

Twin Cities Chapter News

District 9

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From the President

Wow, where has the time gone? My family just got back from a great road trip to South Dakota. Lainey did fabulous traveling, especially considering she still has the full body cast and halo. We will finally be getting all the hardware removed in August...it's hard to believe she's been in the contraption for a year! Hopefully it will be a while (a LONG while) before she has to have any more spinal surgeries.

As far as chapter news goes, our chapter's annual summer picnic is coming up on July 17. See page 2 for the details. This will be a special meeting as it is time once again to do elections for the chapter board. If you have ever thought about running for a position, please contact me. For those that haven't heard, my family is in the process of trying to adopt a little girl with achondroplasia from India. We hope to have her home late fall/early winter. Given our upcoming change, I am hoping to step down as president (or at least share the duties) for the next term.

Plans are also underway for the fall district conference which will be in Bloomington. See page 3 for all the details. There's lots of opportunity for you to get involved!

Do you check the District 9 website?

Due to mail costs, the district and chapter is trying to cut down on the number of mailings being sent via snail mail. Check the website to stay updated: <http://www.lpadistrict9.org>.

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Twin Cities LPA Chapter Summer Picnic/Meeting July 17, 2010 (1:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

WHERE: Shoreview Pavilion, 4580 Victoria Street North (Highway 96 and Victoria)
Located behind the Shoreview Community Center

ACTIVITIES: 3:30 – Chapter Meeting (includes election of officers)
4:00 – Potluck Dinner (chapter providing main entrée, TBD)
Please bring a dish (salad or dessert) to share.

Throughout the event, take advantage of *The Tropics Indoor Waterpark* (next to the Pavilion). The waterpark is a safe place to play for preschoolers and tots, providing ample room to scamper through the zero-depth "beach" area, beach boat slide, shallow water play area, and interactive play structure. Youth and adults enjoy the exciting indoor waterslide. Play water volleyball/slam-dunk basketball in the palm tree hoop. Challenge yourself to the tropical water walk or climb aboard one of our giant floating sea creatures. Price (if we have enough for the group rate) is \$7.00/person (all ages).

RSVP: Call Patty Kamin (651-786-8874) by **July 15**. Please indicate if you plan on attending the waterpark as we need a final count to get the group rate.

From the chapter board, a special "thank you" is extended to Bob and Joyce Spector for donating the payment needed for use of the Shoreview Pavilion facility. Also thanks to Patty Kamin for planning this event! Hope to see you all there!

Twin Cities LPA Chapter Board Elections

It is time to elect new officers to serve on the Twin Cities Chapter Board. All positions – president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer – are up for election. All positions are two year posts. To remain an official LPA chapter, we need to elect people into at least the president and treasurer roles.

Justin Eckblad, the current treasurer, is interested in running for the treasurer position (or any other position that is needed). Heather Lee is open to filling a role but would really prefer to have someone else step into the president position (or at least someone to act as co-president). Can you help fill a roll? Contact Heather (hmllee@umn.edu; 612-788-8741) and she can tell you more about the different positions and what the duties would entail.

Bios of all candidates will be sent out via the D9 listserv July 14, in preparation for the elections at the chapter picnic on July 17 (see above). If you haven't been involved in the past or it has been awhile since you last served, please consider running!

Little People of America – District 9 Fall Conference October 8-10, 2010

Comfort Inn – Mall of America (1321 West 78th Street, Bloomington, MN)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Friday, October 8

3:00 pm – 9:00 pm Registration and Informal Drop-in Room

Saturday, October 9

8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration

9:00 am – 9:30 am District Meeting

9:00 am – 12 Noon Children's Activities

9:30 am – 10:15 am Presentation by Dr. Joseph Perra, Twin Cities Spine Center

10:30 a.m. – 3:00 pm Dr. Perra will meet LPs/parents on an individual basis by appt.

10:30 am – 12 Noon Workshops (TBD)

12:00 Noon – 5 pm Mall of America** for Nickelodeon Indoor Theme Park, Lunch, and/or Shopping (*Estimated price for park is \$13.00/person.*)

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm Spooktacular Banquet Catered by Outback Steakhouse. Dress up in your best costume and come for a frightfully good time! Prizes will be given for the best costumes in different categories and ages! Games and fun for all ages.

8:30 pm – 11:30 pm DJ and Dancing

Sunday, October 10

8:30 am – 10:00 am Gather for Chatter and Coffee

10:00 am – 3:00 pm Mall of America Water Park**, located in the Radisson Mall of America Hotel. (*Rate not confirmed at this date.*)

Registration materials will be available in August. Watch for the August District 9 newsletter and check the website at <http://www.lpadistrict9.org>.

**Hotel shuttle available to the Mall of America and Water Park during your stay at Comfort Inn.

Interested in helping?

We need your help in making this event a success! Contact Joyce Spector at 952-922-2641 to find out how you can get involved!

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Mark Your Calendars

Twin Cities Chapter Picnic July 17
Shoreview Pavilion *1-5 p.m.*

District 9 Fall Conference Oct. 8-10
Comfort Inn, Bloomington, MN

Remember to RSVP! See inside for info.

Want to help plan an event or activity?

Email Heather at hmlee@umn.edu.