President’s Message

Casting Call!

As I write this message to you, I do so with a heavy heart thinking about the very unfortunate disaster that we are currently experiencing in the gulf. How this crisis will ultimately affect our coast, our economy, and our people is yet to be seen, but extremely daunting to say the least. We must continue to be heedful in assisting those friends and family who are either directly or indirectly affected by this monumental historical event.

I hope that each of you have otherwise had a wonderful start to the summer season and a personally fruitful first half of 2010. Hopefully, there are plans for a little rest and relaxation at some point during the remainder of the summer with a grilled hamburger or hot dog, a cool refreshment, and a delightful dessert in your near future.

I am looking forward to the remainder of 2010 and while I work on one of the items on the LPTA to do list, I can’t help but relate it to a casting call where we are looking for “PT superstars” to be honored and recognized by their colleagues. Many of you are aware that at the fall meeting we recognize our colleagues for accomplishments and achievements they have made as members of the LPTA or friends as they have worked for the advancement of the physical therapy profession. We frequently recognize our patients for their achievements, however at times we are a little inattentive in recognizing within our own professional network. Without nominees, it makes a difficult, so I my plea that you recognize those around you who have demonstrated qualities and achievements worthy of recognition by the LPTA.

The first award to be granted is the Dave Warner Distinguished Service Award, which is presented to the physical therapist who has exhibited exceptional service to the LPTA as well as to other organizations to which he or she belongs. Our next award is the PTA Distinguished Service Award which is given to the physical therapist assistant who has likewise demonstrated exceptional service to the LPTA and the community. I know there are many individuals currently serving that are worthy of recognition and I ask that as you read this and think of them, that you simply submit their name for consideration. Induction into the LPTA Hall of Fame is presented to the professional who has made lasting effects on the profession.

The other two awards to be presented are for our non clinical

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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!

2010
September 24-26
LPTA Fall Meeting
Baton Rouge, LA

September 26-28
State Government Affairs Forum
Portland, OR

2011
February 9-13
CSM
New Orleans, LA

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friends. The Friend of Physical Therapy Award is presented to the person or organization that has made significant contributions to the Physical Therapy Profession as a friend or non-clinician. Second, last, and certainly not least is the Legislator of the Year Award given to the legislator who has championed PT related issues or has been an advocate for our profession and patients even in the face of opposition.

“Moving Forward” into the second half of 2010, I again ask that you take just a moment out of your day to recognize those people who come to mind as you read this message and look at the award nomination criteria on the LPTA website found at www.lpta.org. We respectfully ask that these nominations be submitted by July 27 in order for the executive committee to complete its task in selecting the recipients in a timely manner. I also hope and pray that when I write to you next time, we have been informed with comforting news that the oil pouring into the gulf has been stopped and we have begun the long and arduous cleanup process that could last for many years to come. As always, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you feel I may be able to answer or concerns that you would like to discuss. Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing in Baton Rouge at the LPTA Fall Meeting September 24-26.

CALL FOR 2010 FALL MEETING MOTIONS

If you would like to make a motion for the Fall Business Meeting please send the motion to the LPTA office by July 15th. You can email it to office@lpta.org or mail to LPTA, 8550 United Plaza Blvd., Ste. 1001, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

New Orleans District Report

A New Orleans District Meeting was held Monday, April 19, 2010 at Children’s Hospital. Speaker was Dr. Andrew King, Professor & Dept Head of LSUHSC Dept of Orthopedics. His very interesting talk was titled: “Goals of treatment in early onset scoliosis: Straight spine or good lungs?” The participants enjoyed a light supper hosted by the PT Dept of Children’s Hospital.

Prior to Dr. King’s talk a business meeting was held. Discussion included the latest at the State Legislature affecting members and a review of potential upcoming changes of Rules & Regulations by the PT Board.

Amelia Leonardi, PT, MHS
District Chair, New Orleans
CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
2010 FALL ABSTRACTS

- ABSTRACTS are requested from persons wishing to make poster or platform presentations of original research and case studies.
- Instructions for preparing and submitting an abstract are provided on the LPTA website (www.lpta.org—click on Meetings) or call the LPTA office at (225) 922-4614. The deadline is Friday, August 20, 2010.

Please plan to attend these presentations on Friday, September 24, 2010 and show your support for our profession and research in the state of Louisiana.
Call for Nominations

The Nomination Committee is now accepting nominations for candidates for the following offices: Vice President, Treasurer, one Delegate, Governmental Affairs Chair and Nominating Chair.

Please submit your nomination to Anna Means by Friday, July 16, 2010. Candidates will be asked to submit a candidate statement, which will be published in the July/August issue of the Bayou Bulletin. Please contact Anna Means at ameans@edgephysicaltherapy.com or 318-841-0696 if you would like to make a nomination, self-nominate, or if you have any questions or need further information on these positions. We welcome and encourage your participation and look forward to a full ballot.

STUDENT SPEAK

Welcome to all the new PT students! We encourage you to take part and stay active in the LPTA. We also encourage you to join and take part in the Student Special Interest Group. Our next SSIG meeting will be held at the fall meeting in Baton Rouge on September 24th at 4:00pm. Our fundraiser and guest speaker are TBA. Next issue we will have a statement from a student who attended the PT 2010 annual conference. Good Luck and we look forward to seeing you at the fall meeting!

Krista Koonce, SPT
SSIG Director

Step up to Fitness

We have several LPTA pedometers left over from PT Day at the Capitol. They are a great way to get your patients, family and/or staff motivated to get fit. Have your own Fitness Challenge! Proclaim the winner.

Fittest Patient          Fittest Husband          Fittest Grandparent
Fittest PT/PTA/Tech      Fittest Wife            Fittest BFF
Fittest Department Head  Fittest Child           Fittest Athlete

Promote fitness and your profession at the same time – pick up a LPTA pedometer while supplies last.

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LPTA Pedometer—$3 each ______Quantity ______Subtotal  Call LPTA Office for postage Amount
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Mail check/credit card payment to the LPTA office at 8550 United Plaza Blvd., Ste. 1001, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.
Visceral, Neural & Articular Manual Therapy Seminars

An integrative approach to evaluation and treatment of any musculoskeletal dysfunction requires assessment of the structural relationships between the viscera, and their fascial or ligamentous attachments to the musculoskeletal system. All viscera have physiological motion that relates to normal pain-free movement; so knowledge of these relationships and the anatomy involved are essential to see patients within an integrated framework (Visceral Manipulation).

An integrated approach also requires attention to mechanical relationships between the cranium/spine hard frame to the dura and neural elements. Neural Manipulation provides assessment and treatment approaches to address restrictions of the dural and neural components not commonly focused on with musculoskeletal symptoms.

New Manual Articular Approach applies an integrative approach to the treatment of joints. It evaluates all aspects of the joint including the nerve, artery, bone, capsule, and ligaments, as well as visceral and emotional connections. It incorporates soft tissue mobilization of the associated bones, while looking at direct and indirect relationships between the bones of the body.

Visceral Manipulation: Organ-Specific Fascial Mobilization; Abdomen 1 (VM1)
- Jun 10-13 Pittsburgh, PA
- Jun 10-13 Burlington, VT
- Jun 10-13 Phoenix, AZ
- Jun 24-27 Chicago, IL
- Jun 24-27 Portland, OR
- Aug 12-15 Washington, DC
- Aug 26-29 St. Louis, MO
- Aug 26-29 Boston, MA
- Sep 11-14 Atlanta, GA

Neural Manipulation:
Neuromeningeal Manipulation; An Integrative Approach to Trauma (NM1)
- Nov 5-7 Albuquerque, NM

New Manual Articular Approach (MAA)
- MAA: Upper Extremity (MAUE)
  - Jul 10-12 Palm Beach, FL
- MAA: Lower Extremity (MALE)
  - Jul 15-17 Palm Beach, FL
- MAA: Spine & Pelvis (MASP)
  - Jul 23-25 Sedona, AZ
  - Jul 29-31 New Orleans, LA

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To register call 866-522-7725 or visit our website at barralinstitute.com.

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PTs Capitalized at the Capitol

Legislators are asking, “When are the Physical Therapists coming back?” How did we do this? We did it by:

1. Educating Legislators and staff about our knowledge base through demonstrating our manual skills and
2. Promoting fitness by sponsoring a “Committee Room Run” contest.

The key element in lobbying is having a great relationship with Legislators. It seems we forged a strong one this year even though the atmosphere this session was different.

For the past three PT Legislative events we put up tables and educated the Legislators and staff on our expertise in muscular skeleton disorders. Now some therapists have a following; people were specifically asking for Bruno Steiner. This is great; they are getting to know us!

We added a new aspect, fitness. Legislators were given a LPTA pedometer. One week later, the Legislator who called in with the most steps won. Rep. Jerome Richard of Thibodaux was our winner with 81,349 steps. He will receive a trophy, the title “Fittest Legislator”, and $1000 to a Recreational Center of his choice in his district on July 10th in Thibodaux. This event continued to build excitement even after we left. Rep. Walt Leger won 2nd place (with 53,285 steps) and Rep. Abramson (with 52,552 steps) took 3rd. We were written up in John Maginnis’ prestigious LaPolitics, in the Legislator’s newsletter, and after the award is presented, it will be published in a local paper. Legislators, who did not pick up a pedometer the day we were there, are requesting one because they keep reading about our exciting event.

This was the first year PTs donated to a Recreational Center. We had a deadline and we were not sure how much would come in. We received $1000 when we needed to make the announcement. Then after the announcement, $850 more dollars arrived! We will save the latter amount for next year’s donation to help kids get fit. Susan Blanchard did a great job coordinating donations.

We could not have done been successful without those who volunteered and those who donated:

PT/PTA Volunteers:

Kelly Bernard  Steve Levins
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Ronnie Helwig  Bruno Steiner
Amelia Leonardi  Beth Winkler-Schmidt

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Lindsey Day       Hannah Lowe       Luke Storrs
Robbie Lazarine       Lydia Tompkin       Johnathan Bongfiglio
Mari Kantro       Karissa Wimsatt       Whitney Bradford
Chelsea Martinez

You all are just great! Your selfless giving of your time is noble and donating in these economic times is very gracious. When you see one of these people, thank them even if they don’t want it; thank them anyway because they deserve it!

The Legislators are looking for us to return next year so we will. We are one of the most exciting groups who go to the Capital! Come join the fun and become a Patron. Again, we are grateful to all who have participated and contributed to PT Legislative Day!

Alice Quaid
PT Day at the Capitol Coordinator
CALL FOR AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being solicited to honor deserving persons who have made special contributions to the Physical Therapy profession in Louisiana. Retired or currently out-of-state Physical Therapists who have made lasting significant contributions to the profession are eligible for the LPTA Hall of Fame. Active Louisiana Physical Therapists are eligible for the Dave Warner Distinguished Service Award. Non-PT’s are eligible to be recognized as a Friend of Physical Therapy. Physical Therapist Assistants who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in clinical practice, community service and personal commitment to physical therapy may be nominated for the PTA Distinguished Service Award. Nominations should be submitted on office letterhead in the general format(s) described below.

Selection of the Friend of Physical Therapy and the Dave Warner Distinguished Service Award will be made by the LPTA Executive Committee. Specific recent contributions for the benefit of the profession or to society on behalf of the profession will both merit consideration. Hall of Fame inductees are elected by the LPTA Board of Directors. The PTA Distinguished Service Award is decided by an Awards Committee appointed by the LPTA President. If you know of a person who deserves consideration for one of these awards, please submit a nomination containing as much of the information called for in the applicable nomination format that you can obtain. Send to: LPTA, 8550 United Plaza Boulevard, Suite 1001, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, or by fax to (225) 408-4422 or by email to office@lpta.org.

DAVE WARNER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Nomination Format

Nominations should be submitted in the format below and should be limited to two pages in length.

1. Name of Nominee
2. Address
3. Number of years as licensed physical therapist.
4. Has the physical therapist been actively practicing in Louisiana at least 2 years?
5. Where is the nominee employed?
6. What type of position is held?
7. What has the nominee contributed?
   A. Through present job or past job if retired.
   B. Through any other level (APTA, publications, research, etc.)
8. In what way has the nominee contributed to community activities in the last 3 years?
9. In what other organizations does the nominee participate (professional or civic)?
10. In what way has the nominee continued his education during his professional career (graduate courses, course work, etc.)?
11. What other special interests or abilities does the nominee possess (art, literature, politics, finance, etc.)?
12. Briefly summarize why you think the nominee merits consideration for this award.

LPTA HALL OF FAME

There is no set format for nominations. Nominations will be judged on their lasting impact on and contributions to the profession of Physical Therapy. Eligibility for this award is limited to:

1. Nominees who have belonged to the LPTA and APTA.
2. Nominees who practiced in Louisiana for at least 5 years.
3. Nominees who are retired or no longer work in Louisiana.

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PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Eligibility and Procedure
A nominee for the award must be a licensed PTA and member in good standing of the American Physical Therapy Association.

An individual may receive the award only once in a three (3) year period.

Nominations shall be submitted in writing to include name/contact information of the nominee and a written statement on how this individual is a worthy candidate specifically addressing the award criteria. The written statement must include name, signature and APTA membership number of the nominator.

Criteria for Selection
Outstanding achievements in delivery of care and/or service to the Association and Profession are demonstrated by:

- Contributing professionally to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association;
- Serving the community through activities that enhance quality of life and function;
- Representing and promoting the role of the PTA through education, practice, or research;
- Promoting ethical standards and professional conduct among peers, patients, and students;
- Pursuing professional development through continuing education (for example, courses, workshops, in-services, etc); and;
- Encouraging patients, peers, or students to perform at, or strive to achieve their optimal potential.

FRIEND OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Nomination Format
Nominations should be submitted in the format shown below and should be limited to two pages in length.

1. Name of Nominee.
2. Address.
3. Profession/Education.
4. What has the nominee contributed to the physical therapy profession over the last three years?
5. Hobbies, special interests/abilities, organizations, etc.
6. Briefly summarize why you think this nominee merits consideration of this award.

Deadline to submit a nomination is July 27, 2010.

Awards will be presented at the 2010 Fall Meeting. Suggestions on how to improve this program are also welcome.
For the LPTA Spotlight this month I proudly present Louisiana’s own Geneva R. Johnson, PT, PhD, FAPTA. Let me first say that I’m pretty sure I will not be able to adequately convey this absolutely fantastic lady’s history, much less communicate how she currently continues contribute to our profession. So I decided to let her tell her own story (with a little help from me).

Born in Eunice, Louisiana in 1922, Geanie remained in Louisiana for a few years after graduating from high school from Oberlin High, in Oberlin, Louisiana, continuing her studies at Southwestern Institute (currently known as ULL) with a B.S. Certificate in Physical Therapy. Her first position as a physical therapist was at Lawson General Hospital then she began her travels.

Next stop was service in the Army of the United States (as differentiated from the US Army which was the designation for “regular” army personnel) as a 2nd lieutenant at Beaumont Army Hospital in El Paso, TX for 2 years. Returning to civilian work, she traveled to North Carolina and worked for a year at the time of polio epidemics.

Traveling again, this time to Iowa, her quest for knowledge called her back to graduate school at the University of Iowa but she did not obtain a degree at that time. After marrying Eugene Bartolett “Bart” Johnson in 1950, her reserve unit called her back to duty during the Korean Conflict being assigned to Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado for 2 years. (Fitzsimmons was a Chest Center which served personnel who had every imaginable disorder that damages lungs. Coincidentally the drug that cured tuberculosis was discovered while she was there.) Geanie notes that along with the patients with lung ailments, she also treated patients with polio, TBI, SCI and various other ailments. She commented that Army hospitals in those days provided an array of services to their patients, and no one was discharged without having had attention to the whole person. This holistic approach to health care was eliminated as the Veterans Administration services became available, which she says, “is a long story in itself.”

Brook Army Hospital in San Antonio, Texas was her next stop, but only for a year when she was discharged for the second time and subsequently traveled to Houston, Texas. There she says she was privileged to develop a small center under the auspices of Baylor College of Medicine, described as a sort of primitive, but functional, unit that served the homeless who were housed in what we presently refer to as a skilled nursing facility.
Graduate school again became a priority, due in part to the influence of one of her long time friends who told her she could work forever therefore she should finish at least one graduate degree. Despite her good intentions to finish graduate school, she and Bart moved to Augusta, Georgia where she worked at a new hospital associated with the school of medicine there. She reminisces that she was greeted with the notice that she was to start planning an educational program for the preparation of the physical therapist. However, she put her foot down and let it be known that would not happen until she completed a master’s degree. Commuting to the University of South Carolina in Columbia allowed her to finally reach her post graduate degree goal with the completion of her MA.

So I bet you’re thinking she next developed that baccalaureate program for the preparation of the physical therapist. Well, not exactly. Instead Geanie accepted an invitation to a faculty position at Western Reserve University, (now Case Western Reserve University), to develop the first post-baccalaureate program in physical therapy education. It only took a few months before she became the academic administrator for that program—the first in the country. (That was considered the forerunner of the present DPT programs.) That program consisted of 5 full time faculty and several adjuncts, with one student. When the nation fell on hard times, the program was closed as the university eliminated schools. The Graduate Physical Therapy Curriculum was among the programs that were too expensive to operate. However, Geanie shares that the graduates of this program have been outstanding contributors to the profession and the APTA.

Over the next year, Geanie rested (although I’m not sure I believe that she actually knows how to rest) and read the newspaper daily when one day she made an appointment with the former Dean of the School of Nursing. She recalls she was “dressed like I was ready for something good to happen.” During that meeting the dean suggested that she apply for a position as an administrator in the School of Nursing, and after “umpteen” interviews she was offered a position as an Assistant Dean for Administration. In this capacity she spent the next two years in that role and also learning about nursing education at all levels—from the BSN to the Ph.D.

But folks know a good thing when they see it, so Baylor came knocking again for Geanie. She was called to consider a position as the Director of Physical Therapy at The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research, at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, and after packing up and moving to Houston she was appointed Associate Professor, Department of Rehabilitation and Director of the Physical Therapy Department. This position offered her an opportunity to discover if educating physical therapists at a graduate level made a difference in the response of patients to the delivery of physical therapy services. She discovered that physical therapists prepared at the graduate level were highly productive and received raves from their patient and colleagues. Of course, physical therapists have always received raves from their patients so that was not new, however the acknowledgement of the appreciation of patients that was voiced was what she felt made a difference. While at Baylor this time she developed a one year fellowship for new graduates of master’s degree programs.

The quintessential consummate student, Geanie enrolled in the University of Pittsburgh and received a Ph.D. in Higher Education and Administration in 1971. By 1984 she then became a full time consultant in physical therapy education. This position gave her an opportunity to help in the development and organization of educational programs all over the country, as well as overseas. She had the opportunity to work with the faculty at the University of Cairo, Egypt twice, and in the development of an educational program in physical therapy for a private institution in Cairo another year. During that time she also went to Amman, Jordan as a consultant in rehabilitation and had the opportunity to talk with administrators about changing their preparation of physical therapists to the baccalaureate level. She left Jordan just before the beginning of the first Gulf War.

The next adventure for Geanie was at the University of Mobile in Mobile, Alabama where she was a consultant to the university for several years. The university was not successful in recruiting someone to be the dean of a graduate school of physical therapy, so Geanie said that she would assist with the establishment of the school and with the process of accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Physical Therapy Education. These two challenges were accomplished successfully but again the economic situation became an insurmountable issue. It was during this time when young people were being told not to choose physical therapy as a life work because there would be no employment opportunities. Private schools were in jeopardy and the University of Mobile was no exception. Geanie says that even though she stayed beyond the time period to which she had agreed, she was sad to close what she considered was a fine program with a plan in place for advancing the program to the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree.

She moved to Baton Rouge in November of 2000—the first time to be back in her home State since the year after I graduated from college. (Can I get an, “Aaayyyyyeeeaaa”“!!!) The LPTA is so grateful that she decided to return back home! We are so fortunate to have her attend our meetings and provide such wisdom and insight!

In the course of the years, Geanie has been a member of the APTA and has attended every Annual Conference since (Continued on page 14)
Legislature Adjourns Sine Die
2010 Legislative Session

The 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature adjourned “Sine Die” at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 21, 2010 as required by the Louisiana Constitution. The term “Sine Die” is Latin for “without day”, but what it really means is adjournment without a date certain for reconvening. What it means is that the 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature is over and that the legislators will be returning home to their districts.

The 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature was a very busy one for LPTA. There were 2,301 bills filed; 1493 House Bills and 808 Senate Bills. LPTA tracked and monitored 14 bills during the eighty-five day regular session. We have included an updated tracking report for your review. In the coming weeks, we will be producing the Final Report which will provide a more detailed review of the legislative activities during the legislative session.

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1955 except one because she sent a staff member and travel money was limited. She has also attended every Combined Sections meeting except the first one when a staff member was sent to represent all who stayed behind. In fact, a few weeks ago Geanie second-lined through the APTA House of Delegates with the Louisiana Delegation in Boston as part of our promotional “parade” for the Combined Sections Meeting in New Orleans in February 2011. WOW!

This special lady has also received much recognition from her peers including the following awards from the APTA: Lucy Blair Award; Mary McMillan Lecture Award; Catherine A. Worthingham Fellow (Note: Helen J. Hislop and Geanie were the first selected after Catherine herself); The Pauline Cerasetti Lecture Award by the Section on Education. She has served on many committees by appointment at the national and chapter level; served as President of the Ohio Chapter and in other capacities there; and in other chapters, as well. The Alumni Association of graduates of the Army physical therapist educational programs named Geanie an Outstanding Alumni, as did the University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

In the course of her professional activities she has served for the CAPTE as an on-site visitor and served as a commissioner for a term. Since 1996 she has served as the President of the Board of the Physical Therapy Learning Institute, an organization of leaders in physical therapy delivery of physical therapy services, education, and research. The Board functions as a “think tank,” generating ideas and concepts that are important in the advancement of the profession.

Other things that occupy Geanie’s time are service to her church as a Eucharistic Minister, Co-Chair of the Senior Ministry, and a Commissioner on the Community Life Commission; membership in the Women Veterans of Louisiana (an organization which has particular interest in honoring the women who die after having served in some branch of the service-Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corp, Coast Guard). Her hobbies include sewing and reading, especially mysteries. She notes that she sometimes takes a day off and reads all day and into the night. She and Bart also enjoy taking a cruise every now and then.

What’s next for Geanie? Well, she reports that as far as she knows she and Bart are here to stay. They enjoy being in Baton Rouge where they have family-2 nieces, 2 nephews, and a sister. They now are able to gather for special occasions with her family after all of their years of living away, during which time they also traveled to Iowa to be with Bart’s family. He now has 4 nieces and a nephew who live in the town where he grew up.

At this time, Geanie is preparing to incorporate the content of the Taxonomy of Physical Therapist Behaviors into a text on curriculum development and evaluation. (She states that what she believes about physical therapy has been printed in the APTA publications, in chapters in books, and specifically in 2 text books: *The Taxonomy of Physical Therapist Behaviors* with Lynda D. Woodruff and *Taxonomy of Physical Therapist Assistant Behaviors* with Barbara J. Bradford, Katherine H. Krieg, and Pamela M. Wehner.)

Whew! What a gal?! What a dynamo?! What a treasure?! I trust that after reading Geanie’s story you, too, will become a fan of this fantastic lady! And Geanie, many, many thanks for your enthusiasm, wisdom and efforts in promoting our profession! You are such an inspiration to all those you meet! We, the LPTA, are most fortunate to have you back home with us! And I am most fortunate and blessed to have been able to share your amazing, interesting and remarkable story! WE LOVE YOU, GEANIE! Oh, and happy 88th birthday to you!

Louisiana Physical Therapy Association
Legislature Adjourns Sine Die
2010 Legislative Session

The 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature adjourned “Sine Die” at 6:00 p.m. Monday, June 21, 2010 as required by the Louisiana Constitution. The term “Sine Die” is Latin for “without day”, but what it really means is adjournment without a date certain for reconvening. What it means is that the 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature is over and that the legislators will be returning home to their districts.

The 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature was a very busy one for LPTA. There were 2,301 bills filed; 1493 House Bills and 808 Senate Bills. LPTA tracked and monitored 14 bills during the eighty-five day regular session. We have included an updated tracking report for your review. In the coming weeks, we will be producing the Final Report which will provide a more detailed review of the legislative activities during the legislative session.

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We want to thank each of you for your involvement in the legislative process and your efforts to be involved in the legislative process. Your commitment and dedication to your profession is a significant part of our success. Thank you again for your leadership in 2010.

### LPTA Tracking Report

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<td>Adds a pharmacy representative to the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council. Bill History: 04-22-2010 H Meeting set for 10:00AM. RM 5 House Labor and Industrial Relations.</td>
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<td>Permits the application of reduced health insurance copayments for primary care services. Bill History: 04-28-2010 H Committee hearing cancelled House Insurance.</td>
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<td>HB 873</td>
<td>Smith, P</td>
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<td>Eliminate Workers' Compensation Second Injury Fund. Bill History: 03-18-2010 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Labor and Industrial Relations.</td>
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<td>Provides for supervision requirements of a physical therapy assistant. Bill History: 08-15-2010 G Effective.</td>
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<td>Martiny</td>
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