

# District 6 News and Events

## Spring 2012 Newsletter

A note from Dan:

It's been a busy couple of months working with April Braizer to get a handle on my new District Director duties. We've had several Skype training sessions. April has been great and I'm so lucky that she's a very organized person. Thanks April!

## D6 News & Announcements

District 6 elections were held at the Fall 2011 regional. Dan Verscha became the District Director, Krystle Ansay, is the Assistant District Director. April Braizer moved to the District Treasurer position and Tekki Lomnicki is the District Secretary. Thank you to everyone that participated in the elections.

Chapter elections are to be held this year before the 2012.

## District 6 is Going GREEN.

### LPA & District 6

#### Dates to Remember:

**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Windy City Bowling Party  
Crest Hill, IL

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Windy City Wolves Game  
Rosemont, IL

**March 30<sup>th</sup>- April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

D6 Spring Regional  
Schaumburg, IL

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**Please continue to send me the newsletter in the mail.**

**First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Mail this completed form to: Dan Verscha  
2340 29th St.  
Rock Island, IL 61201**

## **Upcoming D6 Events**

### **Windy City Wolves Game**

Saturday night, March 24, 2012 Chicago Wolves vs. Hamilton Bulldogs. Come on out & bring the entire family for a fun filled night. We will have a "Windy City LPA family night" at the Chicago Wolves Hockey game at the All-State arena in Rosemont Illinois. Before the game there will be a Wolves family fest, which offers lots of activities for children of all ages. After the high-flying action hockey game stay around for the free post-skate on the actual hockey rink. This exciting night promises lots of fun for the entire family. Tickets normally retail for \$19.00 but will be available to LP members for \$5.00 and only \$2.00 for children 10 and under. Make your plans today & get your tickets fast, as a limited number of tickets are available. Contact Tom Lash ([mrcubwon@yahoo.com](mailto:mrcubwon@yahoo.com)) directly to place your order.

### **District 6 Spring Regional**

The spring regional will be held in Schaumburg, IL at the Hyatt Place Schaumburg, 1851 McConnor Parkway. The registration packet is included in this newsletter.

## **National LPA News**

### **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](http://www.lpaonline.org). Go to the LPA website and click the green "Membership Benefits" at the top, then 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 members first, and the Lee Kitchen Travel Fund is 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.

### **Lee Kitchen Fund**

The Kitchens Fund for First Time National Conference Attendees is available to all current LPA members who are first time National Conference Attendees.

Each year LPA is pleased to provide \$8,000 - \$10,000 in Kitchens Fund Grants.

Applications may be faxed or mailed..

The Kitchen's Travel Fund was established in honor of the Kitchen's family as a way to assist members of Little People of America in attending the annual National Conference. To qualify for the fund the applicant must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Must be a first-time attendee of a National Conference
- 2) Must be a paid member of LPA in good standing, and
- 3) Any minor child must be accompanied by an adult/guardian

When applying, the applicant should submit a cover letter explaining why they should qualify for the fund. In the cover letter (if possible), provide the name of an LPA member (non-family) as a reference.

Since funds for travel are limited and LPA tries to help as many applicants as possible, total expenses are not covered. Partial travel expenses OR a complimentary hotel room for a few nights, OR meal expenses are examples of a typical award. No monies will be awarded until the applicant is actually at the conference, therefore, conference reservations and travel arrangements should be made in advance. This award is a reimbursement.

Deadlines for applications will be April 30 of the year in which the conference will be attended. Applicants will be notified by phone or e-mail by June 1

### **Upcoming National Conferences**

2012 – Dallas Texas

2013 - Washington, DC

2014 – San Diego, CA

2015 – St. Louis, MO

2016 – Boston, MA

### **Painted Turtle**

The Painted Turtle is now accepting applications for the **Skeletal Dysplasia and MPS Summer Session** at The Painted Turtle Camp to be held **June 15-20, 2012**. This summer camp provides an opportunity to share good times, and peer support with other children who have the same medical condition. Campers will enjoy boating and fishing, arts and crafts, woodshop, music, and much more! And doctors and nurses are available at The Painted Turtle all week to take care of any medical needs campers might have while at camp.

*If you are interested in receiving an application for The Painted Turtle Camp, please contact:*

Rosalyn Skelton at (661) 724-1768 ext 203 or [rosalyns@thepaintedturtle.org](mailto:rosalyns@thepaintedturtle.org)

Applications may also be requested by visiting [www.thepaintedturtle.org](http://www.thepaintedturtle.org).

# D6 Spring Regional 2012

Schaumburg, IL

March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012

## **Hotel Contact Information:**

Hyatt Place Schaumburg  
1851 McConnor Parkway  
Schaumburg, IL 60173

<http://schaumburg.place.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/place/index.jsp>

**Reservations and Room Rates:** The LPA nightly group rate is \$79 plus 14% tax. Room reservations must be made by March 9th, 2012 to lock in the LPA room rate. Reservations must be made by telephone. **Please call 877-574-7260 and ask for the Little People of America group rate.**

**Fee Waiver:** For those attending their first regional or those that might find it difficult to afford the cost for this regional please contact Dan Verscha BEFORE sending in your registration for a registration fee waiver. The fee waiver must be approved by Dan Verscha 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:** Located just west of downtown Chicago, and only 13 miles from Chicago O'Hare International Airport, the Hyatt Place Chicago/Schaumburg is centrally located to popular area attractions including Woodfield Mall, Legoland Discovery Center, LOL Comedy Club and Gameworks. It also features continental breakfast, and an indoor pool and whirlpool.

**Parking:** Plenty of complimentary onsite parking is available.

**Weekend Events:** The weekend will kick off with our usual Friday night hospitality suite with food and beverages. Several onsite events for all ages are planned such as, Saturday kid's room and parent meeting, the teen hangout and Saturday night banquet and DJ/dance. Dr. Pauli appointments will not be available at this regional.

**Outside the Hotel:** **LEGOLAND® Discovery Center** is an indoor world of hands-on LEGO fun combining model building opportunities and unusual construction challenges with theme park-like attractions such as a Technicycle Ride, Dragon Ride, Adventure Trail, and a 4D Cinema. **Woodfield Mall:** Shop at the finest collection of department stores and specialty shops in the Great Lakes region. Both of these are just 1 mile from the hotel.

# D6 Spring Regional 2012 Schedule

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

## Friday

**Registration** **4:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

Pick up pre-registration materials or register onsite during this time.

**Hospitality Suite** **5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

Come hungry, the hospitality will have sub-style sandwiches, chips & soda.

**The Hangout** **5:00 PM – 1:00 AM**

The Hangout is the place for teens and tweens to chat play video games, and just chill. Typical things in the room include: a TV, DVD player, a Wii and PS2. Snacks and soda will be provided, as many will stay gabbing late into the night.

## Saturday

**Registration** **8:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

**Children's Room** **8:30 AM – 12:15 PM**

**Clothes Swap** **8:30 AM – 5:00 PM**

Bring your gently used altered or un-altered clothing to swap with others. There will be a table setup in the General Assembly room for you to leave your clothing. Please be sure to pickup any left over clothing at 5pm. Any clothing, not picked up, will be thrown away.

**D6 General Assembly** **9:30 AM – 11:00 AM**

Come find out what's happening in District 6 at the general assembly meeting.

**Parents' Meeting** **11:00 AM – Noon**

The parents' 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.

**Sewing by Krystle** **Noon – 2:00 PM**

Have some cloths that need shortening? Krystle will be hemming cloths free of charge. Please reserve a spot by contacting Krystle at 847-529-8382 or krystleansay@gmail.com. Walk-ins will be first come, first serve and after reservations. *\*\*Please note, limit of three garments per person. Simple hems only. No dresses or sheer fabrics please. Free shortening will be limited to the allotted time above.*

**LEGOLAND Discovery Center** **Noon – 5pm**

Legoland Discovery Center is an indoor world of hands-on LEGO fun combining model building opportunities and unusual construction challenges with theme park-like attractions such as a Technicycle Ride, Dragon Ride, Adventure Trail, and a 4D Cinema. This will be an "on your own" event, but tickets will be offered through LPA at a discounted group rate.

**Cocktail Hour** **6:00 PM**

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

**Banquet Dinner****6:30 PM**

The banquet dinner will be a buffet style and will include the following:

- Baked Ham - Carved off the bone with an apple cider glaze
- Boneless Breast of Chicken – Pan seared then roasted to perfection and served Vesuvio

Mixed greens salad, herb roasted potatoes and buttered green beans

**DJ Dance****8:00 PM to Midnight**

Brad Kolavo, with BK Entertainment has been providing quality mobile DJ/MC entertainment services for all of life's celebrations since 2003.

**The Hangout****8:00 PM to 1:00 AM**

# Registration Form

Spring 2012 Regional • Schaumburg, IL • March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>

Fill out this form **completely and mail with payment on or before March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Registrations postmarked after March 10<sup>th</sup>, will be charged as onsite.** If you do not pre-register you will need to fill out an onsite registration form, as some items may no longer be available when you onsite register. Do not bring this form to the regional when registering there. 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.				
Tween and Teen Information – ages 11-17; checkmark if you plan on attending the hangout.				
	First Name	Last Name	Age	The Hangout
1.				<input type="checkbox"/>
2.				<input type="checkbox"/>
3.				<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's Room - checkmark if your child will be in the children's room.				
	First Name	Last Name	Age	Children's Room
1.				<input type="checkbox"/>
2.				<input type="checkbox"/>
3.				<input type="checkbox"/>
4.				<input type="checkbox"/>

No Dr. Pauli Appointments at this regional

**\*\* Flip over to complete activity sign up and registration**

## Weekend Activities and Registration Fees

<b>Registration</b>			
Total Number of adults:		x \$10.00 per adult:	
adults are 18 and over			
Total Number of kids:		x \$5 per child:	
children are 17 and under		<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	
<b>On Site Events - Included:</b> I need numbers for these events for planning			
Friday Night Hospitality Suite:	Adults #:	Kids #:	INCLUDED
Children in the Kids Room		Kids #:	INCLUDED
Parents Meeting		Parents #:	INCLUDED
Saturday District 6 General Assembly		# of People:	INCLUDED
DJ Dance – NO Dinner		# of People:	INCLUDED
<b>On Site Events – NOT Included:</b>			
The Hangout \$5 (per person)	# of people:	X \$5:	=
		<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	
<b>Off Site Event – NOT Included:</b>			
LEGOLAND Discovery World – Group Rate Pre-paid tickets:	Adults/Kids	X \$9:	
		<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	
<b>Banquet</b>			
Adult Buffet	# of meals:	X \$30.00:	=
Kids Buffet	# of meals:	X \$12.00:	=
		<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	=
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>			=



**All registrations must be postmarked by March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 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: Dan Verscha  
2340 29<sup>th</sup> St.  
Rock Island, IL 61201

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

**Regional is March 30 – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 !!**

**Registration Packet is Enclosed, Hope to see you there!!**

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