The LPTA Fall meeting was a great success! We opened up our meeting on Friday afternoon with a 3-hour course, taught by Claire Melebeck, PT, DPT, and it was attended by over 100 participants. Friday night we had our award ceremony and open forum. Award recipients were: Dave Warner Distinguished Service Award - Karl Kleinpeter, PT; Hall of Fame - Joseph Nicolosi, PT and Mike Sheffield, PT; PTA Distinguished Service - Danny Landry, PTA; and Friend of PT Award - The McLindon Family Foundation. We had two excellent tracts offered over the weekend, and we had nearly 270 registrants in attendance. Our business meeting was a full house, including nearly 40 therapy students as well as a large turnout of the BRPT staff. We rolled out our new LPTA logo to illustrate the importance of the LPTA. We concluded the weekend with an Ethics and Jurisprudence course. The most exciting part of our meetings was the social engagement. It was good to see therapists catching-up with friends, old classmates, colleagues and educators. It was nice to hear all the chatter, the smiling faces, and the sincere hugs in the hallways amongst friends.

I had the opportunity to participate in the Jurisprudence course at the end of the Fall meeting and on the Northshore in early October. This course is well designed to educate therapists on current issues about licensure, practice act, and topics affecting therapists in our everyday practice. In both courses, I heard questions that we have addressed during our LPTA business meetings and during our open forums. As a member, these questions could have been answered by viewing the APTA web site, or through the publications I get from the different sections of the APTA. I could not imagine practicing without being a member of the APTA. I have so many resources available to me because I am a member. If you are not a member of the APTA/LPTA, or if you have coworkers who are not members, have them take another look at joining. If you would like to see the APTA in action, join us at CMS in New Orleans this upcoming February.

I would like to end with a comment about our ever changing healthcare landscape. Change means we have a great opportunity for us as a profession. We need to be involved to repeal the Medicare Therapy Cap, to push for better reimbursements, to secure better insurance premiums, and to remove the barriers to physical therapy: visit limitations, high co-pays, high deductibles, and limited medical referrals. We are in such a unique position as consumers of insurance plans, and medical providers who have to navigate the sea of insurance policies. Make good use of your time with your clients, bill appropriately and tell everyone about the value of physical therapy. We are better together - join the LPTA and APTA to help fight for better health insurance for our patients and for all of us.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Joseph Shine
LPTA President

Happy Fall!
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We are looking for leaders to jump on board!

Committees that need district liaisons include the Government Affairs, Membership, Finance, Nominations, and Ethics Committees.

Please let us know if you or someone you know is interested in filling these roles!

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Lafayette, LA

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District and Component News

Blair T. Duthu, PT, Houma District Chair

The Houma District held their Fall district meeting on Thursday, Oct. 5th at The Claiborne in Thibodaux. A free in-service and supper was sponsored by SI-Bone. We had a great turnout of over 20 therapists! We ended the night with a PT Pub night at Mudbugs! I has been great getting to know other therapists in our area!!! Stay tuned for more events in our district!!!!!

Matt Powers, PT, DPT, OCS , New Orleans District Chair

"The New Orleans district held a district meeting and PT Pub Night on Thursday, October 19th which was well attended with over 60 PTs, PTAs and students. I'd like to thank Andre Labbe, PT, MOMT who was our guest speaker who presented on baseball throwing mechanics and treatment which was worth 1 CEU through the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board. We had a great night and look forward to getting together for the next PT Pub Night.

The next New Orleans PT Pub Night will be Thursday, November 16th at Bayou Beer Garden. I hope to see everyone out there!"

Danielle Morris, PT, Baton Rouge District Chair

Congratulations to BR District Member Victoria Zaunbrecher who received her OCS in July, and to the following LPTA Award recipients from our district: Joe Nicolosi -LPTA Hall of Fame Award, and Karl Kleinpeter-Dave Warner Distinguished Service Award. Also, congratulations to Cristina Faucheux who was presented with an APTA State Legislative Leadership Award! Go BR District! Stay tuned for an upcoming BR District Meeting!

Michael Hildebrand, PT, DPT, Monroe District Chair

Happy National Physical Therapy Month!!!
The Monroe District has been busy!

On September 22 we celebrated the first day of fall and National Fall Prevention Awareness Day with free fall risk assessments at the Ouachita Council On Aging. We assessed 18 people with the TUG test and provided them with information to help decrease their risks for a fall.

On October 14 we helped out with the inaugural Boogie on da Bayou 5K and Black Bayou Fall Festival for PTDOS. We helped coordinate the race and gave out water to participants. During the festival we had a shuttle run competition for children and provided their parents with age related norms.

Thank you to everybody that helped out with our events! We are planning to have our next district meeting in Ruston so keep an eye out on our 'Northeast Louisiana Physical Therapists (LPTA Monroe District)' Facebook page for more information!
Payment Chair Report

I am grateful for the opportunity to work with the payment and practice chairs from other states. We recently all met up in Detroit for the APTA Payment and Policy Forum.

The states are all facing similar troubles and celebrating similar wins. What I have learned during my time of service is that it is important for us to communicate and share our experiences, both our wins and losses. We need to share not only with our peers but with our state and national association.

We need to know about struggles and we need to celebrate wins. This communication gives us the data that we need to go to the insurance companies and legislators. Without it, both change and motivation are very difficult.

In short, my message is simple. Please share. Share your wins and losses. Share you joys and concerns. We are stronger together.

Katie Brittain, PT, DPT, MBA, CLT
Payment/Practice Committee Chair

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For Our Spring Meeting!!

Lafayette
March 23-25, 2018

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Bylaw Committee Report

At the September business meeting in Baton Rouge, the membership passed a Bylaw amendment to allow all member of the chapter to vote for the representative to the annual session of the PTA caucus.

A Bylaw to allow for electronic voting is being prepared to present next year. In effect this bylaw will discontinue nominations from the floor at the business meeting. All nomination will be submitted by electronic means prior to the meeting. Voting will be concluded prior to the business meeting. This bylaw will allow greater number of members to vote for their officers, delegates and PTA Caucus representative. An option will be included for those without electronic means to ask for a paper ballot.

Gail Pearce, PT
Bylaw Committee Chair

Nominations Committee Report

At the recent fall meeting, Joe Shine was re-elected President of the LPTA and Jane Eason was re-elected Secretary. This will be Joe’s first full term as president, as he just completed the term that he filled when it was vacated by Beth Ward due to medical issues. This will be Jane’s second term in office. There were no delegate positions open, as all 5 delegate seats are filled.

We thank both Joe and Jane for their dedication and service to the LPTA!!

Amelia Leonardi, PT
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Danny Landry - PTA Distinguished Service
Rep Joe Stagni - Legislator of the Year
HIGHLIGHTS Continued...

Longevity Ceremony
Our two miracles!

Bylaws Amendment Motion Passed!

Motion was made to accept the Bylaws Amendment for Article X, Section 2 to read:

“At the fall Chapter meeting prior to the annual session of the PTA Caucus, the Physical Therapist Assistant and Life Physical Therapist Assistant members of the Chapter shall elect the Representative to which the Chapter is entitled. An alternative Representative may also be elected.”
PT In Motion News

CMS Pulls Flawed Orthotics and Prosthetics Rule
The proposal would have impacted thousands of PTs and patients by putting restrictions on who can furnish custom orthotics and prosthetics.

The VA Wants to End Telehealth’s Border Restrictions
Veterans Affairs has proposed a rule change that would preempt state licensing laws and allow its providers to deliver telehealth services across state lines—and into patients’ homes.

Working to Save Rural Hospitals
Rural hospitals are disappearing, potentially cutting off millions of Americans from nearby access to care. APTA wants to reverse that trend.

Overweight and Obesity Rates Are Impacting Cancer Rates, Says CDC
America’s weight problem is also a cancer problem.

Hurricane Relief: How You Can Help
"Rehab Therapists Give Back," started by WebPT and supported by APTA, offers a way for the profession to make a difference.

The State of Advocacy
Attendees at the most recent APTA State Policy and Payment Forum took time out to honor PTs who led state legislative efforts.

Home Health: Making CMS Sit Up and Take Notice
CMS is proposing a home health payment system that could result in dramatic reductions in patient access to services. Here’s how APTA and the Home Health Section helped the profession respond in a strong, unified voice.

The PT as Space Explorer
PT in Motion magazine looks at how PTs are reimagining clinic spaces to be more patient-centered and efficient.

Sending the Wrong Image
A new study from JAMA finds that providers who own imaging equipment tend to use it even when it’s not necessary—particularly for LBP and uncomplicated headache.

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