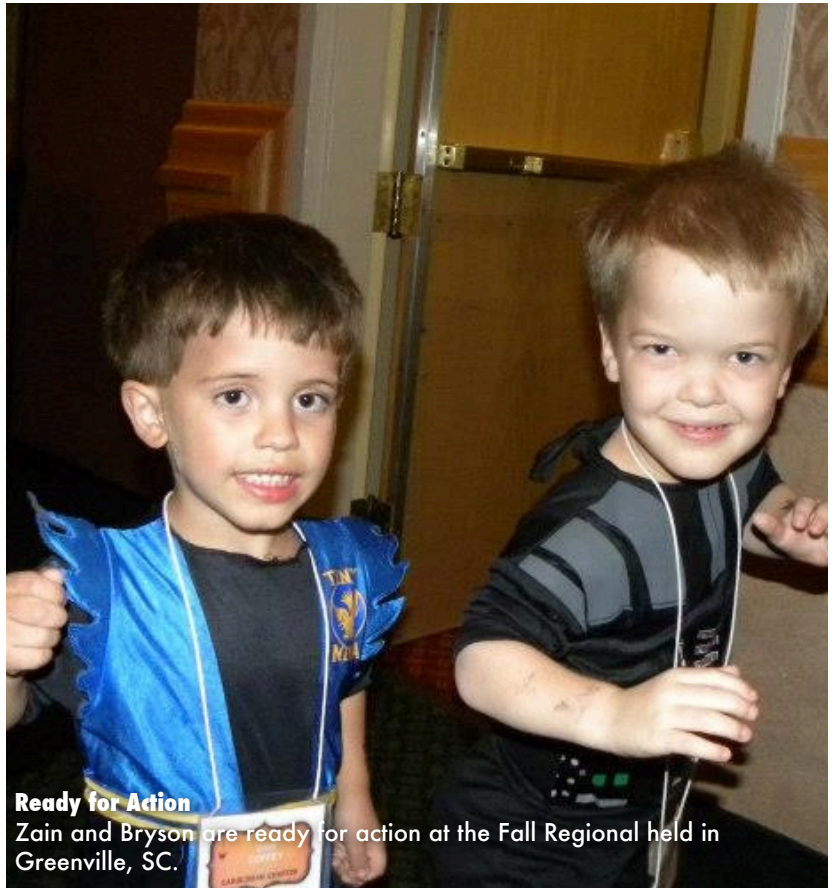


District 3

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Winter 2013 Newsletter



Ready for Action

Zain and Bryson are ready for action at the Fall Regional held in Greenville, SC.

A Spooktacular Time in Greenville!

There were many ghouls and goblins running around the halls of the Embassy Suites in Greenville, SC this fall.

Friday night everyone checked in, picked up their welcome packet and had dinner on their own. People were also able to go ahead and sign up for their



Good Evening

Fletcher wears his vampire attire at the Boo Bash

banquet table to make Saturday night easier on seating.

The Carnival opened at 7 and games were played by all. Thanks to Jim and Joy Davis for having a friend who let us borrow the games that they already had for a church carnival. The Pumpkin bean bag toss was the hit of the night. The games weren't just for the kids even some of the parents and adults enjoyed them while

meeting and chatting with old and new friends.

Due to Dr. Mackenzie's schedule getting changed we had to move the consults to start Saturday morning. Many parents were excited to have the opportunity to have a consult with Dr.

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Letter from the District Director

Hello Everyone. Well it's the new year and that means new resolutions. I hope you all are still sticking to them!



your membership dues up to date and have your login information handy to make registration easy. You are still able to call the National Office to register but there are only a certain number of staff at the office so it is easier if you are able to register through the website.

2013 is going to be a big year for our District. The 2013 LPA National Conference will be held in Washington DC at the Marriott Wardman Park June 29th thru July 4th. Conference Registration and the Hotel block will both open April 1st. Be sure to go ahead and have

There are many parts of the National that you can help with. We need people volunteer to help checkin with check-in at registration, concierge, all the nightly activities and people who can just be a gofer to pick up things that are needed. There are many other areas needed so please contact Lauren at Volunteer2013LPA@gmail.com and

let her know what you would like to volunteer.

This issues has lots of neat articles from a recap of the Boo Bash to information about the LPA Scholarships available. Just a reminder that if you got a paper copy of this and we have your email address this will be your last paper newsletter. If you received a note with this newsletter that we do not have your email address on file please email me at LPADistrict3@yahoo.com so we can update your information.

Take care!

-Stephanie Brandon

District 3 Director

District 3 Treasurer's Report - 4th Quarter 2012 ending December 31, 2012

Respectfully Submitted by Cathy Hughes

Checking Account Balance		\$7,200.55
Savings Account Balance		<u>3,566.45</u>
TOTAL		\$10,767.00
EXPENSES	'12 Fall Regional	\$6,167.29
	Stamps & supplies	368.71
	Good Samaritan expense	239.80
	Teens Expenses	<u>98.27</u>
TOTAL		\$6,874.07
INCOME	'12 Fall Regional	\$5158.00
	Membership dues	562.00
	Interest	<u>.09</u>
TOTAL		\$5720.09

Greenville

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Mackenzie. Thanks to those who helped keep everyone on time and kept the schedule moving.

The Parent's of Little People (POLP) social was hosted by Tina Brooks and there

were many questions that were answered and the group was able to have open discussion on their own experiences.

The General Assembly proceeded after the POLP social and we have included the minutes from that meeting in this newsletter on page 4 titled "Greenville Minutes".

After General Assembly Dr. Mackenzie gave his presentation on "The Child with Skeletal Dysplasia". Dr. Mackenzie opened with compliments to everyone who was helping run the regional and said it was one of the most organized regionals he had ever attended!

There was a Welcome Cookout served out on the Terrace which had hotdogs,



The Doc is In
Dr. Mackenzie gave consults and presented at the Fall Regional.

hamburgers and all the fixings. During the afternoon there were activities planned so while some explored Greenville on their own, others played golf, or went to the Greenville Zoo to see the baby Giraffe!

In the evening came the Boo Bash! Everyone dressed in their spooky attire and had a great time dining and then dancing the night away.

Congratulations to Judy Herrin and Carmel Spaulding from the Colonial Chapter for winning the 50/50 cash prize!

The final number of conference attendees was 117 and the final profit was \$32,710. We thank all those



Picking a Winner
Finnley picks a ticket for a raffle basket from the DJ Joe.

who volunteered to help run the regional. It takes a lot of hands to run a regional and we couldn't do it without them!

For those attending the regional please take a survey that we have created: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SQBHPMQ>



Picture time
The kids pose for a group photo showing off their costumes at the Boo Bash.



Doing the Monster Mash
Camden smiles for the camera at the dance

Upcoming District 3 Regionals

Spring 2013 - April 19th-21st
The Marriott Wardman Park
Washington DC
Room Rate \$149 plus tax

Fall 2013 - Date TBD
Raleigh, NC

If you are interested in helping with this regional contact

Stephanie at LPADistrict3@yahoo.com

Greenville General Assembly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by District Director, Stephanie Brandon, at 10:09 AM.

She thanked the Carolinian Chapter for hosting this Regional and advised the group photo would be taken tonight before the dance at about 8:30pm.

Minutes of the previous two regionals, Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 were read. Stephanie made a correction to information regarding the District's Facebook page. Pricilla Sheally made a motion to accept the previous two district meeting minutes, Sally Laws seconded, all were in favor and the minutes were accepted.

The Treasurer's report was posted on screen and reviewed with the membership.

The National Conference planning expenses will be reimbursed to the District once the DC conference is over.

Second quarter rebate checks are in and Stephanie was pleased to report we were one of the only districts that had all chapters' reports for the Second Quarter turned in on time.

Spring 2012 Regional made a profit of \$408.78, with 210 registered.

Samaritan Fund had 3 families apply for assistance this year and we were able to help them. We are currently seeking volunteers to be on the committee, individuals

must be available by email. Committee is comprised of DD, Treasurer and a member from each chapter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Stephanie reported on the Dallas National board meeting held this summer. The meetings were held over two days. The Board consists of the LPA President, VPs and each District Director. The board is working on a restructuring process and Stephanie has volunteered to be on the Governance Board Committee. Other issues addressed were BioMarin, the Times Square Ad for Dwarfism Awareness Month and a press conference leading up to Dwarfism Awareness Month (D.A.M) in October.

Stephanie also reported on the DC planning committee meeting in August. The committee is planning all events. The dates are June 29th through July 4th, 2013 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. The shuttle from Reagan Airport is only 10 minutes. The Barty Club and Fashion Show will both be on the venue. Volunteers are needed and anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Lauren Humphries of the MarValous Chapter through the email address volunteer2013lpa@gmail.com

NEW BUSINESS:

Newsletters-all registration packets for the Regional went out to all paid members by US Mail, but the District will be transferring all that can be transferred to email in the very near future. About 80% will be sent through email with just a

few going paper. The district has 162 good email addresses for 230 members. Out of the 162 on record, 53% were opened. Next newsletter will be sent email and the 47% will get paper advising this will be their last paper newsletter. Those with no email addresses will get paper and will be called asking if a valid email address exists.

A member survey will be sent through Survey Monkey to all members and it will be open until 2013. You can take the survey now by going to: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W9TCZ8Z>

Channel Mercedes was introduced as the District Teen Coordinator, she spoke and asked for teens from all chapters to step up and volunteer for activities in DC.

Chapter Rotation for Regionals:

Spring 2013 - Delmarva Chapter- Marriott Wardman Hotel 4/19-4/21/13. Rates are \$149 + tax a night and parking fee is around \$39 a day.

Fall 2013 - Colonial Chapter- Raleigh, NC - Memorable Meetings will be assisting in the negotiations of the hotel contracts.

Spring 2014 - Blue Ridge Chapter

CHAPTER UPDATES:

MarValous: Sasha gave update, the are having more activities planned including the Holiday Party which will be held at the Vrettakos Family home on

Story continues on page 7 titled "Minutes"

LPA Archives at the Washington DC Conference

Submitted by Jim Kay

This year, at the Washington D. C. Conference, the LPA Archive will present an exhibit of photos and documents highlighting events and individuals that have contributed to the growth of District 3 within Little People of America. The Archive will also, as it has done at previous conferences, accept donations, documents, or photos or arrange to copy items that individuals may wish to keep in their possession.

The Primary focus of the Washington D. C. Exhibit will be District 3, and the activities and events that have marked the growth of the District and its Chapters. Stretching across five states: Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, District 3 has five chapters located in the urban, industrial, and rural areas of these

states. District 3 has hosted four annual conferences of Little People of America including most recently, the 1989 Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

In 1982, the twenty-fifth anniversary of LPA, District 3 hosted the first International Conference of Little People. Over 100 people registered for the conference including w over 30 delegates from eight foreign countries. Photos, documents and memorabilia from this first International will be on display at the 2013 Conference.

This year, as in the past, the LPA Archive will accept donations of photos, news items, or memorabilia that document the activities and events of LPA or portray the history and issues that confront people with short stature. The LPA Archive is interested in and accepts any items including: scrap books, photographs, home movies, news articles, or sound recordings that show events, activities and individuals

connected with LPA. The Archive is also interested in the writings of or about little people including memoirs, journals, research papers, articles, diaries, fiction and non-fiction

It is possible that you or a family member may have one or more of these items but are reluctant to part with them because of sentimental value. Your attachment to these items is understandable and the LPA Archive appreciates your interest in and respect for these items. If you wish, the LPA Archive can arrange to copy items you wish to keep and return the original items to you.

If you have questions or wish to make a donation contact Stephanie Brandon, LPADistrict3@yahoo.com or Jim Kay, Historian, Little People of America: e-mail jg43ay@surewest.net Phone: 916 359-4637 Snail mail: 4825 Oakfield Circle, Carmichael, CA 95608.

Be a Part of the 2013 National Fashion show

Show us what you wear... to school, on a date, to dress for success, at the beach, for a wedding, right off the rack or custom made! Be ready to strut



your stuff down the LP Runway!

We will need people to walk down the runway as well as help backstage.

If you want to volunteer to help with the fashion show or



any part of the National please contact Lauren at Volunteer2013LPA@gmail.com

Come be a part of a fun evening gala of high fashion, lights, cameras, music, and fun!



Chapter Officers

MarValous Chapter



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The Chapter consist of Washington, D.C., the Western part of Maryland and the top part of Virginia.

Carolinian Chapter



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The chapter consists of 100 mile radius of Charlotte, NC including all of South Carolina and the Western part of North Carolina

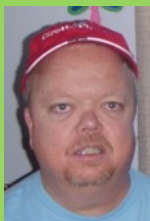
Colonial Chapter



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The chapter consists of 100 mile radius of Emporia, VA.

Ches Del Bay Chapter



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Blue Ridge Chapter



Frances Floyd fifloyd83@yahoo.com
The chapter consists of the Western part of Virginia.

*For exact list of counties in chapter please contact a District or Chapter Officer



The Colonial Chapter gathered together for their holiday party 2012 02:5
Roanoke Rapids, NC.

Colonial Chapter Update

The Colonial Chapter held its annual winter luncheon in Roanoke Rapids at Oscar's Restaurant. We had approximately 35 people in attendance. Great crowd and we had a wonderful time catching up and discussing upcoming Christmas plans. We had a brief and informal business meeting to discuss chapter finances and the future direction of the chapter for the upcoming year. We also, discussed that we will be hosting the fall regional and for everyone to put that date on their calendar.

Wendy Brockwell our VP is putting together a bowling event for the latter part of February or the first of March at the AMF in Petersburg, Virginia. More information will be posted at our yahoo groups site.

Member News

Passings

Mr. Francis Edward Best, age 79, passed away December 29th at the Hospice Home of High Point. Surviving are his wife Irene May Nitkowski Best of the home and one son; Timothy Frances Best and wife Joyce Bacik of High Point. There are two grandchildren, Craig Chapman and Alexander Best and one great grandchild, Aubrey Mae Chapman.



Attention Students! It's Scholarship Application Time!

As part of our service to people with dwarfism and the community at large, LPA offers educational scholarships to prospective and current students attending college or vocational school in the United States. Awards can range from \$250 to \$1000 (sometimes more). A scholarship committee, headed by LPA's Vice President of Programs, will selectively review all scholarship application packets.

Scholarships are given in order of preference to:

- members of LPA who have a medically diagnosed form of dwarfism
- immediate family members of dwarfs who are also paid members of LPA
- people with dwarfism who are not members of LPA

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December 15, 2012. MD proclaimed October as D.A.M.

Carolinian: Calli advised of the new officers elected, she is President, Sally Laws is VP, Amanda Tisdale is Treasurer and Peg Nelson is Secretary. Upcoming events include the Low Country Playdate on November 17th and the Holiday Party on December 1st at the Hilton Garden Inn outside of Charlotte, NC.

Colonial: Officers have been elected including Jeff, Wendy, Melissa and Leta. Their Holiday

LPA scholarship awards shall be limited to two awards for undergraduate studies and one for graduate studies, effective beginning the 2012-2013 school year.

Some Helpful Tips...

- When filling out the application, be sure to follow the instructions carefully and send the complete scholarship application packet no later than the date listed on the application. Incomplete or late packets will be rejected.
- Do not wait until the last minute to assemble your scholarship application packet. You will need to contact the people writing reference letters early, so they can return them in a timely fashion.
- Write a letter of thanks if you receive an award. Other than

Party will be held December 1st in Roanoke Rapids.

ChesDelBay: They held an event for D.A.M. in October and Ashley from "Pit Boss" attended. Their Holiday Party will be December 9th.

Blue Ridge: Elections will be held in November for new officers.

There being no other business to come before the group, Stephanie asked for questions from the membership. Jim Davis asked about early registration for the DC National. Stephanie advised the room block may not be opened before the registration packet goes out. Rates are also \$149 a night. Tim Best asked how less fortunate



Michael Hughes, past LPA Scholarship recipient and Distinguish Service Award.

being the polite thing to do, if you are planning to apply for scholarships again in the future, a thank you letter for past scholarships goes a long way in impressing the scholarship committee.

- Get involved with LPA! We are a volunteer

organization and any student who has shown a willingness to volunteer his or her time will look good to the scholarship committee. Ask your local chapter or district officer how you can be of service. Indicate how you plan to help on your personal statement.

If you are interested in applying contact your local LPA chapter president or district director to obtain scholarship applications.

members can attend and the Kitchens Fund and other assistance from National were mentioned and he was asked to check with them.

Drawing for the \$50 Wal-Mart gift card was done and the winner was Julia Kuberski. Congratulations Julia!!!

Sally Laws made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harrell Parker seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia France

District Secretary

Little People of America is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with dwarfism throughout their lives while celebrating with great pride Little People's contribution to social diversity. LPA strives to bring solutions and global awareness to the prominent issues affecting individuals of short stature and their families.



Registration packets will go out through email to all paid members in February.

Make your reservation by calling the hotel at 1.877.212.5752

The special room rate expires March 19th, 2013.

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