

Monthly News of the Arkansas Chapter of LPA District 7

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Wow! Spring is right around the corner, this year is going by to quickly. At our February meeting we had 16 people there. Ethan Osborne, Mom and his brother were there. Ethan has had his first surgery on one leg to straighten it. His leg is completely straight now. He'll be getting the other one done soon.

Congratulations! To Roy and Tomi Mahoney on the birth of their 2nd daughter born March 4.

For those of you that have a child that would like to play sports, can get a hold of the Miracle League. They are starting Teeball around April. This is for anyone that is physically or mentally challenged . They will take late comers. Our Ashton Strawn has played on a team last year and had a blast!

The Spring Regional is in Branson, MO. On May 1st thru the 3rd. At the regional Joy will not be there, due to the fact she has moved. She is needing someone that is interested in being the District Director. Also, Jean Strawn, Vice Director won't be there either.

It looks like I will not be there either, due to the fact my Granddaughter Bella, who is only 4, will be having heart surgery to fix a defect. She is having difficulty with her heart working right lately. I will be in California to be with her. I might not even be back for our meeting on June 6th.

June 6th at Dardenille lake area for a BBQ. Jean and Charles Strawn will have their RV at the campground there. Please plan on being there.. That means the ones who live close to there that haven't been coming to our meetings. We are trying to do them in different places hoping more of you will come. More details in the May newsletter.

Our Fall Regional for October has been changed from Springdale to Fort Smith. It will be easier for us to get things done there than in Springdale.

I need to ask you members that are not paid up, that we really need you to pay up. If you are having real hardships, you could call national and ask for help with the hardship fund. Our chapter gets a rebate check from the paid members that helps pay for stamps, ink and anything else that has to with our chapter. Lately I have been putting out my own money to pay for this stuff that should be paid for my our checking account for the chapter. So, if you want any more newsletters from me, you'll need to pay. Besides, with being a paid member you'll receive and LPA Today magazine 2 to 3 times a year. You hear what's going on with the rest of the chapters. So, please try to get paid up on your membership. You can call headquarters at 1-888-LPA-2001.

I am planning on going to New York, tickets bought, room reserved. Trai and Susan will be going also. Hope to see you there!

We're giving away:

1st Prize: **5 free room nights at Brooklyn Marriott during convention**

2nd Prize: **3 free room nights at Brooklyn Marriott during convention**

3rd Prize: **1 free room nights at Brooklyn Marriott during convention**

We have come up with a fundraising idea that helps LPA, the 2009 convention, and its attendees. I have attached the flyers for the 2009 Give away and it describes the details of what we're doing here. One is the original and the other is a Holiday version that people can use to give as gifts to others.

For the first time ever! The convention committee will be giving convention attendees a chance to win free room nights if they make a donation to LPA through this program.

We want YOU ALL to take part in making this the greatest attended convention ever! Please distribute

this to your local LPA contacts, members, chapter heads, anyone who would be even thinking about coming to convention should get this awesome opportunity.

All the info will be updated and on our web site <http://www.lpanyc2009.org/hoteldonation.htm> . If you have any questions or comments please free to respond to me via replying to this email or by going to the conference committee page for any of the 5 co-chairs email addresses <http://www.lpanyc2009.org/nyc2009.htm>

Spread the word on this fore it is an awesome opportunity for LPA and its members to win free rooms for convention.

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Message from our Director – Joy Wyler

It is a bittersweet duty to inform you that I am leaving the district to assume the position of Senior Minister at Unity of Lehigh Valley in Emmaus, Pennsylvania as of April 1, 2009. I've had a long and wonderful experience in LPA's District 7 and I treasure the many friendships I will take with me in my heart. I have been honored to serve in various capacities over the years and to touch the lives of so many LP's and their families.

My daughter Kari will be moving in June but Victor will remain in District 7, here in Kansas City.

Elections are already scheduled for October of 2009. Until then, the order of succession is that Jean Strawn will serve as interim District Director until a new director is elected. I know that all of you will give Jean your full support as District 7 continues to grow in numbers, financial strength and community resources.

You can find me on Facebook and at my new church's website: <http://www.unityoflehighvalley.org/>

I look forward to hearing about the Spring District meeting in Branson!

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