

The Arkansas Minibacks "Squealer"

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Wow! It's another New Year already. Time sure is going by fast. There are a few things to report on. One is that on the 25th, my shoulder has to be replaced, so I'll be recovering for the next couple of months.

It is in great sadness to say that Mitchell Cupps passed away Tuesday Morning. At the age of 5 he was truly a blessing to all who knew him, please pray for his family in this difficult time. Here is the information if anyone is interest in attending. Also the Chapter instead of flowers or a plant we will be donating \$25 to the Little Giants Foundation.

This year the LPA conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee and the events sound great. January 15th you will be able to sign up to attend the conference. There should be materials arriving in the mail sometime in the next month or two. Bonnie Mullinax and Sheryl Hankins and the whole conference committee have been busily planning activities for all ages as well as medical workshops, expo, fashion and talent shows, and many new events. Start saving your nickels, dimes, and quarters, the conference is right on the street where all the famous honky tonks are located.

Pre-registration begins at lpaonline.org on January 15th. You will be required to pre-register for the conference. You will then receive an access number in order to make a hotel reservation. You will need this number to get conference pricing for your room.

The hard copy of the registration book will come out in mid-March. You will see all of our events and be able to register for everything at this time. Some events will be on sight and some will take you around the city. Plan some extra "on your own" time. There are many things to see and do in Nashville.

Here are a couple site addresses for clothing for little people. Her name is Elizabeth, Owner/Designer for Lil' Ashley's Closet. Phone #810-543-0274, <http://LilAshleysCloset.com> , <http://LilAshleysCloset.etsy.com> , <http://ReUpcycleVintage.etsy.com> . Check out her sites.

Our next meeting will be at Susan Story's house in Hot Springs on Saturday **February 20th** from around 11:30 to 3 or so. Bring side dishes, deserts. Directions to follow.

Coming from the 30 to the 70 go around 25 miles to exit 5. If you pass Magic Springs you've gone to far. Take exit 5 and turn left on Westinghouse, then the first right on E Grand. Turn left on Turpen Ln. and a right on Home Trail.

From Mena pass Magic Springs and take exit 5 and go over the bridge, take the first right on E Grand. Turn left on Turpen Ln. and a right on Home Trail. Susan's phone is 501-262-1969.

With Spring around the corner it is time to be thinking about the Spring district meeting. I should be getting some information from the Oklahoma chapter in the next month or so pertaining to dates, agenda, hotel location and prices. Krista did tell me that they are trying for the dates April 16-18th, 2010. I didn't put any information about the Spring Regional in this newsletter until I hear from Krista and the Oklahoma chapter. The next newsletter is going to be the one that is going to have information about the Spring Regional and cover any news pertaining to chapters and district that has happened since the Fall Newsletter. I need all the news that has been going on with your chapter and your members. Especially any special recognitions of your members. That newsletter will be e-mailed though also we will mail it out to those members whom don't have a e-mail address and only a mailing address.

As for Fall regional meeting we are looking at the St. Louis chapter hosting. There was discussion at the fall regional meeting in Joplin of possibly inviting another district(s) to join us. That is still in discussion.

June 5th will be at Lake Dardenille, info will come in later newsletter, Nashville in July, and on **August 28th** at IdleWild Park in North Little Rock, Fall regional in October, maybe in St. Louis. Our Christmas gathering will be **December 4th**, location unknown at this time.

If you have an e-mail address please e-mail me, for new ones and even people who has email. I need to make sure your email is up to date.

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