



Little People of America

District 3 Newsletter

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Spring Regional in Herndon,VA

I would like start by thanking Susie Campbell and the Delmarva Chapter for hosting the Spring Regional. They had a nice turnout for the weekend in Herndon. I also would like to thank Colleen Gioffreda, for running the District meeting in my absence. Although they had a good turnout, the District ended up taking a loss of around \$1,000.00. From what I could see it was a combination of things. The hotel charged a lot on the room fees, some people did not pay for the registration and Banquet. And also a member from District 2 wrote them a bad check. If there continues to be more people not paying, then the District won't be able to put on a great regional anymore.

At the District meeting the following motions were made and passed:

- 1) \$700.00 for the Director or his proxy to offset the cost for National Conference.
- 2) \$100.00 for a teen activity at the next Regional in Wilmington.
- 3) A motion was made for the District to buy a plant or flowers for Deaths, Births, Weddings, Graduation, and other significant events. And also to send birthday cards to children for Birthdays up to the age 10. A "Hospitality Committee was discussed to handle this, but a committee was not set up at the Regional. We will be discussing this at the next District meeting in Wilmington.

Chapter Round Up

Carolinian - There was no one at the Regional to represent the Chapter. I am embarrassed to say that the Carolinian is temporarily inactive. Mike Causey had given notice that he was not seeking re-election as President. No one has come forward to express an interest in being an officer to help run the Chapter. I have lined up a special meeting in Mt holly, NC on August 28 to discuss the future of the Chapter. We will need everybody from the Carolinian Chapter to attend this meeting. Please make an effort to attend to give your ideas and support.

Ches Del Bays - Terri Avery represented the Chapter at the meeting. The Chapter has been really busy planning for the 2005 Spring Regional to be held in Dover, Delaware. There will be more information about it at the next Regional in Wilmington. They are holding their meetings every month at different locations in and throughout the Chapter. Keith Connelly had decided to run again for President, and won in the election.

Keith and Pat (Mowry) were married this past June. Congratulations to them both.

Chapter Round-up Continued

Colonial—Shannon Nichols reported that the Chapter is busy planning the Fall Regional in Wilmington, NC. They are planning on having Dr. William Mackenzie and Dr. Claire Francomano there to have a clinic over the weekend. Also a Teen outing is planned. The Colonial is also in the process of moving their Chapter home city from Emporia, VA to Greenville, NC. A vote to do this is taking place by a mail in ballot to all paid members of the Colonial Chapter. The Colonial, has a new website. The address is www.lpacolonialchpt.com

Delmarva - Charlie Elder reported that he is not seeking re-election for President. Susie Campbell has stepped forward to run and has been elected President. Susie is in the process of planning different events to get the Chapter more active.

District Teen Coordinator - Sam Boggs reported the teens met for lunch and then went out to the “Sporting Event”. Also the teens had their own table for the Banquet. There were approximately 10 teens in attendance. Later in this newsletter, Sam will be doing a write up.

National in San Francisco

Susie Campbell was the District 3 proxy for the meetings in San Francisco. She did a great job representing and taking down notes of the different things that were discussed. She even got Harrell Parker to fill in for her once, so that she could attend a workshop she really wanted to attend. Thanks Susie (and Harrell).

Our prior District 3 Director, Rick Spiegel is the new President of LPA. He ran unopposed in the election. Tricia Mason was elected Sr. VP, and Angela Van Etten is the new VP of Membership. Lois Lamb (VP Programs), Craig Holloway (VP Finance), and Dan Okenfuss (VP of Public Relations) ran unopposed in their reelection bid. Congratulations to all of them.

Here is a run down of the things discussed at the National meetings:

The National office in Portland Oregon will remain open until further discussion by the Executive committee. Maureen Malek is running the day to day operations in the office. She can be reached at info@lpaonline.org or by the 1-800 number. Chapter officers can get mailing labels and Rosters thru her.

Craig Holloway reported that LPA has in excess of \$700,000.00 in assets, There was a rumor spreading around that LPA was in financial disarray. As you can see above this is not true. In fact, LPA is financially sound.

The District and Chapter Financial reports will now be due by September 30th and March 31st. They will be submitted biannually instead of quarterly as in the past. More detail will be discussed at the next Regional.

LPA gave out 44 Scholarships this year with the Greenberg Center giving out 10 Scholarships. There were 12 people awarded money from the Kitchens Fund.

Mary Beth Eley was appointed to be the Adoption Coordinator

LPA Awards were given to the following:	Kitchens Award	Al and Harriet Stickney
	Distinguished Service Award	Ellen and Sara Fernandez
	Appreciation Award	Monica Pratt

LPA has decided to hire Kendrick and Associates to map out Strategic Planning to help us in the future planning of LPA. The Executive Committee and Board of Directors will meet in Orlando for a Mid year meeting to discuss this. LPA is covering the cost for all the Officers attending.

LPA is moving forward with the Community Outreach Program. This is a program where members are trained to go to schools where LP's or children of LP's attend to talk and have a discussion on Dwarfism and Tolerance of Differences. Barbara Spiegel is coordinating with the schools and lining up workshops to train people to make this happen. If you would like a presentation to be held at your child's school, contact Barb.

LPA 2005 National Conference

The 2005 Conference will be at the Hilton in the Walt Disney Resort in Orlando, Florida on the week of July 1st - 8th. They are planning a lot of different events for the week including the Fashion show in which the Disney Characters will be in attendance. The room rate is \$100.00 plus tax per night. Reservations are being accepted now by calling 1-407-827-4000. Tell them you are with LPA.

If you are planning to share a room with others, please line up your roommates first. Then call the hotel and reserve one room. To many people are making reservations for a room then canceling at the last moment to room with someone else. This is becoming a problem that LPA will have to deal with in the near future.

District 3 Teen Corner

Hello again! I hope everyone is doing well and is enjoying their summer. I know I am enjoying my summer and that I'm not ready for school to start again. The spring regional was a huge success. There were about 10 or more teens there and we had a blast. We had a pool party and just hung out on Friday night. Saturday was spent at the mall and playing putt-putt. After putt-putt we jumped into the pool and had a great time. Saturday night at the banquet the teens all sat at one table and had a blast. We danced the night away and then hung out in the lobby until we got tired. Sunday was full of sad good-byes.

The fall regional is in Wilmington, NC and I will be helping to plan some activities for the teens. The national convention was held in San Francisco and it was a blast. If you would like to see some of my pictures from the convention visit my site or e-mail me. At the convention all the district teen coordinators got together and talked about our districts or chapters. I would like to know if there is anything at all that I as your teen coordinator can do to make the teens in the district more active. Please e-mail me or call me if you have any ideas at all. My e-mail is luv2bshort19@yahoo.com and my phone number is 301-570-4263. If you would like to know more about me or just want to see my convention pictures my site address is www.geocities.com/luv2bshort19/Index

Sam Boggs

2004 Fall Regional

The Fall Regional will be hosted by the Colonial Chapter at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in Wilmington, NC on the weekend of September 10th - 12th. The room rate is \$79.00 plus tax. You can still reserve a room by calling the hotel at 1-910-763-5900. Tell them your with the LPA group. Everyone should have received a Regional packet. If you lost or misplaced yours, registration forms can be found at the Colonial Chapter website at lpacolonialchpt.com, you can also contact me for a form. Do to a problem at the last Regional, personal checks will not be accepted on site.

There will be a Doctor workshop with 2 Doctors in attendance. A teen event is planned for the weekend. And the Banquet will be in a Luau theme with a limbo, so dress accordingly.

Directors Message

District 3 is going through a challenging time. The Carolinian Chapter is pretty much inactive, other Chapters are getting less active, the membership renewals are lower this year. With the renewal being low and the big loss we took at the last Regional, the finances of the District are really stretched out at this time. We all need to come together and figure ways to get more people active in their Chapters and District. Next year at the 2005 Fall Regional, the District elections will take place. At this time I am not sure if I will seek re-election or not. If I don't who will step forward to run the District? Who will run for Chapter officer positions? I stepped back in as Director when Rick moved away because no one else came forward. Keith Connelly mentioned at the Regional in Myrtle Beach about the District possibly starting a mentoring program for the young adults to basically prepare them for a future officer position. I think we need to follow up on something like this for the future of the District.

I have had an offer from a member of a large church in my area to host a DAAA Swimming, Basketball, and Track event. I think it would be a great thing to have, but what kind of turnout would we have? What about volunteers? Please make an effort to attend the District meeting in Wilmington. We need to get the District back on track to be one of the best Districts in LPA.

