IT’S ABOUT THANKSGIVING!

President’s Message
By David Qualls, P.T.

Fall is in the air. How wonderful. The feeling of fall reminds me of the support you all gave to our Fall Meeting. You deserve a “BIG” thank you.

Nearly 250 of you attended our Fall Meeting in Baton Rouge. How great it was. I hope you all enjoyed the fellowship while you were being educated. Again, we give thanks to the Women’s Health Section of APTA who provided the women’s health course. No honorarium was required. This was their gift to Louisiana to help with storm recovery. How wonderful and giving our Association is. Also, please congratulate our new officers and send notes to our award winners. The Fall Meeting is always so good.

This is also the time of year that we begin to prepare for the new LPTA year and our winter Board Retreat. Please send messages to any member of the Board of Directors concerning ideas or issues you wish to be discussed at this meeting. Our retreat will be the day before the board meeting. We will review our board structure and job descriptions. We will also be preparing for the 2008 legislative session.

2007 has been an active year for us. Much was accomplished here in Louisiana and at APTA. LPTA did make our presence known both locally and nationally. For this I thank you and please continue your work and support of LPTA.

That’s all for now. Enjoy the pumpkin patch and hope to see you soon.
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LPTA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
Please continue to encourage your fellow PTs, PTAs and students to join or renew their APTA/LPTA membership!

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UPCOMING EVENTS
Mark Your Calendar NOW!

2007

October 26-28
National Student Conclave
Valley Forge, PA

November 10
Southern Region Leadership Development Seminar
New Orleans, LA

November 16-18
APTA’s Preview 2020
Phoenix, AZ

2008

January - TBD
Board of Director’s Retreat
Woodworth, LA

March 28-30
2008 Spring Meeting
Lafayette Hilton
Lafayette, LA

Speaker: Christopher Powers

September 5-7
2008 Fall Meeting
Holiday Inn Select
Baton Rouge, LA
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT REPORT
by Beth Ward, Shreveport District Chair

The Shreveport District has been very busy since the Fall Meeting. On September 29th, we held the fourth annual Hustle for Your Health 5K fun run to raise awareness of PT in the community. This year's proceeds, totaling $2700, will go to AMBUCS for therapy tricycles for disabled children. Under beautiful skies and moderate temperatures, we had 230 participants this year!! Lynette Crain with AMBUCS presented 2 new trikes to deserving little girls at the race. The new addition of the corporate challenge increased our numbers by 75, and BPCC won that challenge. All in all, this event could not have been more perfect!

The Jurisprudence Course sponsored by the LSBTPE is October 18th at the new Allied Health building on the campus of LSUHSC. This will also be LPTA's last meeting of the year, with the election of a new District Chair at that meeting.

I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as District Chair for the past two years. I have long realized that the more you put into an organization, the more you reap benefits, and I have truly been blessed to serve as District Chair, and on the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. The friendships I have made and the knowledge gained is invaluable, and I look forward to serving in another capacity in this organization if allowed.

PT MONTH CELEBRATION

On October 16th, physical therapists from the Eunice and Mamou area gathered at a luncheon to celebrate National Physical Therapy Month. The guest speaker was Katherine Krieg, Dean of Our Lady of the Lake College’s PTA program. She spoke about current topics and educational requirements affecting physical therapists and PTAs. A special guest at the luncheon was State Representative Mickey Guillory, a member of the Health and Welfare Committee, who encouraged everyone to keep in close contact with their Representatives about issues concerning the physical therapy profession. The event was hosted by RehabXcel Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine of Eunice.

LPTA RECEIVES FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AWARD

The Louisiana Chapter was awarded the APTA 2007 Outstanding Chapter Effort in Financial Management Award. This award is given for active involvement of the treasurer; appropriate procedures to formulate, and execute the budget processes; timely and accurate financial statement preparation and a sound investment policy.

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participants in her course were positive. Dr. Timothy Flynn, PT, OCS, FAAOMPT had 210 participants in his course, “Manual Physical Therapy Management of the Spine- An Update on Current Best Evidence on Spinal Manipulation”.

ELECTIONS AND AWARDS
Greg LeBlanc of Baton Rouge was re-elected as Vice President and Rick Coogler of Metairie was re-elected as Treasurer. Gail Pearce of Shreveport was elected as Chief Delegate and will take over effective immediately since Paul Hildreth resigned after being elected to the APTA Nominating Committee. Delegates elected were Kitty Krieg and Kinta LeBlanc for two-year terms and Billy Naquin was elected as alternate delegate.

The 2007 Dave Warner Distinguished Service Award was presented to the dynamic duo of Greg LeBlanc and Kinta LeBlanc for their dedicated service to the LPTA and continued support of the PT profession. Lisa George was presented with the PTA Distinguished Service Award for her outstanding service and dedication to her patients. Expadie Laperouse was elected to the LPTA Hall of Fame for his many years of service and as a pioneer of physical therapy in Louisiana. The 2007 Friend of Physical Therapy Award was presented to two very deserving nominees. First, to Kim Bueche-Hardman for her devotion to promote physical therapy and physical therapists in the insurance industry. The second award to Joe Ferrer and Dana Louviere of Bio-Med of Louisiana for their long standing commitment and support of the LPTA and its members. They have been exhibitors at our chapter meetings for the past 15 years. Senator Sherri Cheek was selected as the Legislator of the Year Award for her support of the PT profession in the legislature. She was unable to attend the luncheon so the Shreveport District will present her award at their next meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING
Actions approved in the September 14, 2007 Board of Directors meeting and the September 15, 2007 General Membership meeting were:

- To direct the LPTA executive staff to enter into an agreement between LPTA and Groupsource (Office Depot Purchase Program) upon approval from the APTA.

BUSINESS MEETING -Actions approved
- That mileage reimbursement for those members as specified in the LPTA Expense Reimbursement Guidelines be increased from $0.24 per mile to $0.35 per mile.
- Approved the 2008 budget.
- Approved amendments to Bylaws.

2007 FALL MEETING
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2007 FALL MEETING AWARD WINNERS

Dave Warner Distinguished Service Award winners Greg LeBlanc and Kinta LeBlanc with LPTA President David Qualls.

Beth Winkler-Schmit with Lisa George, PTA Distinguished Service Award winner and LPTA President David Qualls.

LPTA Secretary Judith Halverson with Joe Ferrer and Dana Louviere of Bio-Med of Louisiana one of our Friend of Physical Therapy Award winners.

Gini Davis, Kim Bueche-Hardman, Friend of Physical Therapy Award winner and LPTA President David Qualls.

Expadie Laperouse (center) with family and friends for his induction into the LPTA Hall of Fame.
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PTA CAUCUS REPRESENTATIVE

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DON’T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR LICENSE!

You can contact the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners at (337)262-1043 if you have any questions.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT REPORT

By Amelia Leonardi, District Chair

The New Orleans District celebrated Physical Therapy month by participating in Making Strides for Breast Cancer, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, September 29 at Audubon Park. Physical Therapy New Orleans Team came in First Place by raising $3,880!! Robin Childs raised the fifth most money of any participant in the event, raising $1,245.

Over 30 PTs, PTAs, students, family and friends walked the 5K event. We hosted a physical therapy information table, handing out Walking for Exercise brochures, bottled water, and brochures from area PT clinics.

The New Orleans District met on August 21st at Ochsner Medical Foundation. Barbara Adcock, PT and Cheryl Gaudin from the LSBPTE presented their Jurisprudence course. Approximately 80 PTs and PTs attended and received two CEUs.
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