkey.com/Resweb.do?mode=welcome_ei_new&eventID=1457347

Website: <http://www.crowneplazaohare.com/>

Reservations and Room Rates: The nightly room rate at the Crown Plaza is \$99 a night plus 13% tax. Room reservations must be made by April 2, 2010 to lock in the LPA room rate. Please mention LPA when making reservations, or use the link above to be directed to the site.

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 for a waiver of the registration fee; please do this prior to mailing in your registration packet. The fee waiver only applies to LPA registration costs and you must be a paid member of LPA to be eligible. Hotel, meals including banquet meals and miscellaneous expenses are the responsibility of the attendee.

Hotel Information: The Crown Plaza is 1 mile from I-90 & I-294; 3 blocks south of Kennedy Expressway. Exit Des Plaines River Road south off of Kenney Expressway, it is located 1.5 mile from O'Hare International Airport across from the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center. As a guest of the The Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare you will enjoy their newly remodeled guestrooms and suites. All 503 of the hotels guestrooms are completely re-styled and eco-friendly. The Hotel has an indoor heated pool, whirlpool, ping pong table, weight room, fitness center, business center and gift shop. High-speed wireless Internet access is offered throughout the hotel for an additional fee. Each room features a coffee maker, hair dryer, iron and ironing board, in room safe and mini refrigerator. Dining area features a breakfast buffet as well as lunch and dinner. **Also please note the height of the beds in the hotel are on the high side; everyone is encouraged to bring a stool. If guests still have difficulty with the bed height they are encouraged to contact the hotel staff.

Airport/Shuttle Service: The closest airport to the Crown Plaza is the O'Hare International Airport. The hotel has a complimentary shuttle that will transport you to/from O'Hare Int'l Airport. The shuttle does NOT have a lift, however the shuttle does have space for scooters and/or wheelchairs. The shuttle drivers are aware that they will be loading and unloading these for our guests. Please contact the hotel directly at to arrange a shuttle. If you need a shuttle with a lift please contact the hotel and special arrangements will be made for you.

Hotel Parking: Parking is normally \$20 a day. LPA members will be getting a Regional discount of \$5 per car per day for local and overnight guests; you need to register for the regional to get this discounted price. Overnight guests must have reservations in the hotel room block to receive the \$5 discount parking. If you come for the day and do not stay overnight you will need to get from Tom and Lauren Lash a special \$5 parking voucher for each day attending. The parking lot is gated for controlled access.; the majority of available parking is located off Balmoral Road in the back of the hotel. If you do not register for the regional your parking fee is \$20, no exceptions.

Outside the Hotel: Downtown Chicago. – When was the last time you visited the heart of downtown Chicago? The Art Museum, Millennium Park, Navy Pier, and Magnificent Mile (Shopping) are just some of the many attractions one may wish to visit. Consider taking a skyscraper tour or maybe venturing 1,353 feet up to top of the Willis Tower (Sears) building. Your starting point for these attractions begin via one “L” Train ride, which originates near the hotel. You can walk 1/4 mile to the Blue line “L” train (Rosemont Station) and get downtown fast or take a PACE bus to any Chicago attraction. www.transitchicago.com

It is recommended that you take the complimentary hotel shuttle to the Chicago O’Hare Airport to the “L” Train station. The hotel shuttle will pick up & drop off every half hour; in the lower level of the airport is the “L” Train station. The train will drop you off right in the heart of the “loop”. Once there you can then take public transportation or walk to whichever area you plan on visiting. Chicago mass transit maps & schedules will be available at the registration table. Please note not all “L” stations are wheelchair/scooter assessable. All public busses have lifts and ramps.

The CTA has a Fun Pass, which normally sells for \$5.75. It’s good for unlimited rides on the CTA “L” train & buses during one 24 hour period. For those regional registrants the pass will sell at a discounted price of \$4.00. Those interested in purchasing a pass are to contact Tom Lash directly at the registration table. There will be a limited number of passes that will be available and will be sold on a first come first serve basis. This is a great economical opportunity to visit downtown Chicago and see all that the city has to offer.

Brunswick Zone Bowling 3111 Des Plaines River Rd. and Belmont Ave. Cosmic Bowling Saturday 1 pm to 3 pm. For discount coupon and special offers sign up at www.bowlbrunswick.com.

Muvico Movie Theater 9701 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. and Des Plaines River Road. It is located about two blocks away. Muvico Theater is a 101,000 square-foot movie palace with 18 screens digital viewing experience and 4,227 reclining stadium-style seats. On second floor other luxury features include VIP seating, VIP free popcorn, a full-service Bogart’s restaurant and bar. There is a free parking garage with a ticket dispenser across from the theater. NOTE: The ticket dispenser may be hard for some to access. Therefore you can park in the valet parking area, which is off to the right. Simply inform the valet parking attendant that you parked the car there due to accessibility issues. The theater is aware of our group and knows some of us will be parking in valet parking area. You will not be charged to park in the valet area. For Teens there is The Digital Den. Teens will be able to play Sony PlayStation 3 equipped gaming pods and Wii games while viewing the action on large LCD High Definition screens. Admission is free with the purchase of a movie ticket. \$5 for a controller for 30 minutes. Sign up for special offers at www.muvico.com.

HANGOUT REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

The Hangout is the place for teens and tweens up to 19 years old, to chill, play video games, and just hangout with their peers at D6 Regionals. We stock the room with all sorts of fun stuff like a TV, DVD player and PS2, an iPod docking station (feel free to bring your own games, DVDs, and CDs) and cool table games and cards. Events being planned include a possible Friday Night Dance Party. Parents should take into consideration the loose structure when deciding whether tweens 10-13 years old should be signed up for the Hangout. A \$5 fee will be charged for each teen attending The Hangout to cover the cost of activities and light snacks. Contact Allison Lourash at 715-207-5738 or Allison@lourash.com with any specific questions or suggestions. We are always in need of newer Playstation games, table activities for teens, and monetary donations to help stock The Hangout. If you are willing to donate or let us borrow items, please let Allison know.

Workshop: Adaptive Automotive Solutions for Driving and Transportation

The speaker is from a company called Mobility Works. The speaker will talk to us about vehicle modifications, driving aids and aids to help carry and store your wheelchair or scooter in your vehicle. It is a good idea to keep up with the latest technology that is available for us to use. Our speaker will also have a question and answer session. So take this opportunity to learn more about vehicle modification, whether you need it now or for the future.

Regional Schedule

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

FRIDAY

D6 Officer Meeting

TBA

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

Registration

6:00 PM – 8 PM

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

The Hangout

8 PM – 1 AM

The Hangout is the place for teens and tweens up to 19 years old, to chill, play video games, and just hangout.

Hospitality Suite (Snacks to be served)

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

The hospitality suite will have snacks for everyone that is registered. There will be tortilla chips and salsa, potato chips, pretzels, popcorn and bar mixes snacks and soda.

SATURDAY

Registration hallway

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

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

Children's Room

8:00 AM – 12:15 PM

The Girl Scouts will staff the children's room. We encourage parents to drop their children off here during the parent meeting, workshop & general assembly. The children's room gives kids of all sizes and ages a chance to interact with others their own age. The children's room is designed for kids aged 2 and up and for both LP and average height kids.

Parent's Meeting

8:15 AM – 9:45 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.

Workshop:

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Adaptive Automotive Solutions for Driving and Transportation

Teen Talk

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Join your fellow teens Saturday morning to discuss career plans, driving, dating, advocating for yourself in high school and other topics that you want to discuss with your peers. This informal discussion is for LPs age 13 and up and is led by teens. Do not need to sign up for The Hangout to participate.

D6 General Assembly

11:15 AM – 12:15 PM

Saturday afternoon is being left open for on your own activities. Go explore Chicago!! ☺

Cocktails**6:30 PM**

A cash bar will be available in the banquet room for all those wishing to have a before dinner drink.

Banquet Dinner**7:00 PM**

Saturday night we will have our traditional sit down style banquet dinner. Each adult banquet meal option will start off with a Salad of Fresh Seasonal Greens with Tomato, Cucumber, Carrot, Red Cabbage and Garlic Herb Croutons, with choice of Two Dressings French or Ranch and end with a Dessert of Brownie Ala Mode. A beverage selection that includes regular and decaf coffee, hot tea, Ice tea is available. All prices include taxes and gratuity.

Main Course choices:

- Midwest Seared Sirloin Steak - with caramelized Onions and Mushrooms
- Grilled Chicken Breast – with Citrus Beurre Blanc, Garnished with seedless Grapes and Mango Relish
- Homemade Grilled Vegetable Lasagna – topped with Roasted Tomato Marinara
- Kid's Meal – Chicken fingers, French Fries, Corn Nibbles, Fruit Cup, Salad, Brownie Ala Mode and Milk.

Live Band & Dance**9 PM to Midnight**

Come dance the night away with all your D6 friends and the Good to Go band. Enjoy your favorite dance music from the 70's, 80's & 90's as we celebrate a "Tropical Spring Fling". All are encouraged to wear their "tropical gear wardrobe" and join in on the fun.

The Hangout**9 PM to 1 AM****SUNDAY****Sunday Brunch****8:00 AM –10:30 AM**

We will all meet and have Brunch is on your own.

Good Bye's -- See you in the Dells!

REGISTRATION FORM

Spring 2010 Regional – Rosemont, IL - April 23rd – 25th

Fill out this form completely and mail WITH payment before April 10, 2010. Registrations postmarked after April 10, 2010, 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.

<i>Adult Attendee Information – All attendees over the age of 18, this includes relatives and guests.</i>			
	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Contact Info for Main Contact:</i>
*1.			<i>Home #:</i>
2.			<i>Cell #:</i>
3.			<i>Email:</i>
4.			
5.			
<i>The Hangout Information – ages 10-19; checkmark if you plan on attending the Hangout.</i>			
	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>The Hangout</i>
1.			<input type="checkbox"/>
2.			<input type="checkbox"/>
3.			<input type="checkbox"/>
4.			<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Children's Registration (ages 2-11) checkmark if your child will be in the the children's room.</i>			
	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>Children's Room</i>
1.			<input type="checkbox"/>
2.			<input type="checkbox"/>
3.			<input type="checkbox"/>
4.			<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

Registration			
<i>PAID Members</i>			
<i>Individual \$20:</i>		<i>Household \$30:</i>	
<i>Students \$10:</i>		<i>Seniors Single \$10:</i>	
		<i>Seniors Couple \$20:</i>	
		<i>SUBTOTAL:</i>	
<i>NON PAID Members</i>			
<i>Individual \$30</i>		<i>Household \$40:</i>	
<i>Students \$10:</i>		<i>Seniors Single \$15:</i>	
		<i>Senior Couple \$25:</i>	
		<i>SUBTOTAL:</i>	
On Site Events - Included: I need numbers for these events for planning			
<i>Friday Night Hospitality Suite – Number of people:</i>			<i>INCLUDED</i>
<i>Saturday General Assembly – Number of people:</i>			<i>INCLUDED</i>
<i>Workshop – Number of people:</i>			<i>INCLUDED</i>
On Site Events – NOT Included:			
<i>Teen – The Hangout \$5 (per person)</i>	<i># of teens:</i>	<i>X \$5:</i>	<i>=</i>
		<i>SUBTOTAL:</i>	
SUNDAY BRUNCH			
<i>Adults \$14.95</i>	<i>Number of people:</i>		<i>On your own</i>
<i>Children age 4-12 \$6.50</i>	<i>Number of people:</i>		<i>On your own</i>
<i>Children under 3 free</i>	<i>Number of people:</i>		<i>On your own</i>
CTA FUN PASS INTEREST			
<i>Limited number on hand - First come first serve \$4.00</i>	<i>Number of passes:</i>		<i>On your own</i>
			<i>On Your Own</i>
Banquet			
• <i>Sirloin Steak</i>	<i># of meals:</i>	<i>X \$35.00</i>	<i>=</i>
• <i>Grilled Chicken Breast</i>	<i># of meals:</i>	<i>X \$35.00</i>	<i>=</i>
• <i>Vegetable Lasagna</i>	<i># of meals:</i>	<i>X \$35.00</i>	<i>=</i>
• <i>Kids Chicken Fingers (12 and under only)</i>	<i># of meals:</i>	<i>X \$22.00</i>	<i>=</i>
		<i>SUBTOTAL:</i>	<i>=</i>

Article featured in the Dubuque Telegraph Herald on Sunday October 11th, 2009.

Big dreams and ambitions prevail

Little person who represented America at the World Dwarf Games now wants to catch the world record-holder in the 100-meter dash.

BY ANDY PIPER TH STAFF WRITER



Photo by: Jeremy Portje

Michael Niemann, 17, De Witt, Iowa, congratulates his teammates Saturday after a sanctioned Dwarf Athletic Association of America soccer match at Prescott Elementary in Dubuque. The Little People of America organized a regional conference here over the weekend.

Colin Kraft wears his Team USA shirt with pride. At 19, he lived the dream shared by athletes from coast-to-coast when he represented his country in soccer earlier this year in the World Dwarf Games Ireland.

"I like anything sports," he said at Saturday's clinic offered by the Dwarf Athletic Association of America at Prescott Elementary School in Dubuque. "To represent the USA on your chest, I take a lot of pride in that. It's crazy because you see how many other countries have little people and you realize you're not the only one, that there are little people all across the world."

It's that sense of belonging that attracted Kraft to Dubuque this weekend for the Little People of America regional conference at the Grand River Center.

"You might be the only little person in your school or town or even county, but when you come to something like this it's comforting to know that there are other people out there just like you," said Kraft, a

Minnesota native who is majoring in mass communication at St. Cloud State University. "People need to know that little people can do anything that average-sized people can do, just in

another form or fashion. People do have some misconceptions about what dwarfism is."

In his mind, dwarfism is part of what makes him a unique individual. It certainly hasn't slowed him down. Kraft's favorite sport is track. He competed in sprints and long jump on his high school team and someday he'd like to beat his good friend Eddie Andrews in the 100-meter dash. Andrews is the world record holder in the event at 12.8 seconds.

"He's ridiculously fast," Kraft said. "I train hard for track and love competing against little people. Instead of being one of the slowest, I'm one of the fastest."

Kraft was helping some youngsters with their soccer and basketball skills Saturday. Naturally outgoing, Kraft likes to counsel little people who might be shy and self-conscious.

"I've never really looked at it that way myself, but I know some little people do," Kraft said. "Everybody is unique in their own way, but average-height people blend in more. I look at it from the perspective that I stick out for a reason and I take pride in that. I'm educating people that there are different kinds of people in the world."

Mike Cekanor is taller than 6 feet, but he is the father of a 12-year-old son with dwarfism. He said it was easy for him to get involved in the Dwarf Athletic Association of America.

"His passion is sports and it's my passion, too," said Cekanor, who serves as vice president of the organization. "You can't come to an event like this and not be touched by the competitive spirit of the kids. The smiles that sports puts on their faces is what keeps you going and is what makes this all worthwhile."

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