

Eastern Echoes

District 3 Of LPA

Summer 2013 Newsletter



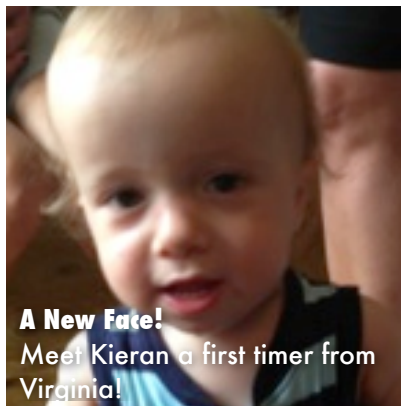
Girls just wanna have fun

Madison, Brea and Sophi dance the night away at the National Conference held in Washington DC.

A Capitol Time in DC!

During the first week of July 2,215 people came to the Marriott Wardman Park for the 2013 National LPA Conference. There were 18

c o u n t r i e s represented and this was the first conference to be officially run by the Conference Management Committee and they did a great job! District 3



A New Face!
Meet Kieran a first timer from Virginia!

was there to lend support as volunteers in the different areas.

The Board meeting took place Saturday through Sunday and your District Director, Stephanie Brandon, attended the two day meeting.

The following is from the minutes of the board meeting.

President's Report

President Gary Arnold's report was distributed to the Board at the meetings. Gary highlighted the accomplishments of the year, and thanked all of the Executive Committee members, Directors, staff, and committee members who do the work of LPA. He noted this was the first national conference completely run by the Conference Management

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Letter from the District Director

Hello Everyone. Phew! Well we did it! We helped to host the first National in our district since 1989! Thanks to all those who volunteered and helped out. For me it was great helping Jim Kay put together things for the archive. Our district has so much history it's great to be able to show it. I have a box of old newsletters from Ann Hinkson that were from the 60's and 70's. Did you know the hotel cost for on regional was \$10! We are in the



Picture with the President
Stephanie and the President of LPA , Gary Arnold, at the National Banquet.

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As you will notice the name of the newsletter has been restored to Eastern Echoes. This was the name for the newsletter that won the naming contest. It's important that while looking back we continue to look forward. Its great to be using MailChimp to send out the

process of scanning those newsletters and posting them online. If you have any old newsletters please scan them and send them to me at

newsletter electronically. It saves so much time for my officers and myself and we are able to get better data back as far as who is opening it and what links are being clicked on. We are working on moving to online registration for regionals and have been approved by PayPal to use the nonprofit fee when collecting donations...Yeap that's right you can now donate online! Well that's all for now. Enjoy the newsletter and all the great photos from the national!

Take care!

-Stephanie Brandon

District 3 Director

District 3 Treasurer's Report - 2nd Quarter 2013 ending June 31, 2013

Respectfully Submitted by Cathy Hughes

Checking Account Balance		\$ 8,082.79
	(Restricted funds D3 Teens \$651.73)	
Savings Account (Samaritan's fund) Balance		\$ 3,126.82
Savings Account (Geddie-Eyler fund) Balance		<u>\$13,910.38</u>
TOTAL		\$25,119.99
EXPENSES		
	NSF Check & fees	\$127.00
	Supplies	\$78.10
	Dwarfism Awareness Bracelets	\$90.85
	Director Stipend to attend National Conf.	\$500.00
	Regional Expenses	<u>\$3,161.86</u>
TOTAL		\$3,957.81
INCOME		
	Regional income	\$3,910.00
	Interest	<u>.46</u>
TOTAL		\$ 3,910.46

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Committee. He also discussed the passage of the Revised Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, and how they will drive the goals for the coming year.



All Smiles
Paige poses for a photo during the conference.

Senior VP's Report

Senior VP Bill Bradford noted the activities of the Archives and Employment Committees he oversees. He also discussed how LPA could get more involved with other disability groups.

VP of Membership's Report

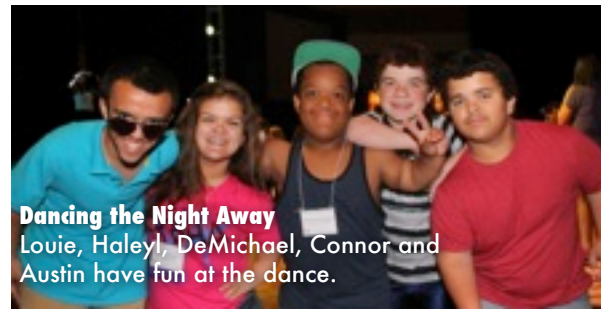
VP of Membership Ethan Crough discussed the distributions of new members this year, and plans to generate more membership statistics. There were 1,015 new and renewed memberships this year.

VP of Programs' Report

VP of Programs Jonathan North reported there were 20 Kitchens Fund recipients of financial assistance to attend their first conference, which consumed about 1/2 of the fund balance. He also has processed the applications for educational scholarships to be presented this week, and he is working on updating the scholarship application process.

VP of Public Relations' Report

VP of Public Relations Leah Smith discussed the accomplishments of the year in promoting a positive image of little people in the media, and the media activities associated with this year's conference. She noted the press release for the conference focuses on the LPA policy agenda and other initiatives. Media is only allowed to film at three events:



Dancing the Night Away
Louie, Haley, DeMichael, Connor and Austin have fun at the dance.

the banquet, general assembly and the Expo.

VP of Finance's Report

Vice President of Finance Jason Rasa's financial report was distributed to the Board at the meeting. As of April 30, 2013, the LPA had total assets of \$1,213,000, much of which is held in restricted funds. He noted that the national conference accounting is now tracked by the national bookkeeper, as all income and expenses now runs through one conference bank account. There was a discussion of the conference budget, which now includes more subsidized events to reduce attendee costs, which reduce the ability to generate a conference profit.

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Picture time
The ladies from D3 pose for a picture at the dance while Josh photo bombs!

Upcoming LPA National Conferences

2014 National Conference
San Diego, CA

2015 National Conference
St. Louis, MO

2016 National Conference
Boston, MA

District 3 Spring Regional General Assembly Meeting

April 20, 2013

Marriott Wardman Park,
Washington DC

General Assembly Meeting -
The meeting was called to order
by District Director, Stephanie
Brandon, at 10:24AM.

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

In lieu of reading minutes from
the October 2012 Regional in
Greenville, SC a motion was
made by Nick Bunner to accept
the minutes as published in the
winter District 3 newsletter.
Colleen Geofredda seconded,
no objections were made and
the motion was passed.

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

1. The National Conference
planning fees will be
reimbursed to the District
once the DC conference is
over.
2. New Line Item-Restricted
Teen Fund
3. ENews is cutting expenses.
4. The Fall Regional final count
was a net profit of \$32.71

OLD BUSINESS:

Survey Monkey
was utilized and
considered to be
the best way to
c o m m u n i c a t e
m e m b e r ' s
opinions and desires for the
District. Regarding Regionals
attendance is based 82.6% on
cost and 62.5% on location.
87.5% of the membership wants
online registration for Regionals
75% loved the Embassy Suites
and it will be the preferred
future choice of hotels.

Samaritan Fund-3 families have
been helped within the past
year.

FaceBook- the District's FB page
has 282 members & growing

Newsletter conversion to email
is going well. We need an
accurate email address for
every member, or for them to
advise they need a paper copy.

NEW BUSINESS:

LPA will be revising the
National Bylaws & Articles.
Ballots will be mailed to all
membership from National
before the conference in DC.
They are trying to clean up and
bring into compliance all
information.

Board Division-Nick handed out
copies of the board structure of
LPA. Districts will still be lead



by Directors but the Directors
will no longer sit on the
National Board. The members
will be represented by 3
Regional representatives.
Joanna Campbell advised that
packets will be going out in the
next week for members to vote
on the Bylaw changes and the
Board Restructure. Discussion
will be on the National website
and there will be two
conference calls to discuss the
restructure that members are
encouraged to call in for if they
have questions. The ballots are
to be returned to Ron Piro.

Chapter Rotation for Regionals:

Fall 2013 - Colonial
Chapter-Raleigh, NC - Nov
1st-3rd, 2013 Embassy Suites
Research Triangle Park, \$99 &
tax rate per night.

Spring 2014 - Blue
Ridge Chapter-Hotels are
currently being researched.

CHAPTER UPDATES:

MarValous: Sasha gave
update, the Geofredda's are
hosting the next meeting on

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Geddie-Eyler Fund returned to District 3

When you looked at the Treasurers report in this newsletter you saw a new item called the Eyler/Geddie Fund. When the Eyler/Geddie Fund was first set up it was for the use of Delmarva Chapter. The Eylers helped start the chapter and served as officers for many years. It stayed in national until the death of Louise Eyler. The National office alerted Dee Miller and the District officers that they wanted to transfer the money to the district.

First, it was for Delmarva Chapter members, either scholarship, medical or

hardship. Betty, Pat and Dee were long time friends of the Eylers and they kept in touch with them. They discussed the fund often in the early years when it was first set up for Joe Geddie, Louise's brother.

According to the paper work that was sent to the National office it stated that, "Earnings from the endowment shall be used to provide scholarships for Little People from the Delmarva Chapter (17). If there are no candidates from the Delmarva Chapter then scholarships shall be made available to little people from District 3. If there are no candidates from Chapter 17 or District 3 then applications can

be considered from the entire LPA membership."

The District officers along with Dee Miller are working on an application, process and setting up a committee to review the applications.

Do keep in mind that there is also the District 3 Samaritan Fund available for members who need financial assistance. You can read it in the District 3 policy manual <http://www.carolinianlpa.org/d3/docs/District 3 Policy Manual.pdf>

The applications are kept confidential and can be emailed upon request to a District Officer.

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May 19th. Details are on the Chapter's Face Book page.

Carolinian: Calli gave the update advising the chapter held meetings in December, January and March. The next meeting is in Murrells Inlet, SC on May 18th. Cali advised the member's desire for the December Holiday party to be inexpensive or at no cost. The chapter will be holding fundraisers (including raffling a Kindle Fire) to accomplish that goal.

Colonial: No member from Chapter was able to attend, but they have reported to Stephanie that the Chapter is hard at work

planning the Fall Regional in November.

ChesDelBay: No Report from Chapter.

Blue Ridge: No Report from Chapter.

A stipend for the District Director to attend the National in DC was discussed and a motion brought forth from Michael Patton for the District to assist with the Directors expenses to attend. Greg Lawrence seconded, all were in favor and the motion was passed.

There being no other business to come before the group, Stephanie asked for questions from the membership. Marge

Carlisle advised if there were any questions regarding the DAAA games to see her.

Drawing for the gas card was pulled and the winner was Sasha Marie.

Nick Bunner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Katie Miller seconded, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:59am.

Members were then advised the CMC would be back after a five minute break.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia France,

District Secretary

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



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

Ches Del Bay Chapter



Norman Rust
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The chapter consists of the state of Delaware, the Eastern shore of Maryland and Virginia, east of the Chesapeake Bay, North-Northeast to the Susquehanna River to the Pennsylvania state line.

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



Careful... Careful...

Brea and Courtney play Jenga at a recent Carolinian Chapter meeting held in Asheville, NC.

Chapter Updates

Marvalous Chapter

The Chapter went to a game at Ripken Stadium to watch the Aberdeen IronBirds on September 2nd. They had a nice turnout and were happy to cheer the team to the playoffs. Plans are underway for events in October and December.

Carolinian Chapter

The chapter has been busy with activity! We had a meeting in Mint Hill in July and then we went to Asheville in early August. Thanks to Sally Laws for having her company donating their box at the Charlotte Nights Stadium for one of the last home games in the old Stadium!

Colonial Chapter

Besides having meeting in the area the chapter has been busy planning the Fall Regional which will be held Nov 1st-3rd in Raleigh, NC. It's promises to be a Roaring good time and hope to see you there!

Ches Del Bay Chapter

The Chapter is looking forward to celebrating Dwarfism Awareness month in October.

Blue Ridge Chapter

The Blue Ridge Chapter is excited to see what's in store. We hope to meet more often and try to determine ways to get more people involved. Currently we are few in number and we hope we will grow. We met in July at Famous Anthony's then met in September at Grady and Alice Horndt's home in Lexington, VA. Our main focus is to reach out to people that we haven't seen in a long time and to locate people that are not aware LPA exist. We will elect officers soon and hope that will be a step forward to getting our chapter active once again. We are only as strong as we make ourselves. If you know anyone in our area that needs a call or card, please let Emily Meador know by emailing her at emeador@shentel.net.

National Office Report

National Office staff members Sandy Taylor and Vicky Schultz discussed the activities in the office in Southern California over the past year. The office has processed over 1,000 household memberships so far in 2013. They have already processed many lapsed memberships at the conference. There are currently 6,851 members, up about 200 over last year.

The office processes hundreds of phone calls and e-mails per month from members, non-members, LPA officers, medical professionals, and the general public. They also process the conference registrations that are not done on-line, there were only about 60 this year, as most members have mastered the on-line system.

As part of the Bylaws that were adopted by the membership in 2013, the Board of Directors will transition from a 20 member body to a 11 member body.

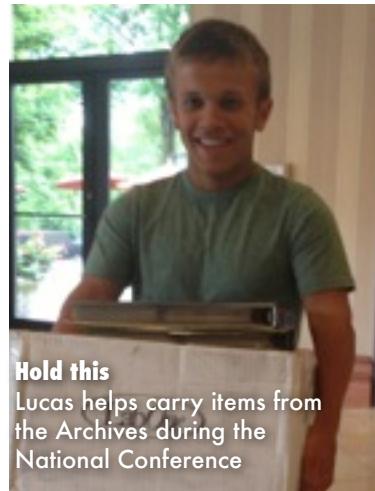


Lovely Ladies
Colleen and Dee both were honored at the Banquet for their service with LPA.

Under the new structure, District Directors will no longer serve on the board. To facilitate communication between District Directors and the Board of Directors, the new Bylaws established a Council of Directors, which will meet at least twice a year.

The District Directors held an open forum among themselves on issues specific to the operation of the districts, including:

- Definition of new Council of District Directors
- Standard practices for financial record keeping for Districts and Chapters
- Standard practices for regional meetings planning
- Training for Director transitions
- Procedures for having states proclaim Dwarfism Awareness Day
- Expanding membership with a "supporting member" category



Hold this
Lucas helps carry items from the Archives during the National Conference

Discussion then turned to the definition of the new Board of Directors in the Revised Bylaws approved in June 2013.

After a brief caucus of the District Directors by regions, the following

appointments were made:

- The eastern directors appointed Joe Zrinski as the Eastern Regional At-Large Representative.
- The central directors appointed Dan Verscha as the Central Regional At-Large Representative.
- The western directors appointed Mike Mallinson as the Western Regional At-Large Representative.

If you would like to see the full minutes from the National Board Meeting just email Stephanie at LPADistrict3@yahoo.com.

Thanks to all those who came to the District 3 Meetup! We had a great turn out and it was a great way to meet new members and catch up with old friends you had yet to see at the National.



Let's Meetup!

The District 3 Meetup was a great success filling the room with old and new members.

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.

BRING THE ROAR TO RALEIGH!

THE COLONIAL CHAPTER OF LPA INVITES YOU TO COME RELEASE YOUR INNER ANIMAL AT OUR SAFARI FOR THE DISTRICT 3 FALL REGIONAL IN RALEIGH, NC

NOVEMBER 1ST-3RD

EMBASSY SUITES RALEIGH-DURHAM/ RESEARCH TRIANGLE EAST

201 HARRISON OAKS BLVD, CARY, NC 27513

ROOM RATES ARE \$99 PLUS TAX.

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

Make your reservation by calling the hotel at 919.677.1840

The special room rate expires October 7th, 2013.

District 3

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