

I just have to start out the Chapter 12 update with a big South Florida Minigators welcome to Emmali O'Neill, daughter of Chris and Mary and sister to Ally. Emmali



The O'Neill Family in China.

was adopted and brought over from China just in time for the National Conference in July. We all got to meet her at our August Chapter meeting and she's got a smile that will melt your heart. She'll need it if she is going to



Mary and Ally on the Great wall of China.

keep up with Ally.

We tried a different type of fundraiser this year. And it worked out very well. We went out and begged for donations and got gift cards from Wal-Mart, CVS Pharmacy, and Hops Restaurant, and one of our members (Thanks Barbara) donated a \$100 American Express gift card. We printed up raffle tickets and made almost \$700!!! We'll be doing that type of fundraiser again, since it was

total profit for our group. Give it a try in your Chapters. Most large corporations are looking for charitable donation opportunities...all you have to do is ask.

A special thanks to The DeMarzo Foundation, who invited our members to a Marlin's baseball game in June and also arranged for Billy Marlin to stop by for pictures with the kids (and a few grown-up kids). There were more members who showed up than the sky box would hold, so it's a good thing we had a section of seats down in front for "overflow".

We're looking forward to the District 4 Fall Regional the weekend of November 4th, 5th, and 6th at the Marriott Hutchinson Island Florida Resort. Mark your calendars for the weekend and get your reservations in early. Amenities at the resort include a shuttle to the beach, wave runner and windsurfer rentals, golf, tennis, charter fishing, or just hanging out at the pool. Dinner will be on the Island Princess for a sightseeing cruise and then we'll all meet again around the pool for the evening. Think about it...November... South Florida...Resort...see you there?

Submitted by Ken Miller

Chapter 13

We are trying to stay afloat like everyone else these days. Chapter 13 has gone to having meeting every other month in hopes that would help to get more people to the meetings. We do have a new web master and he is doing some really great things to our chapter web site which will be out soon. So be sure to check out our web site soon for the new and improved

version. Hope to see everyone at the fall regional sounds like it will be a great time.

Submitted by Angel Shields

Chapter 51 of northern Florida.

We had 7 families from our chapter attend the national in July. Since then we have had one chapter meeting that was attended by 21 people. We had a new family attend they have a 5 month old baby boy named Thomas. Also Baby Anthony Campanella was there with his parents. This was his first chapter meeting. We are planning to host our next chapter meeting on Nov. 5th. Miranda Uhl will be competing in the Paralympics opens in swimming. Which is held in Minneapolis, MN during the month of December. Joseph Walding has an article about his swimming that was in our local paper, which is posted on the LPA website. Brian, Kristi and Anthony also had an article written about them in their local paper.

Submitted By Amy Nguyen.

Submitted Articles

Many thanks to Marge Carlisle and the entire conference committee for a great 2005 conference in Orlando! It was well organized and very successful. Their hard work and efforts are much appreciated by all.

Sadly, when the conference committee was introduced at the banquet on Thursday evening in front of hundreds of LP's, it was stated that only one person from Florida contributed to this conference.