President’s Message

Spring has sprung! And with it the promise of hope, renewal, and new life.

LPTA’s Sports Symposium last month at the Lafayette Hilton was a success with kudo’s going to Joe Shine, LPTA’s Vice President and the driving force behind this bi-annual event. We hope to see many folks when we do it again in 2015. There was an excellent slate of speakers who kept our interest all weekend! Thanks to Paul Hildreth who headed up a moving tribute to Dave Pariser at the Business Luncheon.

Thanks to all who participated in the survey back in January. Please look for a brief summary of your results in this issue. In direct response to your input, the Board created a completely new strategic plan at the planning retreat in February. Please find your new strategic plan in this issue as well.

Your legislative committee has been hard at work for months preparing for 2 LPTA physical-therapy-positive bills that we have introduced to the legislature this fiscal session. Please look for Cristina Faucheux’s (your Governmental Affairs Chair) article in this issue. This is an ever-changing moving target, as you know, so as you read this, I haven’t a clue where we will be in the process. Your job as a committed member of your professional association is to respond quickly to any and all legislative updates from Cristina or David Tatman, your Lobbyist. To make these bills a success, we will need funds as well as participation. You can donate to LPTA’s PT-PAC and to the Patient Access Investment Fund through the LPTA office. This should be a priority.

As you read this, your contingent from Louisiana has gone to Washington, DC for APTA’s Federal Advocacy Forum April 14-16. Lead by Billy Naquin, who has represented LPTA well for nearly a decade as our Federal Affairs Liaison, we took Larry Richardson, PT from Rayville, first-year New Orleans campus student Jessica “Chaffie” Jenkins, APTA’s Vice President Sharon Dunn, and your President.

Social Media and the APTA

Social media is a great way to stay informed and network with your peers. APTA provides numerous opportunities to stay informed and engaged:

- **APTA Communities** — network and share resources with other physical therapy professionals
- **Facebook** — become a “fan”
- **LinkedIn** — APTA’s LinkedIn group is open access—anyone can join. It includes a discussion board and news announcements, as well as connections to colleagues from the physical therapy community. APTA will occasionally use LinkedIn to announce news items or upcoming events, but for the most part, the LinkedIn group is for members and others interested in the profession to share their ideas and experiences with each other.
- **Twitter** — @APTAtweets, @MoveForwardPT, @APTAsa, @PTJournal, @PTCAS
- **YouTube**

Stay connected!

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### LPTA MEMBERSHIP

Please continue to encourage your fellow PTs, PTAs and students to join or renew their APTA/LPTA membership!  
“Each One Reach One!”

#### Active members  
Current 712

#### Life Members  
Current 31

#### PT Students  
Current 185

#### PTAs  
Current 81

#### PTA Students  
Current 59

#### Total  
Current 1,068

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Oh what fun it is to be an LPTA/APTA member!  
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UPCOMING EVENTS

2013

April 14-16
APTA Leadership Forum
Federal Advocacy Forum
Washington DC

June 26-28
APTA Annual Conference and
House of Delegates
Salt Lake City, UT

September 13-15
LPTA Fall State Meeting
Baton Rouge, LA
Crowne Plaza Baton Rouge

September 15-17
State Policy and Payment Forum
Omaha, NE

October 25-27
APTA National
Student Conclave
Louisville, KY

2014

February 3-6, 2014
APTA Combined
Sections Meeting
Las Vegas, NV

March 14-16, 2014
LPTA Spring State Meeting
Lafayette, LA
Hilton Lafayette

Join your colleagues as they gather in our nation’s capital for APTA’s annual Federal Advocacy Forum in Washington DC, April 14-16, 2013. This event is an opportunity to improve your advocacy skills and to lobby Congress on the many challenges facing the physical therapy profession.

At the FAF you will hear from decision makers on Capitol Hill, learn how to communicate effectively with your elected officials, receive updates on APTA’s legislative and regulatory activities, and then take your message directly to Congress!

We would like to thank Beth Ward, Chaffy Jenkins, Billy Naquin, Sharon Dunn, and Larry Richardson for representing our state at FAF this year!

Learn from colleagues in a relaxed environment! Come to Salt Lake City June 26-29, 2013, and experience fresh, relevant sessions and energizing social events, or participate with selected sessions online with virtual conference. Registration opens in January 2013!

This event is designed to increase your involvement in and knowledge of state legislative issues that have an impact on the practice and payment of physical therapy, and to improve your advocacy efforts at the state level. Programming will focus on PT payment & legislative issues at the state level and will include presentations on physical therapy copay legislation, emerging scope of practice issues, Medicaid, state insurance exchanges, telehealth, infringement issues, and much more!

You will hear from influential public policy makers and other physical therapy advocates, collaborate with colleagues in developing your chapter or section’s advocacy efforts, and network with other professionals from across the country. Chapter presidents, legislative chairs, reimbursement chairs, chapter executives, lobbyists, students and anyone interested in state-level advocacy should attend!
Component/District Wrap-Up!

Lisa K. George, New Orleans District Chair

I would like to thank all in attendance at our first New Orleans District Meeting of 2013. We had about 30 in attendance to hear a talk from Pain Management Specialist Dr. Eric Lonseth. Dr. Lonseth spoke about how he approaches pain management and what role physical therapy plays in the patients’ success.

Additionally the items discussed included the LPTA Board approval to pursue Unrestricted Consumer Access to Physical Therapy. There have been many “behind the scenes” efforts regarding this proposal and efforts will continue with the legislature to achieve this for Louisiana.

The licensure board has also approved to award CEU credits to Clinical Instructors. One hour of CEU credit is awarded for every 120 hours of student supervision. The maximum award is 5 hours in a licensure period.

NEWSFLASH!!! The New Orleans District has taken on a challenge for PT month this year. We are in the beginning phases of planning a PT/Health and Wellness Fair to promote our profession to the public this coming October. If you have a skill set or if your facility would like to be featured at this event, contact me directly and as soon as possible.

See you on Tuesday, June 25th for the summer New Orleans District Meeting. I am still looking for a speaker and a location, contact me at lisag@magnoliatherapyla.com if you can help!

Maisie Meaux Hargett, Lafayette District Chair

The Lafayette District will be hosting a happy hour social for all PTs and PTAs on Monday, April 22 at Agave Downtown Lafayette. Please join us! Good people, good time! Hope to see you there!

Amelia Leonardi, Nominations Committee Chair

We will elect the following officers and positions at the fall LPTA meeting:

• Vice-president
• Treasurer
• Chief Delegate
• 2 delegates to the APTA’s House of Delegates

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to nominate someone, please notify me or the LPTA office. If you would like to know more about the job descriptions for each, please feel free to contact me at 504-671-6239 or email me at aleona@dcc.edu

Jake McKenzie, Membership Chair

Normally I report on the total number of members for our state. This time, I’ll leave the numbers out and keep the message simple. APTA membership is important. Many of your colleagues and co-workers are not members. We know they should be. It’s our responsibility to educate them and be accountable to our professional organization. With sequestration and future cuts from Medicare, we need APTA and LPTA to defend our profession and ensure we are compensated fairly. There is strength in numbers. Let’s get our numbers up!
Component/District Wrap-Up!

Michael Hidebrand, Outgoing Student SIG Chair

What a great weekend at the LPTA Spring Sports Symposium! Several students from both the New Orleans and Shreveport campuses attended the conference to learn more about how to treat injured athletes.

To go along with the sports theme of the weekend the Student SIG auctioned off several sports related items, including a set of PowerBlocks, an autographed football, several autographed Saints photographs, a LSU tiger eye painting, and a New Orleans hotel room/restaurant gift card combo. Altogether over $600 was raised with half of the proceeds going to the Pittsburgh-Marquette Challenge supporting the Foundation for Physical Therapy.

The SSIG would like to thank Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director of the LA Physical Therapy Board, who spoke to students at the SSIG meeting about what to expect with the PT licensure test.

As outgoing SSIG Chairman I would like to say how amazing it was to be a part of such a great organization in the LPTA. It has definitely shown me the value of not only being a part of but actually being active in your professional organization.

I look forward to the upcoming year for the SSIG!

Althea Jones, Continuing Education Coordinator

I would like to thank everyone for attending the sports symposium in Lafayette and making it a great success. The LPTA Fall Meeting has been scheduled for September 13-15, 2013 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA. The scheduled speakers are: Anthony Delitto and Anne Shumway-Cook. Topics have not yet been decided by these presenters. Thanks and Looking forward to seeing everyone in September.

Julie Danieles Harris, Shreveport District Chair

The Shreveport District Meeting was held on Tuesday, April 1, 2013 at Bossier Parish Community College. The PTA Program, with Laura Bryant and Kim Cox, hosted the event with fresh snacks and refreshments for the 35 of us in attendance.

The featured speaker was Evelyn Scarborough, PT, DPT who gave an informative session on “Bioness Application in Physical Therapy Practice.” She provided great information on the use of functional electrical stimulation during clinical practice. She also gave the audience great videos of before and after using the Bioness for upper extremity and lower extremity patients. The clinical outcomes were pretty remarkable.

Beth Ward, LPTA President, was also in attendance to help with information on state and national levels. The 2013 Policy Primer was discussed that included Functional limitation reporting with G-codes, sequestration for budget cuts, MPPR, and the therapy cap exceptions process. The importance of the Patient Medical Savings Bill and HB 121 which provides an addition of a Physical Therapist to the Workers’ Compensation were also highlighted. These were all hot topics that were discussed in a friendly open forum.

Our comprehensive meeting and great discussions brought a reality check on the upcoming changes that are being made in our profession. Everyone was urged to get involved by any way, shape or form and hopefully we can advance our profession to new levels of care.

Evelyn Scarborough presents on Bioness applications:
Issues discussed with your lawmakers include repeal of the therapy cap, delayed implementation of the multiple procedure payment reduction policy in any sustainable growth rate reform package, Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Services Act (H.R. 713/S. 367) and Physical Therapist Workforce and Patient Access Act (H.R. 1252/S. 602).

LPTA continues to try to be responsive to your needs as practicing physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, and PT and PTA students. We have prepared a video to be placed on our website for membership recruitment and retention. It should answer the question our potential members always ask, “What does LPTA do for me?” Look for it soon! Also, you will soon find a jobs board on our website. It will hopefully draw more traffic to www.lpta.org. You can also stay in touch through our may FB pages (for members and non-members, PTA’s, students), and through our Yahoo!Groups page and Twitter. Thank you for your membership! Great things are happening in Louisiana!

LPTA Membership Survey Results

We would like to send out a very big THANK YOU to the 255 members (approximately 25%of membership) who took the time to fill out and submit the LPTA membership survey. The results of this survey have already been instrumental in allowing your board to create a new “vision”, “mission”, and goals for the next few years (please see Strategic Plan on page 12).

The following are the highlights from our survey:

- The top 5 issues that you felt most affected our profession are: 1. declining reimbursement, 2. the Medicare Therapy Cap, 3. Health Care Reform, 4. direct access to patient care (please see Spotlight article on page 10), and 5. physician owned physical therapy services.

- The top 5 issues that you believe LPTA should be focusing time/energy/funds on are: 1. lack of public awareness of PT services, 2. unlimited direct access to patient care, 3. declining reimbursement, 4. the Medicare Therapy Cap, and 5. Health Care Reform.

- About the members:
  - 63% pay their own APTA/LPTA membership dues
  - 32% are not members of any specialty sections
  - 34% are members of the Orthopedic Section
  - 40% work in privately owned PT clinics
  - On average, members are 76% satisfied with their membership

- There were 25 members that would like to become more active in LPTA volunteer opportunities!
Student Say!

On Friday, March 15, 2013, the Student Special Interest Group held its Spring Meeting with the guest speaker being from the Board Certification group. This was a beneficial meeting with her explaining the new process regarding registering for the National Board Exam as well as giving us information regarding provisional licensure and where students can find more information regarding the exam itself. One exciting piece of information is that the Board Exam will now be offered two dates in July: July 23rd and July 24th. Students will be eligible to apply for examination ahead of time and then they will automatically place each student on one of those dates to ensure that there are equal participants on each day. They will also no longer take written applications (electronic now). She also stressed the importance of having an accurate email address since this is how you will be notified regarding any information from the boards including your results.

Another interesting point she discussed was the provisional license for graduated students. Students will be allowed one 90 day provisional license. She discussed two options regarding when students can get a license. For one option, the students can get the provisional license once they graduate, take the boards and still be able to use the license until it expires even if that student happens to fail the board exam. The second option, was for students to take the licensure exam and if they fail, apply for a provisional licensure which should hold until the next testing date. However she did stress that if you fail the boards twice, you will not be eligible for a provisional licensure exam.

Also at the SSIG meeting, we discussed the Take Action Now legislature that the APTA is focusing on regarding Loan Repayment, Therapy Cap, and the Reduction in Medicare/Medicaid Reimbursement. Lastly, we nominated and picked the new officers for the following year which included the following:

- Chairman – Mallary Soileau
- Vice-Chairman – Matt Powers
- Secretary – Amy Shrader
- Treasurer – Tommy Weber
- Student Delegate – Brandon Page
- Director – Jayson deLeaumont

It was an honor to be your Director for the 2012-2013 SSIG and see nothing but success for the next year!!

Written By: Lindsey Robinson, Outgoing Student SIG Director
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 and procedure
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.

Deadline to submit a nomination is June 12, 2013.
Awards will be presented at the 2013 Fall Meeting.
Suggestions on how to improve this program are also welcome.
Call For Award Nominations

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 must belong to the LPTA and APTA.
2. Nominees must have practiced for a total of 20 years with 10 of those years being in Louisiana.

PHYSICAL THERAPIST ASSISTANT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
Nomination procedure and eligibility
1. A nominee for the award must be a licensed PTA and member in good standing of the American Physical Therapy Association.
2. An individual may receive the award only once in a three (3) year period.
3. Nominations shall be submitted in writing to include:
   A. Name/contact information of the nominee
   B. A written statement on how this individual is a worthy candidate, specifically addressing the award criteria (*see below*).
   C. 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:
1. Contributing professionally to the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association;
2. Serving the community through activities that enhance quality of life and function;
3. Representing and promoting the role of the PTA through education, practice, or research;
4. Promoting ethical standards and professional conduct among peers, patients, and students;
5. Pursuing professional development through continuing education (for example, courses, workshops, inservices, etc); and;
6. Encouraging patients, peers, or students to perform at, or strive to achieve their optimal potential.

FRIEND OF PHYSICAL THERAPY
Nomination format and procedure
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 June 12, 2013.
Awards will be presented at the 2013 Fall Meeting.
Suggestions on how to improve this program are also welcome.
LPTA Spotlight: Unrestricted Consumer Access

Currently in Louisiana, you may treat a patient under a limited direct access model. The LA Practice Act states the following:

“physical therapy services may be performed without a prescription or by referral only under the following circumstances:
(1) To a child with a diagnosed developmental disability pursuant to the child’s plan of care.
(2) To a patient of a home health care agency pursuant to the patient’s plan of care.
(3) To a patient in a nursing home pursuant to the patient’s plan of care.
(4) Related to conditioning or to providing education or activities in a wellness setting for the purpose of injury prevention, reduction of stress, or promotion of fitness.
(5) To an individual for a previously diagnosed condition or conditions for which physical therapy services are appropriate after informing the health care provider rendering the diagnosis. The diagnosis shall have been made within the previous ninety days. The physical therapist shall provide the health care provider who rendered such diagnosis with a plan of care for physical therapy services within the first fifteen days of physical therapy intervention.”

*If you have any questions regarding the Louisiana Practice Act, please contact the Board of PT Supervisors

Obtaining limited direct access has helped our profession move closer to autonomous practice. However, these exceptions do not take into account scenarios that you come across on a regular basis. Think about your relationships with your patients. They respect, admire, and seek guidance from you as your relationship has progressed. You become their family Physical Therapist and they now view you as an expert on neuro-muscular and musculoskeletal dysfunctions/disorders. When was the last time, someone said, “my son just hurt his ankle can you look at it?” or “this weekend I did the same thing to my back that I did a year ago” or “I only want my dad to see you because you treated me so well”. Our current response because they do not fit within the guidelines of our limited direct access model, is something to the effect - “I can certainly screen you and evaluate your need for PT but I can not treat you until we obtain an order from a physician.” Do you see a look of disappointment and disbelief when you explain that in most cases, physical therapy services is like a prescription for medications, you need an order to obtain services?

The requirement for a physician’s referral causes delays in accessing care to physical therapy treatments. These delays result in higher healthcare costs, decreased functional outcomes, and frustration to patients seeking physical therapy treatment. Consider the stories your patients have told you about the physician visits they experienced. A majority of our patients are experiencing extended wait times and brief musculoskeletal evaluations. How many times have you heard of patients instructed in a “wait and see philosophy”. Patients being told “take these medications, rest and let’s re-evaluate you in a few weeks”. For most of you, when your patient finally obtains a referral to physical therapy it is with a non-differential diagnosis, (ie. Back pain, neck pain) and now they are experiencing additional complications due to not receiving the appropriate treatment more timely.

*If you have any questions regarding the Louisiana Practice Act, please contact the Board of PT Supervisors

Written By: Cristina Faucheux, Government Affairs Chair
Even with the passage of unrestricted consumer access, a professional standard will still exist. “A PT shall exercise sound professional judgment based upon his knowledge, skill, education, training and experiences and shall only perform those procedures for which he is competent. If during the evaluation or reassessment, a PT finds that treatment is outside the scope of his knowledge, the PT shall notify the patient or client and provide a referral to an appropriate healthcare provider”. If you are not ready to practice under an unrestricted direct access model, it will not be mandated. You will always have the option to refer your patients to a physician or another healthcare provider or you may choose to set company policies that require a physician referral for treatment.

Even if you are not particularly enthusiastic or passionate about this issue, your patients and future patients deserve to have open access to physical therapy services as an option. Healthcare is changing and becoming a consumer driven market. Patients are researching and becoming more educated about the providers they want to visit before they schedule appointments. Your patients should be able to access care from health care providers they believe will help them obtain the best functional outcomes and improve their quality of life.

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LPTA Strategic Plan 2013

**Mission:**

The Louisiana Physical Therapy Association exists to optimize the health and quality of life of people in Louisiana by advancing the profession of physical therapy.

**Organizational Values:**

Association members and staff working on behalf of the Association:

- Are committed to excellence in service, practice, education, research and advocacy;
- Respect the dignity and differences of all individuals;
- Lead with professionalism, integrity, and honesty;
- Make decisions that reflect visionary thinking, innovation, collaboration, and accountability.

**Vision:**

The Louisiana Physical Therapy Association envisions a future where physical therapists are:

- doctors of physical therapy, with physical therapist assistants as the preferred extenders of skilled care.
- recognized as the experts in the diagnosis of, interventions for, and prevention of conditions that affect movement, function and health.
- accessed directly by consumers.
- appropriately compensated.

**Goals / Strategic Outcomes:**

1. **Professional Development:** The LPTA will empower physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to demonstrate high standards of professionalism and intellectual excellence.
2. **Advocacy:** Physical therapists will be recognized as autonomous providers of health care to the people of Louisiana, and will be proactive and effective in the legislative process.
3. **Payment:** The LPTA will aggressively pursue appropriate payment.
4. **Membership:** The LPTA will instill a sense of ownership in the profession through increased awareness of the value of membership.
5. **Public Awareness:** The public will recognize physical therapists as the practitioners of choice for optimizing movement, function, health and wellness.

Developed by your 2013 Board of Directors
Our profession is best suited to address these needs. The LPTA’s initiative to pursue unrestricted consumer access will continue until success has been achieved. LPTA members can be involved in many ways. First, a successful campaign will require funds. Contributions to the PAIF (Patient Access Investment Fund) or the PT-PAC will be essential. Second, we need to form Legislator- LPTA Member Buddies. Our goal is to line up every key committee member with 2-3 LPTA members. If you have a connection to a state legislator or willing to develop a working relationship with your Senator/ Representative, let us know. Lastly, our biggest asset is our grassroots efforts. When you receive a legislative call to action, we need the membership to commit to act.

We cannot predict how much the healthcare arena will change in the next 5-10 years. So let’s focus on how we can make a difference. We need to be proactive and ensure that we position our profession as the experts in the treatment and prevention of Musculoskeletal and Neuromuscular Disorders/ Dysfunctions. We should be an advocate for our patients and educate others on how early access to physical therapy services can make a difference.

For further questions, contact Cristina Faucheux, PT at Cristina@moreaupt.com or 225-654-8208 ext 1160.
Innovation Summit

The inaugural Innovation Summit: Collaborative Care Models was hosted by the APTA on March 8, 2013 in Alexandria, VA. In line with the spirit of innovation and technological advancement, APTA chose to webcast the summit for individuals as well as “group viewing parties” across the nation. The summit kicked off Thursday evening with an inspiring keynote address from Dr. Robert S. Mecklenburg from the Center for Health Care Solutions at Virginia Mason Medical Center followed by a reception to honor the 17 Physical Therapist Innovators nominated by APTA chapters and sections. Friday opened with Dr. Pamela Duncan, Director of Innovations and Transitional Outcomes for Wake Forest Baptist Health. Four panel discussions followed with varying topics including Accountable Care Organizations, Patient-Centered Medical Homes, Bundled Payment Models, and Private Payer/Employer-Sponsored Initiatives. Overall the Innovation Summit brought together physical therapists, physicians, large health systems, and policy makers to discuss the current and future role of Physical Therapy in Integrated Models of Care. Although the onsite attendance was limited to 150, there were over 1000 virtual attendees and 42 viewing parties across the nation. Virtual attendees had the opportunity to submit questions and post via live Twitter feed using the #PTSummit hashtag. According to APTA over 1099 tweets were posted, generating a significant social media buzz.

More information can be found at http://www.apta.org/innovationsummit/, including bios and posters of each of the 17 Innovators as well as resources and a link to the APTA Learning Center for the opportunity to view the webcast for CEUs. I would personally like to thank the LPTA for their support in nominating my practice, Optimal Kinetics, for the Innovation Summit. Attending the summit onsite was an amazing opportunity to connect with fellow Innovators from across the nation and to share ideas and experiences. My practice model utilizes traditional manual therapy techniques incorporated with breathing to facilitate optimal neuromuscular outcomes followed up with mindful movement exercises (i.e. Pilates, Yoga, etc.) to give the patient an optimal kinesthetic awareness. If you are interested in learning more about my practice model, please visit the Innovation Summit website or feel free to email me allisonmdalydpt@me.com.

Written By: Allison Daly, PT, DPT

LPTA Members!

The Louisiana Physical Therapy Association now has a YAHOO GROUP to discuss current “hot topics” in Physical Therapy!

Have something to say? Join now!
http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/LPTA/
A Dave Pariser Memorial Scholarship Fund has been set up in memory of Dave at the LSUHSC – New Orleans campus. We anticipate using this fund to provide one student scholarship a year to a student who demonstrates exceptional professional behaviors as well as personal characteristics of empathy, compassion and goodwill.

To make an online contribution to the Scholarship fund, go to the Foundation website and at the top right hand side of the page, there is purple box with the words “Donate Now”. Choose the amount of the donation and choose the designated fund, the Dave Pariser Memorial Scholarship Fund.

http://www.lsuhealthfoundation.org/?dt=1360008523433

You can also make donations by mail. Make sure to indicate on the memo line that the donation is to go to the Dave Pariser Memorial Scholarship Fund:

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