



DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2008

Hello to all our L.P. Family members. It's late August. Summer has flown by and the kids are getting ready or already back in school. It's a busy time for all of us, and time to slow down from all our summer activities.

NATIONAL

Our new National LPA office is up and running in Tustin, California. We have hired a part-time National office worker. She is a college student and a long time LPA member – Miss Sandy Becker. Her hours are Monday and Friday afternoons and all day on Friday. The new National LPA office address is:

250E1 Camino Real, Suite 201
Tustin, CA 92780
Tel: (714) 368-3689
Toll Free 888-572-2001

Future National LPA Conferences are:

2009	Brooklyn, NY	Sat. 7/4/09 thru 7/10/09
2010	Nashville, TN	Sat. 7/3/10 thru 7/9/10
2011	Orange County, California is working on a bid	

As you know, ballots were sent for election of National officers and several National Bylaws changes. Only 117 ballots were returned from all over the country. Four (4) were returned from our District 3. I know who two of them were, but I am sad that only two other people in our District thought it was important to vote in our family-oriented organization. All of the Bylaw amendments were approved.

The National LPA Conference in Detroit was well attended with more than 1,900 registered. The hotel was beautiful and very large. (Pat did tell me she got lost a couple of times, but eventually wound up at a place she recognized.) The Detroit Conference Committee is to be complimented on their excellent planning.

The Board Meetings were well organized and very productive. Several items to note: The Board approved \$2,500 for the LPA ANSI (American National Standards

Institute) delegate or alternate to attend ANSI meetings in the 2008/2009 fiscal year. They also approved \$1,800.00 for sending a letter to all LPA member households regarding LPA ANSI advocacy issues about ADAAG guidelines.

Parent Coordinator Stacie Pouliot summarized her activities working with LPA parents and noted that Laura Wagenlander will be taking over as National Parent Coordinator. The Board approved \$500.00 to assist the Parent Coordinator attend the National Conferences. I, Keith, voted against this because I cannot put one group above the others. How can LPA say the Parent is more important than the Teens, or the Teens more important than the children, or the children more important than the OWLS? We should treat each Coordinator the same way.

DISTRICT

District 3's 2008 Spring Regional was held in Timonium, MD from April 4-6 and was well attended. Our thanks to the Delmarva Chapter Planning Committee for a very good Regional. I know everyone had a good time.

As a reminder, the Chapter Rotation for District 3 Regionals is:

Fall 2008	Colonial Chapter	Oct. 3-5 in Virginia Beach, VA
Spring 2009	Blue Ridge Chapter	
Fall 2009	Ches-Del Bays Chapter	
Spring 2010	Carolinian Chapter	
Fall 2010	Delmarva Chapter	

Election for District Officers is to be held at the Fall Regional, 2008. To date I have received only two names:

District Director	Keith Connolley
District Treasurer	Michael Patton
District Secretary	still open
Ass't Director	still open

If anyone is still interested, please contact me. It is important that we all donate some of our time and talents to keep LPA going for our future family members. Any active paid member can run for an office in the District. It is suggested that you have some experience as a Chapter officer, and then move up to a District office. We need all of your input and suggestions to keep the District growing.

At our District 3 Spring Regional, motion was made and passed to allocate \$500.00 for our District Teen Coordinator's use in planning activities for the teens. This has seemed to work well during this period. We had agreed to reconsider the issue in the Fall. I think we should also consider other areas in our District – Parents, Children, Owls. Would this seem feasible to members?

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Something also to think about – this year is the third year (free) in our 3 year membership plan. So the District and Chapter rebates from National will be less this year.

At the District 3 Spring Regional in Dover, DE, a motion was made and passed to take funds from the Samaritan Fund and put it into the general fund because the available funds were low at the time. This was done. Since the District is financially sound at this time I would like to pay-back the Samaritan Fund to its full amount.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Blue Ridge Chapter - The Blue Ridge Chapter will be hosting the 2009 Spring Regional. They will be presenting this information at the Regional in Virginia Beach. They have also elected new officers.

Carolinian Chapter - The Carolinian Chapter had their 2nd Mars Hill Weekend Getaway in the Spring, at which time they elected their new officers.

Ches-Del Bays Chapter – The Ches-Del Bays Chapter has had a busy summer, as we all have. They are beginning to plan for 2009 Fall Regional. Due to contributions coming to the Chapter as memorials, they have set up a Memorial Fund, similar to the Samaritan Fund in the District. They also held elections in the Spring.

Colonial Chapter – Colonial has been very busy planning the Fall Regional. Oct. 3-5, 2008 You will be receiving information from them very soon.

Delmarva Chapter – Their new officers were in charge of our Spring Regional held in Timonium. Congratulations on a job well done.

District Teens - We have just seen the 2008 Olympics, but we can also be very proud of our teens who won gold, silver and bronze at the National Conference, and showed good sportsmanship at the DAAA games in Detroit. Great job done by all of our DAAA District 3 members. Michael Hughes, our District Teen Coordinator, has been keeping everyone busy this summer, even giving Swimming lessons to LP's. Michael can be contacted at NCSKIERboy@aol.com

District 3 Fall Regional – to be held Oct. 3-5, 2008 in Virginia Beach, VA. All Regional Registration packets were mailed out August 21, 2008. If you have not yet received your information, please contact:

Mrs. Cathy Hughes

102 Barningham Court

Cary, NC 27159

Tel. 919-363-9870

And/or Colonial website www.geocities.com/colonialchapter

They have a very busy weekend planned for us. Hope to see you all there.

In closing – it is getting harder and harder for me to write a positive Newsletter, as some of you have received some negative email about me. When I stepped up to the office of District Director, I only wanted to do what was best for our LP Family. When problems came up, perhaps I was too trusting of other LP members, but I tried to get my name on our bank account, even contacting the local branch of our bank (many times), but it never happened. The previous Director's name was never taken off and mine did not get on. I had discussed this problem with our National President and Treasurer, and it was finally settled, I was given the balance in the District account and a new bank account was opened. I am hoping this will clear up any information received by any of you. All funds are in agreement and the Treasurer and I will keep you all updated on all financial matters of the District. I am always open for constructive criticism from any of our District LP family members.

I hope to see you all at the District Regional in October in Virginia Beach.

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- 👍 Friday night Bingo and Dance
- 👍 One-on-one appts. w/ Dr. MacKenzie
- 👍 Presentations by Drs. Dilustro & MacKenzie
- 👍 Family and teen events
- 👍 Saturday night Banquet, Dance & Raffles
- 👍 Parent Meeting
- 👍 Clothing Exchange

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