

Wichita Sunflower Chapter of LPA

Upcoming Event

Sunday, October 18, 2009
 Sedgwick County Zoo
 5555 Zoo Boulevard, Wichita
 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm (opens at 8:30 am)
 Meet just inside the front entrance
 For prices, map, and rental info go to:
www.scz.org
 or call 316-660-9453



They have strollers, wagons, electric wheelchairs...
 The new tiger exhibit is incredible!
 If you don't have a zoo membership, I should have
 some "buy one get one free" coupons and I have
 requested up to 4 complimentary passes from
 the zoo available for non-profit organizations.
 RSVP: Kate Scheer 316-461-2621 or dkscheer@cox.net
 Let us know if you will be there so we don't start
 touring without you!

What's happening in the Chapter

We had a great swim party at the Salina YMCA
 in August. There were 5 families there with over
 17 people. We virtually had the entire pool to
 ourselves! We look forward to making it an annual
 event, either in Salina or at a private pool.



Above left to right:
 Valerie and Angel
 Pinales, Katie Scheer,
 and Hannah Lamer.
 Right: Carson Hayes.

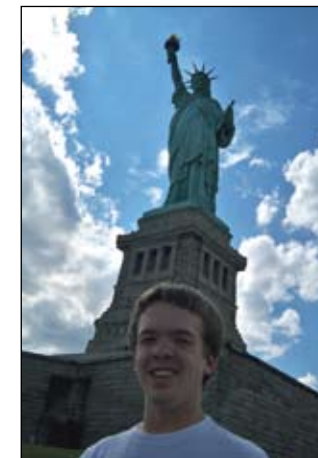


Above Left: Valerie, Angel, Ezekial and Maria Pinales.
 Above Right: Avery and Addison Eshleman.



Left to Right: the
 fountains were a
 big hit with all the
 kids, especially
 Addison and
 Avery Eshleman,
 Hannah Lamer,
 and Katie Scheer.
 Only Carson was
 brave enough to go
 down the slide!

Message from President Carson Hayes



The National Little
 people convention was
 held over the July 4th
 week. I was fortunate
 enough to be able to
 attend. What an amazing
 week I had. From
 dancing every night till
 1 am to not going to bed
 till 3 a.m. it was quite a
 week. This convention I
 felt was well organized
 compared to the past
 nationals I have been to.

Every event was put together in a "New York Style"
 elegant fashion. The attendance was amazing with
 over 3,200 hundred people from all over the world.
 It was so neat to get to know people with different
 accents from the different countries.

Being in NYC I knew I had to get away from
 the convention for awhile to be a tourist and see the
 sites of the city. From the top of the Empire State
 Building to a carriage ride around Central Park
 there is so much to see. Times Square is a pretty
 amazing site to see although I only got to see it in
 the day time knowing it wouldn't be as busy as at
 night. But still it is amazing with the big billboards
 and all the people.

It was one of the most amazing trips I have
 been on but I don't think I would want to live there.
 It's too big of a city for me to live in.

I hope to see everyone in Nashville 2010. Also,
 I would like to see everyone at the zoo on Sunday,
 October 18th, 2009!

Officers of the Sunflower Chapter

Carson Hayes carsonh812@gmail.com
Jennifer Lamer mom_of_hannah2008@yahoo.com
Kate Scheer dkscheer@cox.net

District 7 News

The Fall District Meeting has been moved to Joplin, Missouri! We have attached the information and registration form with this newsletter. The new location is centrally located. We hope that you can make it to this great event. The rooms are very reasonably priced at \$79 for a standard room and the district meetings are always great fun with activities for all ages including a dance on Saturday night. This year's dance will have a Halloween themed costume contest as well.

ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER 2009 at the Joplin meeting.
Candidate for District Director:

Karen Shelby attended her first LPA meeting several years ago at a camp-out at Indian Point in Branson, Missouri. She is divorced and the mother of 22 year old LP son Chris. Both Karen and Chris have hypochondroplesia and Karen now wishes they had become active even earlier. Karen is an LPN at the local hospital in Sedalia, Missouri where she has worked for the last 16 years. One of her goals for District 7 is to form a chapter in the Ozark area of Springfield/Joplin. She'd even like for the district to consider hosting another national conference. Its' been a long time since St. Louis played host to a national conference.

Candidate for District Treasurer:

Cyndy Dohr is the mother of 3 sons, including LP Bobby Dohr. Cyndy lives and works in St. Louis, Missouri. She has served as district treasurer for the last 3 years and is willing to continue to support LPA and District 7 as treasurer.

You must be a member in good standing of the district to vote or to be nominated as a candidate for office. LPA's bylaws can be reviewed on the website at www.lpaonline.org Elections will take place at the Fall Regional and officers serve for a three year term.

Future Events

Sunday, October 18, 2009
Sedgwick County Zoo
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
New Tiger Exhibit
Fall Regional Meeting for District 7
October 23-25, 2009
Joplin, Missouri
See attached info and registration form
Saturday, December 5, 2009
Christmas Party at Katie Scheer's in Wichita
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Sunday, February 28, 2010
Hutchinson Salt Mine Museum
Details to follow
2010 National Conference
July 2-9, Nashville, TN
2011 National Conference
July 1-7, Anaheim, CA
2012 National Conference
Week of July 4, Dallas, TX

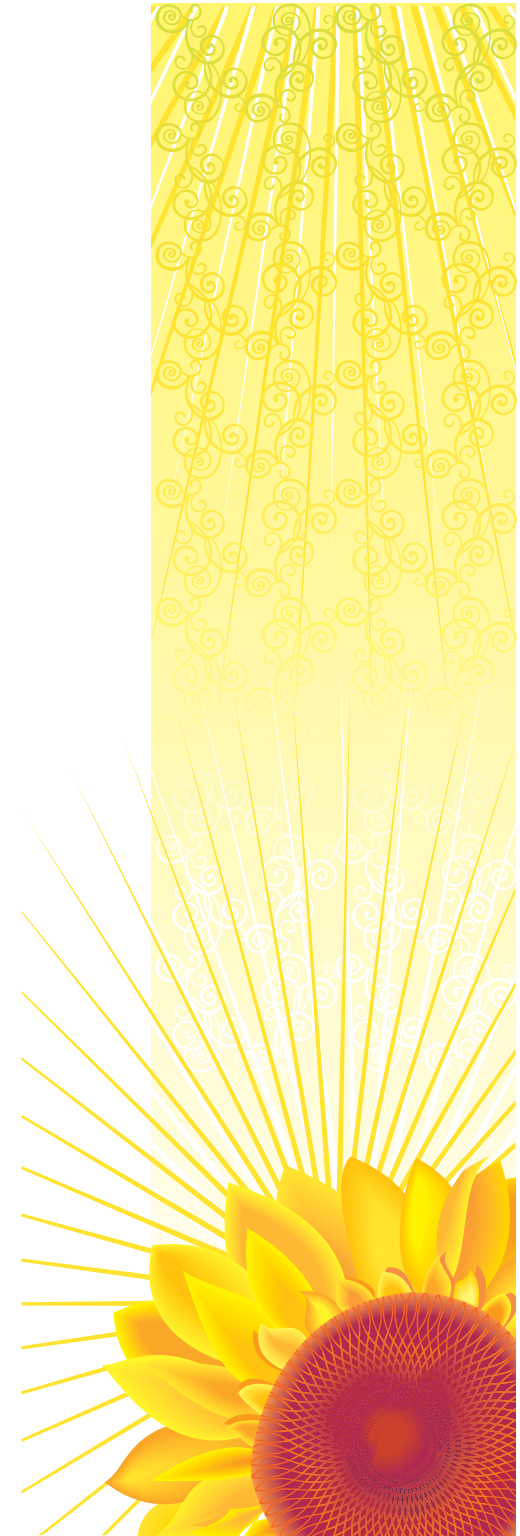
Christmas Party and Chapter Meeting

This will be our third annual open house at the Scheers! We have moved it back a couple weeks so that we can celebrate the holiday season together. We plan to make this an annual event the first weekend of December. Look for more information in our next newsletter! We look forward to growing together and supporting each other within the Sunflower Chapter. Please, feel free to let one of the officers know if you have suggestions or concerns or would like to help in way!

LPA Membership Dues and Donations

If you are not currently a National Member of LPA, please consider joining. Of the \$50 annual fee (\$10 for seniors) a portion goes to our district and our chapter. Other than private donations and area fund raisers this is our local chapter's only financial resource. You can pay your dues online at www.lpaonline.org or you can make a local donation and mail it to the return address on this newsletter. LPA appreciates your support!

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Wichita, KS 67205





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
Please Note: The block of rooms at the Holiday Inn being held for us expires on September 23rd. Please make your reservations prior to this date. The District is responsible for these rooms and will have to pay for rooms not reserved. Please designate that you are coming for the LPA conference to get the special rate of \$79.00 per night. As of today Cyndy and I have only received 1 registration form in the mail. I know a lot of folks like to pay when you arrive. If you are planning to do this, please e-mail me with the information that is on the registration form and you can pay at the conference. Please e-mail the names of who is attending to jackdohr@yahoo.com.

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: Maullers 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:

Cyndy 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 Frightmare: # _____

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