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District 6 News and Events

Fall 2012/Spring 2013 Newsletter

A Note from Dan:

A big welcome goes out to all of our new Chapter Officers of the best District in LPA. I look forward to working with you and coming up with new ideas to keep our district moving forward. I decided not to send a Fall 2012 newsletter, since our chapters were holding elections and I wanted to publish the winners in our newsletter. We have an exciting Spring Regional planned in Bloomington, Illinois and a Mini Medical Conference planned for our Fall Regional in Madison, Wisconsin. I'm really excited about this year's National Conference in Washington, D.C. as I haven't been there since I was a kid. Hope to see everyone at the Spring Regional! —Dan

D6 News & Announcements

Fall Regional Wrap Up

The Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan Wisconsin hosted 205 members of District 6, November 2-4, 2012.

As families arrived they were greeted with pizza in the hospitality room followed by a bonfire and s'mores overlooking the lake. Saturday morning found members in a lively general assembly attended by LPA National President, Gary Arnold. Mike Cekanor of the Badger Chapter fired up interest in the August 2013 DAAA World Games at Michigan State University. And, the district welcomed newcomer Hunter Trefzger, who celebrated his first birthday at the regional!

Jamon Ingelese and his fellow firefighters from the Sheboygan Fire Department welcomed kids and adults alike onto a fire truck for photos and fun. After an informative parent's meeting, members were free to spend the afternoon in the indoor water park, attending a "Sewing How To" seminar by Kathy Peterson, relaxing in the spa or walking along the shores of beautiful Lake Michigan

The evening heated up with Family Fun Night complete with a balloon lady, a face painter and a magician! After dinner, the dance floor became a disco inferno as both kids and adults showed off their moves to the music of LP DJ, Brad Kolavo. A great time was had by all.

LPA & District 6

Dates to Remember:

May 3rd - 5th, 2013

D6 Spring Regional
Bloomington, IL

June 28th – July 4th, 2013

LPA National Conference
Washington, D.C.

August 3rd – August 10th, 2013

World Dwarf Games
East Lansing, MI

Fall 2013 – D6 Regional

Madison, WI
Dates to be announced

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Welcome to New Chapter Officers

District 6 is proud to have such talented and dedicated people leading our chapters. Please help us welcome them. Winners are as follows:

Madrock – Keith Amdahl remains the Chapter President.

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Northern Lights – Cindy Densmore is the new Chapter President.

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Badger Chapter – Julia Ingelse is the new Chapter President.

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Little Prairie Chapter – John Coari is the new Chapter President.

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Windy City – Lauren Lash is the new Chapter President.

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*Vice president: Samyuktha Gumidlyala

*Secretary: Renee Andreolas

* Tom Lash – Treasurer

Upcoming D6 Events

District 6 Spring Regional

We will head to Bloomington, Illinois May 3-5 for our Spring Regional. We'll be taking over the architecturally elegant Chateau Hotel & Convention Center. The festivities will begin with a Friday night hospitality suite followed by an action-packed Saturday. Plans include the usual General Assembly, Kids Room and Parent's Meeting followed by a visit to the Discovery Children's Museum and evening dinner dance.

Registration packet is included with this newsletter!

District 6 Fall Regional

Excitement is already growing for their fall regional in Madison, Wisconsin. Billed as a "Mini Medical Conference", it will include clinics provided by University of Wisconsin doctors. Details to follow. Don't miss it!!!

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. 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.

LPA National Conference in Washington D.C.

Conference dates are: Friday June 28 through Thursday July 4 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. The room rate is \$149/night, plus tax. The conference committee will be offering a reduced registration rate for families and individuals attending both the World Games in August and the LPA national conference*.

Washington, D.C. is easy to navigate by Metro (subway). There is a Metro stop literally at the end of the hotel driveway. The first dance will be Friday, June 28 and the conference registration room will open on Saturday, June 29. Due to the World Games occurring in Michigan in August, there will be no DAAA (athletic) events this year.

The hotel has a beautiful lounge and the committee is pleased to welcome the return of the Barty Lounge, which will include nightly entertainment. The hotel is in a thriving and safe neighborhood. Amenities are right outside the hotel, and include a CVS (drugstore), florist, bakeries and many restaurants. The banquet will be held on Wednesday evening and a very casual 4th of July celebration is planned with an optional picnic on the grounds of the hotel. There will be no planned large-scale event on Thursday to view the fireworks. You are welcome to enjoy Washington DC and fireworks on your own.

*Hotel reservations and conference registration will begin on April 1, 2013. Instead of the 2-part registration system LPA has utilized since 2005, this year both the hotel reservations system with the LPA room rate, and LPA conference registration will open on April 1. This should allow for easier planning for all attendees. Conference Registration Books will be mailed by mid-March so that everyone has access to the schedule of events both online and in print prior to the hotel and hotel system accepting any LPA reservations. More information will be forthcoming in future months.

World Dwarf Games

The Dwarf Athletic Association of America looks forward to your participation in the 2013 World Dwarf Games! It is our pleasure to bring these Games to the United States August 3 thru August 10, 2013. Michigan State University (MSU), the birthplace of organized dwarf athletics in America, serves as our primary venue, offering athletes and guests world class accommodations. The Greater Lansing Community is unparalleled in hospitality, supporting us as spectators, volunteers, and sponsor.

Our bottom line is providing over 500 dwarf athletes and their families from all around the world with eight days of outstanding Olympic style competition and camaraderie. This is especially important to dwarf athletes vying for recognition as the best in the world. But we also welcome junior and novice athletes with dwarfism to explore the journey toward elite status; for them, this is a rare, perhaps once in a life time opportunity to meet and compete with the world's best.

Start making your plans to be part of this historic event. Athlete registration begins online in January. Volunteer sign-up and sponsor opportunities are already available. And spectators are welcome at each sport competition, at no charge

For more information, please visit <http://www.2013worlddwarfgames.org>

Upcoming National Conferences

2013 - Washington, DC

2014 – San Diego, CA

2015 – St. Louis, MO

2016 – Boston, MA

D6 Spring Regional 2013

Bloomington, IL
May 3rd – May 5th, 2013

Hotel Contact Information:

The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center
1601 Jumer Drive
Bloomington, IL 61704

<http://www.bloomingtonchateau.com/>

Reservations and Room Rates: The LPA nightly group rate is \$89 plus tax, which includes a complimentary breakfast.

Room reservations must be made by **April 26th, 2013.**

Call Jen Smith at 309-665-5699, Monday – Friday (8am-5pm) to make your reservation and be sure to mention LPA.

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 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: Stay at the best address in Bloomington-Normal. The Chateau Hotel & Conference Center. We're close to where you need to be.

Enjoy the charming character of The Chateau, where unique architectural details create a distinctive ambience. The warmth and elegance of The Bloomington Chateau makes us the preferred address for visitors to the Bloomington-Normal area.

Relax in one of 180 spacious rooms and suites, each one offering unforgettable charm and exceptional amenities.

We're your perfect business hotel in Bloomington, ideally situated and offering newly renovated conference and meeting facilities.

Welcome to the Bloomington Chateau, where our people, our service and our accommodations come together to provide a memorable experience.

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, parent meeting, Saturday night DJ/dance.

****Dr. Pauli appointments will NOT be available at the regional.****

D6 Spring Regional 2013 Schedule

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

Friday

Registration (Napoleon Room)

4:00 PM – 9:00 PM

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

Hospitality Suite (Napoleon Room)

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Come hungry, the hospitality room will have food and beverages.

The Hangout (Port of Entry Room)

7:00PM – 12:00AM

Saturday

Registration (Galleria)

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Children's Room (Clem/Tally)

8:30 AM – 12:15 PM

The children's room will be staffed by local volunteers. We encourage parents to drop their children off 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. Please note the children's room is designed for kids aged 2 – 11. It is the responsibility of the parent to bring any special items their child may need.

D6 General Assembly (Auditorium)

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.

Lunch – On your own

Noon

Children's Discovery Museum

1:00 PM – 4:00PM

Come experience unique hands-on exhibits, classes, and programs that stimulate your imagination and curiosity. A visit to the Children's Discovery Museum located in Uptown Normal, Illinois creates a sense of wonder that excites the love of learning in children of all ages.

The Children's Discovery Museum is a different kind of museum -- where touching the exhibits is actually encouraged. The exhibits are designed for kids of any age to touch, climb on, climb into, and even take apart and put back together. It's a liberty kids are seldom afforded in a museum -- or anywhere else!

We will be going as a group, so please be at the museum by 1pm. The Children's Discovery museum is located at 101 E. Beaufort, Normal, IL

Downtown Shopping – Own your own

1:00 PM – 4:00PM

Downtown Bloomington offers a variety of shops from clothing stores to restaurants and coffee shops to art galleries, as well as a variety of fun activities for adults and children of all ages.

Dinner 6:00 PM – 8 PM

The night will begin with cocktails from 6pm-6:30pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. This is be a great night for everyone to enjoy.

You will enjoy a fresh garden salad, vegetable du jour, potato du Chef, baked dinner rolls & butter, The Chateau's famous cinnamon rolls, coffee, tea, & decaf. You can choose between the Bourbon Sirloin Steak, grilled sirloin served with bourbon demi glaze or Chicken Breast Parmesan, baked boneless chicken breast with fresh parmesan cheese server over pasta. There will also be a cash bar for any additional drinks.

The Children will enjoy a Chicken Fingers, French Fries a fruit cup and milk.

All prices include taxes and gratuity. No splitting of meals please, the meal is meant for one person. Children under 2 do not need to purchase a meal option. Anyone that wishes to attend the dinner must purchase a meal, attendees may not choose to sit with others eating and not purchase a dinner. Anyone who chooses not to partake in the dinner is warmly invited to join us after the meal for the post dinner and dance festivities.

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

Gary Raye is not only a DJ, he is also performs Elvis Presley tributes. You won't want to miss this evening.

Sunday

Good Bye's see everyone in the Fall in Madison, WI!

Registration Form

Spring 2013 Regional • Bloomington, IL • May 3rd – May 5th

Fill out this form **completely and mail with payment on or before April 6th, 2013**. Registrations postmarked after **April 6th, 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"/>

Weekend Activities and Registration Fees

Registration			
First adult is \$15.00	1	(The 1 st adult is \$15.00, all others are \$10.00	\$15.00
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		SUBTOTAL:	
On Site Events - Included: 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
On Site Events – NOT Included:			
The Hangout \$5 (per person)	# of people:	X \$5:	
		SUBTOTAL:	
Off Site Event – NOT Included:			
Children’s Discovery Museum		# of people:	X \$5:
		SUBTOTAL:	
Dinner			
Adult - Bourbon Sirloin Steak	# of meals:	X \$23.00:	=
Adult – Chicken Parmesan	# of meals:	X \$23.00:	
Kids – Chicken Strips	# of meals:	X \$12.00:	=
		SUBTOTAL:	=
Donation			
GRAND TOTAL:			=

All registrations must be postmarked by April 6th, 2013 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 29th St.
 Rock Island, IL 61201

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