

September 7th, 2010

As school begins, we start to see children with backpacks, school buses, and college students studying in the libraries. The smell of fall will be shortly behind, as Halloween decorations and candy fill the stores. I am awaiting the cooler weather and the fresh breeze that blows through the open windows of my house and the beautiful colored leaves as they dance to the ground. Hopeful the new season will bring a spark to the chapter.

Our last meeting was held Saturday August 8th Malsam home in Collinsville, OK. It was a Pool Party with food and other activities. The meeting again had a low attendance, but for those who attended, a good time was had by all. Thank you to the Malsam Family for hosting the meeting.

The next meeting will be Saturday October 2nd from 2-6 at Daze in a Maze in Covington, OK. We had it here last year and those that came had a great time and the owner was very helpful to our group we decided to have it here again this year.

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. We will have stools out there to help out with getting on the hayride and any other activities. 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 29th. 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:

- Our very own mom Janine Quirindongo has agreed to make beautiful LPA bracelets for a fundraiser for us. To order check her store out on the web at www.thefairyprincessgarden.com you will need to measure your wrist and add an inch to it, also decide if you want a stretchy or clasp bracelet. The bracelets will be \$8 with %50 of it going to the chapter; I will be having some at each meeting if you are interested. Due to the lack of interest/orders, Janine has extended the fundraiser until December 15th.

- Sounds like the National conference in Nashville was a huge success, we had several members who represented the Oklahoma Chapter. The attendance was the second highest ever!!!! Next year's National conference will be held in Anaheim, CA.... July 1st-8th 2011.

- As we near the end of summer, remember that October is National Dwarfism Awareness Month. What does this mean? It means that we all have a great opportunity for our LPA chapter to get the word out about LPA, about what we do, and about dwarfism in general.

Delaware was the first state to have October declared as Dwarfism Awareness Month. The Delaware legislation is signing the bill the first week of October. I would love for Oklahoma to follow so start contacting YOUR State legislator and let them know. Would love to have some positive stories put in your local newspaper also. The Little Giants Foundation is already part of an event in October and will be helping promote October as Dwarfism Awareness Month.

- Fall Regional

October 15 at 12:00pm - October 17 at 12:00pm

Holiday Inn at Earth City
3400 Rider Trail South
Earth City, MO

Holiday Inn at Earth City (close to airport, 2 casinos, Bass Pro Shop, Old Towne St. Charles). The room rates will be \$69.00 per night which includes free breakfast in the hotel's restaurant. Dr. Dan from Mizzou will be seeing patients. Other Dr's and/or experts on topics relating to LP's should be having workshops. The Dance will include a Costume contest for kids and adults.

*This is all the information I have currently received

Family News:

- Continued prayer for the Mahoney Family
- Karen Shelby our District director as she takes care of her mom
- The Gesche family as Mark returns home from his 4 ½ month deployment the end of this month

We love to hear from you, if you have any news to share please send it my way

Upcoming Events:

•Christmas Party....Saturday, December 4th 2 to 7pm... ..First Baptist Church Harrah, OK

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