



# Little People of America

## District 3 Newsletter

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### New District Director

I would like to start by thanking Rick for all the things he has done as the Director of District 3. On behalf of the District, I would like to wish him and Barb all the best in Maine. They will be missed by everyone in District 3, including their local Delmarva Chapter.

As for me, I'm Jeff Sims. I have stepped in as the Director for District 3. A lot of you may remember me, I was the Director prior to Colleen Gioffreda. Before that I was President of the Carolinian Chapter. I am looking forward to meeting and working with all of you again. If you have any questions and or ideas for the District, please feel free to email or call me.

### Regional in Myrtle Beach

I would like to thank the Carolinian Chapter for hosting the Regional in Myrtle Beach, S.C. We had around 110 people registered at the Regional, and made a profit of \$ 414.96. Friday night some of us went to the Dixie Stampede for a good meal and entertainment. After that we got together at the hospitality room to meet and reminisce with new and old friends.

Saturday morning at the District meeting we talked about the Lifetime Membership and Annual dues increase that will take effect soon. The Lifetime Membership will increase to \$500.00 from \$300.00. The Annual dues will increase to \$50.00, with a discount planned for early renewal to be worked out by the Executive Board. In the Director's message, I have explained my reasons for voting for the increase. If you feel you cannot afford the renewal fee, please contact your Chapter President for possible ways of assistance.

While writing this I have been notified by the Executive Board that the dues will be increased to \$40 if you renew before February 1. After Feb 1, dues will be \$50.00. To get the discount you must use the MRF sent to you from the National Database.

During the District meeting I asked for volunteers to be Assistant Director and Secretary. Tim Best has volunteered to be the Assistant Director, and Rita Nichols volunteered to be District Secretary. Colleen Gioffreda will continue on as the District Treasurer. I would like to thank Colleen for all the work she is doing. I also would like to thank Tim and Rita for volunteering their time to serve as officers.

At the District meeting, I announced to the membership, that I would like to focus more on the Teens of the District to get them more active and involved. To that, a motion was made and passed to allocate \$50.00 to Sam Boggs, the D3 teen coordinator to go toward helping lower the cost for a special activity for the teens at the next Regional in the Baltimore area.

## District Meeting Continued

Due to the formation of the new chapter Ches del bays, I have readjusted the Samaritan Fund Committee so it includes one representative from each chapter. The Samaritan Fund committee shall now consist of the following members:

Carolinian - Ann Hinkson

Ches del bays - Pat Mowry

Colonial - Jill Bryan

Delmarva - Dee Miller

Colleen Gioffreda as Treasurer will decide in case of a tie vote. The Director shall oversee the process. At this point I would like to thank Betty Elder for having served on the committee, and I look forward to her help in the future. I have enclosed an Samaritan Fund Application. If you are in need of financial help, fill out the form and mail or email it to me.

We discussed the high cost for putting out the newsletter, and a motion was made and passed for the District to check into a lower cost for printing of the newsletter and/or check into and possibly purchase a copy machine.

And lastly, now that there are four chapters, there was a motion made and passed to reorganize the location of future Regionals to alternate from the north to south with the next to be hosted by Del marva chapter, then Colonial, Ches del bays, and Carolinian.

### National News

Juli Erickson has been appointed as the National Teen Coordinator.

The BOD had decided in Boston to reduce the annual fee for LP members 65 and older to \$10. This is being tried on a trial basis. This price reduction is only valid for a senior that is an LP. It does not cover an Auxiliary Senior with an LP child. You must renew with your Membership Renewal Form sent to you by the National Database to receive this price. This price reduction should be on your MRF to be sent out by the end of October.

Scholarship applications will be available in the middle of January. Applications will be sent out to the District Directors to distribute to the membership. A reminder, that you must submit three letters of recommendations or references with your application. One of them must be from a current Chapter President or District Director in LPA.

The Bock Medical Fund is also available to help offset some of the cost from a surgery you may have had. If you are in need of any of these applications, let me know and I'll get them to you as soon as possible.

### Attention Seniors

My name is Irene Best, and I am a senior citizen. I am also a Life member of LPA. At the recent District 3 Regional at Myrtle Beach, I was fortunate to have met three LPA senior members. We met in an informal workshop to discuss any needs and concerns LP's our age might have. Being LP's, we recognized the difficulties we have to face as we age. Maybe some of us could share our experiences, strengths and hopes. I believe the younger generation and others, could benefit from our knowledge and experience. I would be interested in hearing from other seniors, in the hopes of organizing other groups and workshops at upcoming events. I can be reached at:

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## Director's Message

At the Regional, I noticed many of the people there were not paid members of LPA. Don't get me wrong, the District really appreciates your support at the Regionals. But we also need your support as a paid member in a bigger way. The cost per month to you would be around \$3.34 a month. You cannot buy a good magazine for that. According to the recent District roster, this newsletter will go out to 672 households. Of them 263 are paid households, 409 are non-paid households. If the 409 non-paid households were to renew their membership at the old \$30.00 rate LPA would have received \$12,270.00 in additional revenue from District 3, in which a portion would have returned to the District. With the renewal increase of \$10, LPA will receive around \$2600.00 additional if the current paid members renew by Feb. 1.

LPA continues to add more programs to benefit the members like Scholarships, LPA Today, numerous Financial Funds, DAAA, Advocacy for LP's, LPA Brochures, District Newsletters, Chapter Newsletters, etc. With the operating cost for LPA increasing and incoming revenue decreasing, this is the main reason why I voted to increase the Renewal and Lifetime Membership Dues during the BOD conference call on Sept 28, 2003. While I am on this subject, due to the cost to mail out the newsletter being what it is, if you are not a paid member when the next issue comes in around April, you probably will not receive it.

I have heard and also noticed the activity within the District has gone down. The Delmarva Chapter has lost many of its active members due to moving, and loss of interest. The Carolinian may have a hard time finding another person to take over as the next President with Mike Causey stepping down. The Colonial is in the process of trying to rebuild due to inactivity. The Ches del bays are starting out new with a low paid membership base. I am trying to come up with some ideas to boost more of the membership participation such as possibly having a DAAA event in North or South Carolina, special programs at Regionals to get the teens more active in the District. If you have any ideas, let me know. We need everybody's help, please renew your membership before February 1, and try to get more active so LPA and District 3 can continue to grow.

## Treasurer's Message

Hi, Everyone!

I just wanted to write a short note and thank everyone for their support in the last couple of months. As some of you already know, Angelina was in the hospital for 6 weeks due to surgery complications. We are finally home now (finally!), and although it wasn't what I would call a fun experience, we were really astounded about how blessed we are. It is amazing how LPA members just came out of the woodwork to try to help us out – we never realized how many friends we truly have. So, in our inarticulate way of saying this, thank you everyone. The support and help we received through that dark time really pulled us through. It was wonderful.

Colleen and Jim Gioffreda

The District Finances as of 10-20-03 are: Checking: \$2594.83  
Savings: \$3781.23  
Samaritan Fund: \$3070



Future LPA country stars, Tyler and Ethan



Scholarship recipient  
Stephanie Brandon



Jo-Ann Narewski  
in the kids room

## District 3 Teen News

Hello all again! For those of you that are either new to the district or don't know who I am, I'm Sam Boggs and I am the teen coordinator for the District and Delmarva chapter. A lot has happened since my last note to all of you. First off we have a new district director; I would like to welcome Jeff to our district. Second for those of you teens that haven't seen it yet I was featured in the October issue of Seventeen, they wrote up an article about me and took pictures. Although I couldn't make it to the fall regional this time, I heard it was a great regional. Thanks to all the people that planned for it.

With talking to Jeff and a lot of the chapter presidents we have decided that it is about time that the teens in the district get more involved. We would love to have ideas from the teens about what we can do within the district and chapters to make it more interesting for all of you. We have come up with a couple of ideas. Like at Regionals we will maybe have a room for the teens to hang out in on Friday night. I will be talking with the spring regional committee about what teen events can be planned. I would love the input from all of you.

On a side note I would like all the teens to find out who their chapter teen coordinators are and contact them. I know that I am the teen coordinator for the Delmarva chapter and the Rachel Smith is the teen coordinator for the Colonial chapter. Also Ashley Brooks is the teen coordinator for the new Ches Del Bay chapter. I am not positive who the teen coordinator is for the Carolinian chapter.

As I end this note I hope that all the teens will come into contact with either me or their chapter teen coordinator. If you would like to get into contact with me my e-mail address is [luv2bshort@yahoo.com](mailto:luv2bshort@yahoo.com) and my phone number is 301-57-4263 please feel free to contact me at anytime.

Thanks,  
Sam Boggs

## Chapter Christmas Parties

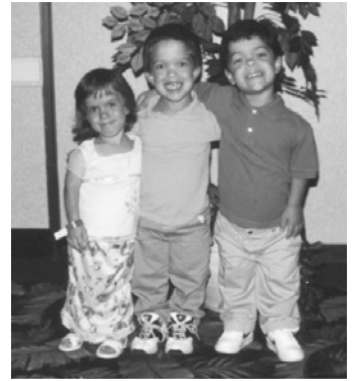


**Carolinian** - The Carolinian Christmas Party will be at Hillbilly's B-B-Q on December 6th from 12:00 to 4:00. It is on I-85 exit #23 in McAdenville, NC. Hopefully we will have a visit from Santa Claus. Also we will have a gift swap. If you have questions call Bridget Evans at (864) 338-7654

**Delmarva** - The Vrettakos Family will be hosting the Delmarva Chapter Christmas Party on December 14, 2003 beginning at 3:00 P.M. The Vrettakos' will provide everything. They are asking everyone to bring a small Christmas Ornament to put in the Ornament exchange. If you have any questions call Bess at (410) 750-3855

**Ches del bays** - We will be having our Christmas gathering on Sunday, December 14th at 1 PM at Beth & Liz MacDonald's home in Dover Delaware. We are asking each attending family to bring a covered dish. Santa will be there so each family needs to also bring a gift for each child attending. If you have any questions you can call me at Linda's home (864) 489-1744.

**Colonial** - The Colonial's next meeting will be our December/Christmas meeting in Clayton, North Carolina on December 6, 2003 at 12:00 PM. For more information call Shannon Nichols at (252) 672-1697



Julia, Dwight, and Alex  
the trio were born within 3  
months of each other

