

**April 16-18<sup>th</sup>, SPRING DISTRICT MEETING IN TULSA, OKLAHOMA**

**WHERE: Double Tree Hotel-Warren Place Business Park**  
**6110 South Yale Ave. Tulsa OK 74136**  
**1-800-801-1317**

**Chapter 70: SUNFLOWER**

Hosting Spring Regional 2011 more information to come

April 2010 Outing TBA

June 2010 Bar-B-Que details at a later time

August 2010 Back to School Swim Party

Contact: Carson Hayes at [carsonh812@gmail.com](mailto:carsonh812@gmail.com)

**Chapter 67: ARKANSAS MINI-BACKS**

June 5<sup>th</sup>, Lake Dardinelle

August 28<sup>th</sup>, Idle Wild Park in North Little Rock

Contact: Edwina Gleason at [lpaofarkansas@yahoo.com](mailto:lpaofarkansas@yahoo.com)

**Chapter 29: CENTRAL STAR**

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 -8 Holmeswood Baptist Church at 97<sup>th</sup> and Holmes Road in KC Mar

Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am to Noon, Loose Park, 5200 Pennsylvania Ave, Kansas City, MO 64112

Annual Easter egg Hunt, Please RSVP to [jackpollock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jackpollock@sbcglobal.net) no later than March 25th

April 21st, 6:30-8 Holmeswood Baptist Church at 97<sup>th</sup> and Holmes in KC

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8 at Holmeswood Baptist Church at 97<sup>th</sup> and Holmes in KC

In the planning is a Bar-B-Que in the summer. Details announced at a later time. Meat will be provided by the Hudson family. All others are asked to bring side dishes and desserts.

Contact: Jack Pollock at [jackpollock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jackpollock@sbcglobal.net)

**Chapter 9: OKLAHOMA LITTLE THUNDERS**

April 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, Hosting Spring Regional in Tulsa, Oklahoma

Contact Krista Gesche at [kgesche@cox.net](mailto:kgesche@cox.net)

**Chapter 11: ST LOUIS GATEWAY**

October 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Hosting of the Fall Regional in the St. Louis area. Details and hotel location announced at a later time. Contact Jennifer Uhle at [Jennifer@uhle.us](mailto:Jennifer@uhle.us)

**Message from the Director**

As springtime is approaching and putting the last of the harsh winter of 2009-2010 behind us. We have our regional meeting coming up in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I am looking forward to what is planned and looking forward to seeing those who can make it. When I took over as director back in October I had mentioned one thing that I liked to do this coming late spring and early summer. I was going to bike ride the KATY trail in Missouri starting at one point and ending at the final mile covering 225 miles one-way. Which I had invited those of the group to join me. I was going to seek out sponsors through businesses to support the ride in

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which I was going to give the funds over to the district. Since January I have had some physical pain that will keep me from doing this. I like to be able to say. I am going to get the pain resolved in time for a ride this year. Though realistically don't see that happening. I am sorry to say. I am hoping that I will be able to ride in the Spring/Summer of 2011. This is the year for some of the chapters to be holding elections for officers. Some of the chapter officers have decided not to re-run or have decided to seek re-election for their current office or a different office. I want to thank-you for all your hard work that you have put into your chapter. Thanks for helping make both the chapter and the district a strong representation in all aspects of LPA. Your dedication and time you put in doesn't go without notice. The families of your chapter along with Jack, Cyndy and I appreciate all you have done. We want to thank those who have taken up the challenge and dedicated your time for LPA.

Karen Shelby,  
Director

## Spotlight on our members.....

The month of October was an opportunity to spotlight all chapters of the district. The LPA organization's goal is that eventually the Federal Government to identify the month of October as **National Dwarfism Awareness Month**. As for our district we were spotlighted during our Fall Regional in Joplin. We had the local media and the Joplin Globe newspaper interview members that were in attendance. So before next October 2010 let's work on petitioning our local and state governments.

During the month of October an article featured in the newspaper Columbia Daily Tribune out of Columbia, Missouri. It had featured members Mark McGimsey and Dr. Daniel Hoernschemeyer of the Columbia area.

Hope to have in our fall newsletter spotlight someone of your chapter. I like to hear about a member to be featured. Please send in your suggestions and achievements of your chapter or individual.

We would like you to share your information so we can all get to know each other better, please e-mail your stories & pictures for spotlight to Jack Dohr at [jackdohr@yahoo.com](mailto:jackdohr@yahoo.com).

FANTASTIC district website! Check out Jack Dohr's work at [www.lpadistrict7.org](http://www.lpadistrict7.org)  
You can also find an unofficial spot for District 7 in Facebook.

## LPA National News.....

National Conference coming to Nashville, TN and it appears that there is going to be a great time. Their room block for Renaissance Nashville had filled up within days when word went out by e-mail and postcard that they could be reserved. Then they had lined up the first overflow hotel which is the Courtyard Marriott. They had such a great response looks like they went into an additional overflow hotel it being Homewood Suites.

If you still want to make plans for Nashville, TN, 7/3-7/9 2010 do it now and don't miss out. Then it's off to Orange County California in 2011 and Dallas Texas in 2012.

Grants to attend national conference for the first time attendees are due by June 1st and school scholarships are due by April of 2010 for fall 2010 which forms are available online at [www.lpaonline.org](http://www.lpaonline.org)

**MEMBERSHIP DUES CAN BE PAID AT ANY TIME!** Forms can be downloaded from the national website: [www.lpaonline.org](http://www.lpaonline.org) or are available from Chapter officers. Please understand that your Chapter and District leadership do not get notified immediately when you enroll on line. Please feel free to contact your Chapter

President or District Director directly. As a member you get the national newsletter magazine, LPA Today and you are entitled to vote in elections on the local and national level. Paying membership dues is a contribution to the future of LPA and a benefit to you, the members. It is also supporting an organization that can do greater good and knowing that you are a part of that good. Whether it is a scholarship for an aspiring student, a newsletter and free publication for a new family or a grant for research, you are a part of the work that LPA is doing in this new millennium. Members can renew anytime so no more concern about having to pay in January. Please consider saving just \$5 a month to pay your membership this year!

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## LPA District 7 News

### Last District Meeting

#### Fall Regional in Joplin, 2009

#### DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT:

The district donated \$200.00 to the national organization a one-time contribution. Like to thank the Kansas City Star chapter in assisting with that donation by their contribution. As for our district for 2009 we had an income received of \$1,259.35 while expenses of \$1,723.68 which is an income loss of \$464.33 for the year. That leaves as of December 2009 a total in our account \$2,275.08. That might seem like a lot. Though we need to keep our funds strong so we can help those of the district. Possibly like to assist a member attend The Painted Turtle Summer Camp or maybe even assist a family with a membership to LPA. Yet also our funds are used to help with hosting our twice a year District meeting held with one of our chapters hosting. So how can you help. You have noticed we have a fundraiser at our district meeting along with your registration we ask for a donation. If you know of a company or even your work place that is willing to give to a non-charitable organization. Please inform them of us and our importance as a non-charitable organization. These past few years have been hard on everyone and the economy. Hopefully we see a change in that.

### CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

#### Chapter 11: St. Louis Gateway Chapter

They had their Christmas meeting. Looks like they are going to be celebrating St. Pat's day at the Uhle's. October hosting fall regional which the dates are set for October 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

#### Chapter 9: Oklahoma Little Thunders

At their Christmas party they had 45 in attendance. They enjoyed Dirty Santa along with playing in the gym and great food. They just met this past February 27<sup>th</sup> which they had elections and visited the Natural History Museum in Norman, Oklahoma. Also at this meeting they finalized the plans for Spring regional being held in Tulsa, Oklahoma during April 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

This chapter lost a young member back in January. His name was Mitchell Cupps. He had a rare form of dwarfism called SIOD or Schimke Immuno-Osseus Dysplasia first identified in 1971 by Dr. Neil Schmike of K.U. Medical Center. Their foundation website is [www.littlegiantsfoundation.org](http://www.littlegiantsfoundation.org). On Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> after the morning district meeting. For those who would like to attend and weather permitting we are going to have a balloon release in Mitchell's favorite color purple at a near by park. Also for those who would like to contribute to the foundation there will be a collection available.

President: Krist Gesche [kgesche@cox.net](mailto:kgesche@cox.net), Vice President: Tomi Mahoney [littlemum@cablone.net](mailto:littlemum@cablone.net)

Chapeter 29:KC Central Star

The chapter is selling green bracelets for \$3 that say **LOVE A little** as a fundraiser. Contact Jack Pollock if you would like to order some. The chapter has a Wednesday night meeting at least once a month at Holmeswood Baptist Church at 97<sup>th</sup> and Holmeswood in Overland Park, KS. They have access to the gymnasium in which you can see a lot of activity going on and everyone having fun. At their Christmas party they had at least 30 or more in attendance. Also two special visitors from the North Pole. Santa Claus and no it wasn't Rudolf though even better Mrs. Claus in which all the children were given a gift. They also had a University of Missouri photo journalist student Clare Becker visiting and taking pictures of all the activity that was going on. She hopes to continue with following the members of the chapter and hopefully like to meet everyone in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Thanks to the chapter in helping with the district's contribution towards National.

Nicolle Carter and her family raised \$600 in honor of her son Nate and donated the funds to the National Conference. The money was raised with donations of free haircuts and by way of other means. Thanks and way to go Carter family.

President: Jack Pollack [jackpollack@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jackpollack@sbcglobal.net) Vice President: Lecia Pollock

Chapter 67: Arkansas Minibacks

Arkansas chapter had their Christmas party on December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Strawn's home. Along with a dirty santa gift exchange. While in February they met for dinner and fellowship at Susan Story's house. With their upcoming meetings are as follow on June 5<sup>th</sup> which will be at Lake Dardinelle while on August 28<sup>th</sup> they will be meeting at Idle Wild Park in North Little Rock.

President: Edwina Gleason [ipaofarkansas@yahoo.com](mailto:ipaofarkansas@yahoo.com) Vice-President: Susan Story

Chapter 70: Sunflower Chapter

The Sunflower chapter kept busy since the fall regional. They met in October for an outing at the Sedgwick County Zoo. Then in December the Sheer family hosted the chapter's Christmas party. While in February they met to tour the Hutchinson Salt Mine Museum. Their upcoming activities will be an outing in the month of April and in June there will be a Summer Bar-B-Que while in August looking forward to a Back to School Swim party. For further details for upcoming activities.

Contact Pres: Carson Hayes at [carsonh812@gmail.com](mailto:carsonh812@gmail.com) Vice President: Jennifer Lamer

We are still working on trying to organize meetings in the Springfield and surrounding area. I want to see it remain as a potential outcome for it to become a chapter.

**IN MEMORIUM**

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Mitchell Cupps and Irvin Miller. Let them be our inspiration and light in how they have touched many.

**MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL/ILL**

Our thoughts and prayers are out to Roy Mahoney and his family. We are here for you in our hearts and thoughts.

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## April 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> in Tulsa, Oklahoma

**WHERE: DOUBLE TREE HOTEL----- WARREN PLACE BUSINESS PARK**  
**6110 South Yale Ave. Tulsa,OK 74136**

### **RESERVATIONS:**

Rates are \$79 for double Queen

Please make your reservations directly with the hotel by calling 1-800-8-1-1317 and mention LPA as group of rooms are blocked for the district meeting...by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **WHAT IS PLANNED?**

Friday, April 16th

4pm-7pm Registration at the hotel. Meet and greet reception with finger foods and drinks. Hotel has an indoor pool, exercise room, whirlpool, sauna and onsite Starbucks.

Saturday, April 17th

9am-10 am Registration at the hotel

10am-11am Meeting...chapter officers and district officers agenda of sharing ideas and brainstorming

11am-noon Business Meeting...everyone is encouraged to come!

Noon.....Balloon Release in Memory of Oklahoma's Little Giant Mitchell Cupps

Afternoon Activities On Your Own

5pm Meet in lobby for dinner choices of 3 restaurants please sign up at time of registration so can make reservations in advance. Choices are Delta Café...like your Mom's cooking, Charlestons...American Food, Chopsticks...Chinese/Korean

7pm-11pm.....It is time to get out the Sunglasses and leather jackets. The theme for the night is "Rock & Roll" DJ, Karaoke, & Wii Rock Band...giveaway of Sonic coupons to participants. Water & Lemonade along with snacks will be provided. Announcement of the winners of the Silent Auction at 8 p.m.

### **REGISTRATION**

Single: \$15 for LPA Members; \$20 for nonmembers or registration at the door

Family: \$25 for LPA Members; \$30 for nonmembers or registration at the door

Optional Donation to defray costs can be included in your registration.

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Please make checks payable to LPA Oklahoma Chapter

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fees:

Single Member \$15, Nonmember \$20 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Family Member \$25, Nonmember \$30 \$\_\_\_\_\_

Optional Donation to District 7 of LPA \$\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Oklahoma LPA

Mail Registration to:

Krista Gesche  
4006 Woodmark Drive  
Harrah, OK 73045



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