



LPA District 7 News Spring, 2009

Upcoming Events 2009

May 1st and 2nd, SPRING DISTRICT MEETING IN BRANSON

Chapter 70: SUNFLOWER

April 19th, 2-6pm All Star Sports Activity Center

June 13th, Barbeque at Carson Hayes house in Newton, KS

August 8, 4-8pm Swim party in Goddard, KS

October 18th, Pumpkin Patch in Salina, KS

Contact: Carson Hayes at carsonh812@gmail.com

Chapter 67: ARKANSAS MINI-BACKS

June 6th, Russellville Campground

August 8th, North Little Rock Idle Wild Park (indoors)

October: Hosting District 7 meeting in Fort Smith

Contact: Edwina Gleason at lpaoarkansas@yahoo.com

Chapter 29: CENTRAL STAR

Every 3rd Wednesday evening of the month: Holmeswood Baptist Church, 6:30 to 8pm

April 4th, 10am to noon, Loose Park Easter Egg hunt and brunch

Contact: Jack Pollock at jacklpollock@sbcglobal.net

Chapter 11: OKLAHOMA LITTLE THUNDERS

Contact Krista Gesche at kgesche@cox.net while Chapter president Tomi Mahoney recovers from delivering the newest member, Emily Ryan Mahoney. Tomi is at littlemum@cableone.net

Chapter 9: ST LOUIS GATEWAY

Contact Pat Burke for the latest activities at pburkemcc@hotmail.com

FALL DISTRICT MEETING IN OCTOBER IN FORT SMITH ARKANSAS

Message from our Director – Joy Wyler

It is a bittersweet duty to inform you that I am leaving the district to assume the position of Senior Minister at Unity of Lehigh Valley in Emmaus, Pennsylvania as of April 1, 2009. I've had a long and wonderful experience in LPA's District 7 and I treasure the many friendships I will take with me in my heart. I have been honored to serve in various capacities over the years and to touch the lives of so many LP's and their families.

My daughter Kari will be moving in June but Victor will remain in District 7, here in Kansas City.

Elections are already scheduled for October of 2009. Until then, the order of succession is that Jean Strawn will serve as interim District Director until a new director is elected. I know that all of you will give Jean your full support as District 7 continues to grow in numbers, financial strength and community resources.

You can find me on Facebook and at my new church's website: <http://www.unityoflehighvalley.org/>
I look forward to hearing about the Spring District meeting in Branson!

Joy Wyler
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Spotlight on our members.....

Emily Ryan Mahoney is the newest addition to the Mahoney family in Hobart, OK. Sister Reghan is walking so Roy and Tomi are busy!

Eli Wagner was born March 2nd, becoming the newest member of the Central Star chapter. Parents Kim and Darin brought him to his first meeting before he was even born! Looking forward to seeing Eli at the next meeting.

Will Burke took gold and silver at the DAAA bocci events this past summer. Great beginning for this athlete's first events.

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 Cyndy Dohr at annie63026@yahoo.com.

NEW district website! Check out Jack Dohr's work at www.lpadistrict7.org

LPA National News.....

National Conference will be July 4-10 in Brooklyn, NY. Remember you need to pay a deposit to reserve your room. Check online for overflow hotel arrangements at www.lpaonline.org
2010: Nashville, TN, 7/3-7/9

Grants to attend national conference and school scholarship forms are available online at www.lpaonline.org

MEMBERSHIP DUES CAN BE PAID AT ANY TIME! Forms can be downloaded from the national website: www.lpaonline.org. 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 which gives you a voice on issues brought for membership vote. 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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Last District Meeting

Fall Regional with District 7 and 9, September 19-21, 2008

Kansas City was host to nearly 200 LPA members from 10 states. It was a great experience to meet and greet folks from outside our own district without going to a national meeting. There were quality workshops, lots of fun activities and an overflow crowd at the dinner and dance. Everyone agreed we should do this again in the future. If you missed it this time, plan to attend next time.

Agreed to at the Business meeting: District 7 will set aside \$350 in 2009 from district funds to give to the district director or her/his proxy to attend the conference for the purpose of attending the Board of Director's Meetings. This is to cover airfare or room fees. The amount may be reconsidered in the future.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT:

As of the end of February, we have \$ 2,713.51 in our district account. Please consider having your business donate to LPA on a one time basis or annually. Also, be sure to check and see if your company matches donations you make to 501 (c) (3) companies. If you belong to a chapter, consider splitting donations between the district and the chapter. This keeps us all financially healthy and able to begin to support grants and scholarships within our district.

ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER 2009

This year is our year to elect new officers for District 7. If you have considered how you can contribute to LPA, please consider taking a role as an officer of the District. You must be a member in good standing of the district for at least one year and must maintain membership. You'll be asked to declare your intention to run for Director or Secretary/Treasurer (can be separate if we have interested individuals) before the fall newsletter goes out. LPA's bylaws can be reviewed on the website at www.lpaonline.org

CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

Chapter 9: St. Louis Gateway Chapter

No ice storm disrupted the holiday meeting this year! Check with Pat for the latest plans.

President: Patrick Burke pburkemcc@hotmail.com Vice President: Bobby Dohr

Chapter 11: Oklahoma Little Thunders

The holiday meeting was well attended and lots of fun. The most recent meeting was February 28th, hosted by Michelle Banks and family in Tulsa.

As noted, the Mahoneys have a new baby, Emily Ryan.

President: Tomi Mahoney littlemum@cablone.net Vice President: Krista Gesche kgesche@cox.net

Chapter 29: KC Central Star

There were four new families at the February meeting at Holmeswood Baptist Church: the Wagners, the Hay family, the Howell family and the Hudson family. That is great support and growth for the chapter! The chapter is selling green bracelets that say **LOVE A little** as a fundraiser for the chapter. Contact Jack Pollock if you would like to order some.

President: Jack Pollack jackpollack@sbcglobal.net Vice President: Lecia Pollock

Chapter 67: Arkansas Minibacks

The last meeting was in February at Susan Story's house. For photos, check out the District website. The chapter is making plans to host the Fall District meeting so look for more on that soon.

President: Edwina Gleason lpaofarkansas@yahoo.com Vice-President: Susan Story

Chapter 70: Sunflower Chapter

As of January 2009, it was official! The Sunflower Chapter is District 7 and LPA's newest chapter! The chapter includes all of Kansas NOT in the Central Star Chapter, which is a lot of Kansas! The charter was signed at the November meeting, hosted at the Scheer's house. They will be bowling in March and have more on the calendar for this year. They are off to an active start!

Pres: Carson Hayes carsonh812@gmail.com Vice President: Jennifer Lamer

Springfield Missouri had some meeting activity several years ago. We have recently had new members move into that area. We hope to see many of you at the Branson meeting and hopefully identify a group and leadership for chapter meetings in this area.