

September 7th, 2009

It is starting to cool down a bit, kids in school and fall is on its way. Time for pumpkins, falling leaves, and all the wonderful holiday food.....of course fall back in South Dakota where I am from is a lot more distinctive.

The August meeting was a great time.....Thank you Malsam Family for being such great host. We had great food, fellowship and of course fun in the pool. With about 20 people present we were able to get all sort of things accomplished. The bylaw we read and approved also the new chapter name is the Oklahoma Twisters. We have made several new contacts with parents that have children ages 2-7 so we have lots of mentoring to do in the future. Big news is that we will be hosting the Spring Regional in April, it will be held in Tulsa, and we will need lots of help!!!! We are currently in the planning stage so more to come. Also the chapter approved a scholarship to Julie Hilebrand in the amount of \$300 to use toward expenses of her trip to Painted Turtle; Julie went as a counselor and to check out the camp to get ideas to use for the LP Spectacular. Here is how Painted Turtle went for Julie: "Yea it was an absolute blast I was one of 5 LIT's or "leader in training" so I was a counselor of a cabin of 10 girls (8) 13 yr olds and (2) 14 year olds. The week was full of fun activities such as archery arts and crafts boating and fishing theatre and an awesome activity called silly O. Silly O was a time for the campers to get their counselors as messy as they wanted and they certainly did! Camp was all about reminding ourselves our condition does not define who we are as people it is simply a part of us. There will be a thorough article about camp in the next issue of LPA today. Also just let me know if anyone wants to see pictures and I can bring the DVD of the camp to the next meeting!"

The next meeting will be Saturday October 3rd from 2-6 at Daze in a Maze in Covington, OK.

Directions from Oklahoma City: Drive North on I-35
At Highway 51 (Stillwater exit), turn LEFT (West) onto Highway 51
At Highway 74, Turn right (North).

From Wichita: Drive South on I-35
At Highway 51 (Stillwater exit), turn RIGHT (West) onto Highway 51
At Highway 74, Turn RIGHT (North).2 miles.

From Enid: Drive East on Highway 64
at Highway 74, Turn RIGHT (South) to Covington.
Continue South from Covington 11 miles.

From Tulsa: Drive West on Highway 64
At Highway 74, turn LEFT (South) to Covington.
Continue South from Covington 11 miles.

They have many activities for the whole family: tiny tot maze, petting zoo, playground, hay bale maze, corn maze w/ 4 exits so you can go as long or as short as you want to, jungle maze which has 1 exit, dyno-dig, hay bale pyramid, hayrack ride, pumpkin patch, gourds, Indian corn, concession stand. We will have our own Tent; it will have a few picnic tables but feel free to bring blankets and chairs to sit on. By the tent will be a fire pit, we will roast our own hot dogs and smores for dessert (provided by the chapter).....you will be asked to bring a side and drinks. On note: they only have Porte potties, I am working very closely with the owner and will make sure that they are accommodating to everyone's needs. Sheri Breitenkamp will also be going out there to meet with them and check it out so, before the meeting so if they/we need to make adjustment it will be done before the meeting. Please RSVP to Krista Gesche @ 405-391-3519 or kgesche@cox.net before Wednesday September 30th. If we have 20 people it will be \$5 a person, if 30 people it will be \$4 a person, 3 & under are free.

Announcements/Things to Do:

Book Offer..... **Subject:** Who Says I'm Small - By Juanita B. Tischendorf I have 4 of these book if anyone want one, I will bring them to the next meeting, they are \$5.

Here is a wonderful event for kids/adults ages 7-25 coming to Wiley Post Airport/Atlantic FBO September 26th Challenge Air for Kids & Friends. It's a national organization that provides 30-minute airplane rides for kids and teens with special needs. They actually "fly" the plane; you can take 2 guests with you. It was a fabulous event, with free food, games, activities, music, booths, etc. If you are interested go to the website and register, spaces are limited and yes other chapters have had member do it across the United States and said it was a blast.

<http://challengeair.com/events/index.php>

I happened to stumble into a great fundraiser opportunity. Klassy Kidz Consignment Event which takes place at the New City Center in Moore has what they call Fundraiser Friday. This, yes is another easy one, all it involves is shopping and a flyer. So on Friday September 25th from 9am to 9pm all people have to do is come and shop the consignment sale and when they checkout present the attached flyer and 10% of their purchase goes to the LPA !!!! How great is that. You can copy the flyer and hand it out to as many friend and relatives that you know. I will also be registering us for the Sugar and Spice sale in Shawnee in October. I looked for others but could not find any. So again shop, shop, shop!!!!

Also, I will be asking you to go online to this website and fill out a short survey (copy & paste)

<http://www.surveypirate.com/SurveyPage.aspx?RespondentGuid=eefcc560-7f8c-43fd-a039-5a348795a6a5>

So please fill it out and return it as soon as you can. It is a very important tool on how to improve the chapter.

Family News

Our thoughts and prayers again go out to the Whorton family as the passing of a loving sister and friend Linda Whorton, memorial services were held August 12th in Tulsa.

Shae Lynn Stevens will have back surgery September 10th at OU Children's Hospital in OKC.

Jake Schultz as he continues to heal after his leg straightening surgery.

Kevlynn Patton who had a double leg straightening surgery in August, due to complications during surgery, she is paralyzed from the chest down. She is currently at the Children's Center in Bethany, she is scheduled to come home September 25th. They have many things to do before she can come home: adding a wheelchair accessible room/bathroom to the house and a wheelchair accessible van. I currently have several calls in on trying to get something together on some fundraisers. I will let everyone know when they will be happening.

Upcoming Events:

•There has been a change in the Regional meeting it will no longer be Ft. Smith, AK it will be in Joplin, MO. It will be the same weekend October 23-25. Hotel reservations need to be made by September 23rd.

FALL DISTRICT MEETING, 2009

OCT 23rd and 24th in Joplin, Missouri

WHERE: Holiday Inn at I-44 and Range Line Road

3615 Range Line Road, Joplin, MO 64804

RESERVATIONS: 417-782-1000 or 877-863-4780

Low rate of \$79 standard room

Please make your reservations directly with the hotel and mention LPA to be counted in our block of rooms

WHAT IS PLANNED YOUR ATTENDANCE WILL MAKE IT A SUCCESS!!

Friday, October 23rd

4pm-7pm Registration at the hotel There is a hotel "reception" free with room incld beverages and snacks. *Kids under 12 eat free in hotel restaurants;lounge in the hotel; indoor pool and game room.*

Teens and Adults : Mauellers Frightmare is 3.5 miles east on 20th street. \$10/person, 7pm-midnight. Generally

accessible to chairs and scooters;bathrooms are Port-a-potty. Admission benefits MDA

Saturday, October 24th

9am-10am Registration at the hotel

10-11am Parents Meeting A chance to connect and make plans for future meetings

11am-noon **Business Meeting and ELECTIONS, please attend**

Afternoon activities on your own

Teens/Young Adults: Laser City and Arcade (\$5/session, 3/\$12) just off Range Line on 7th Street

Mall is at 4th and Range Line Road with Movie Theatre and shops

Family Friendly:

George Washington Carver National Park and historic museum. I-44 East to exit 18A.

Wildcat Glades Audubon Center, I-44 West to Exit 6. Features acres of the few remaining glade lands with wildlife and nature tours.

Joplin Museum Complex, I-44 West to Schiffendecker exit, north to 7th Street. See Joplin's history and mining displays

Adults

Downstream Casino, I-44 West to Exit 1. Travel a couple miles just into Oklahoma.

Precious Moments Park and Chapel. I-44 East to exit 18B to HH (Fir Road) west. Gardens, fountains and of course, gift shop with Precious Moments figurines.

5pm **Dine around!** Meet in the lobby and choose from the variety of restaurants in the area.

7:00pm-11pm **Costume Contest and Dance** at the hotel with DJ and music. 50/50 raffle

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 support the District can be included in your registration.

Membership dues may be paid at the meeting, in advance of the vote. Please complete a membership form to submit membership dues.

Please make checks payable to LPA District 7

Mail Registration by **October 15th** to:

Cynda Dohr

867 Oakmoor Dr

Fenton, MO 63026

District 7 Fall Regional Registration

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 \$_____

Interested in Mauler's Nightmare: #_____

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- December Meeting (Saturday December 12th 2-6pm @ First Baptist Church of Harrah Family Life Center) we will have Turkey with all the fixings, Dirty Santa, Gym for the kids (scooters, roller-skates, basketballs, bowling, air hockey, pool) Plenty of room for everyone.
- February Meeting will be in the OKC area, it will be election time, so start thinking about if you want to run for an office or not. It will be the very last Sat of Feb or first Sat of March. We will discuss it at the next meeting.
- So save the dates and plan to come!!!!

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