



To all a Happy New Year 2010!

Hoping that the holiday season for all was filled with love, hope and sharing of times that won't be forgotten. The year 2009 means something differently to every one of us. It brought struggles and it brought happiness individually and as an organization. Hoping that 2010 is going to bring dreams, hopes, and something better for all of us.

In the past year with LPA we have seen some changes. The one that has had some effect was the increase in membership dues. Though also as an organization this year we made a strong showing for our 1st declaration of recognizing **October as National Dwarfism Awareness Month**. At our regional meeting in October in Joplin, Missouri we received televised and newspaper coverage from the local media. LPA is wanting for **October to be recognized as National Dwarfism Awareness Month** as an annual event. It isn't too early to get a start on it for 2010. Hope to see this year being the year to petition to our local, State, and possibly even our Federal Government to identify the month of October as Dwarfism Awareness Month.

National LPA News

Little People of America has an official fan page on Facebook. The National LPA page is administered by the LPA office located in Tustin, California and has the national LPA logo on its fan page.

Pre-registration for Nashville will begin on January 15th. Members will be notified via e-mail and a postcard that registration for conference attendance and hotel registrations are available starting January 15th, 2010. As for room rates they are looking for them to be \$120/night plus tax and registration rates haven't been announced yet. They are looking at registration rates to be similar to last year's rates in NYC. The dates for National are Saturday, July 3rd through Friday, July 9th.

Teens keep in mind for the winter of 2010-2011. The national teen coordinators been working on a Teen Winter Retreat planned dates hopefully in December 2010. They are looking at the National Sports Center for the Disabled in Colorado. Costs are looking to be \$175/day with it being a 4 day event. If you want more information you can contact Julie Hildebrand. Go to www.lpaonline.org and take the Teen Survey on the Teen Program page to express what you like to see in a Teen Program.

District News

Needing pictures of your Christmas parties posted on website. Please send pictures of your chapter Christmas party to be posted on district website www.lpadistrict7.org Pictures can be sent to Jack Dohr, vice-director of the district. His e-mail is jackdohr@yahoo.com.

Everyone please take care especially during this rough frigid time that is taking a hold of us. Be careful and safe. Please send me news of your chapter and members. So can be in our next major spring issue newsletter. The next newsletter will contain information and registration information about spring regional.

Appreciate everyone and what they do for our district.

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