

President's Message

Service

I write to you this month while a portion of your LPTA leadership is currently in Washington, DC at the APTA House of Delegates. As a member of this leadership group it is truly an honor and privilege to represent the LPTA members along side of many of the past, current, and future leaders of our profession. As evident by the vigorous House of Delegates debates, it is clear that health care in our country is currently in a state of flux with recent legislative activities at the national level. Among the recent actions are the approval of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and regulatory activities such as writing of rules regarding Accountable Care Organizations (ACO) and Multiple Procedure Payment Reduction (MPPR). Likewise, without going into detail, at the state level we are continuously faced with various governmental affairs, payment and public relations issues to name just a few.

Many thanks are in order for those who are currently serving at all levels from the district to the national level. Besides the benefit of advancing the professional practice of physical therapy, increasing patient access, and improving the quality of care that our patients receive, there are many other personal fulfillment and professional growth opportunities made available by holding leadership positions at both the state and national levels. Satisfaction and sense of fulfilling professional responsibility, networking with colleagues, and sense of unity within the profession drives the desire within of many our leaders.

I encourage those of you who have contemplated becoming involved in service to consider that now maybe the time to begin your dedication to the profession that has likely given so much to you. We are currently accepting nominations for President, Secretary, Chief Delegate, Delegate (2), and Governmental Affairs Chair.

It is also time to recognize our colleagues who have served at the state level in Louisiana as we will be presenting awards at the fall meeting. The following awards will be presented at the fall meeting: Dave Warner Distinguished Service Award, PTA Distinguished Service Award, Friend of Physical Therapy, Hall of Fame, and Legislator of the Year award. These award nomination forms can be found on the LPTA website www.lpta.org.

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2011 Fall Meeting

Mark your calendar for the Fall Meeting to be held September 16-18, 2011. It will be in Baton Rouge at the Crowne Plaza. Our speakers will be Irene Davis and Morey Kolber. Irene had people waiting for two hours to hear her presentation at CSM in NOLA this past February. Her research emphasis is on running. Morey Kolber will present a course on radiology which is geared for physical therapists.

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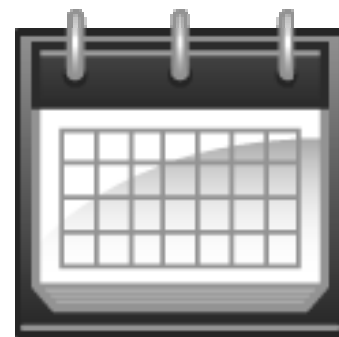
2011

September 16-18
LPTA Fall Meeting
Baton Rouge, LA

October 21-23
National Student Conclave
Minneapolis, MN

2012

March 2-3
LPTA Spring Meeting
Shreveport, LA



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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!

	Current	Last Year
Active members	670	681
Life Members	24	25
PT Students	178	116
PTAs	101	77
PTA Students	<u>22</u>	<u>27</u>
Total	995	926

LPTA Spotlight: Althea Jones, PT, MPT



By Kinta LeBlanc, PT, DPT

In this month's spotlight we find Althea Jones, PT, MPT, who returned to her home state of Louisiana within the last couple of years after pursuing and achieving academic goals out west in California.

Although she is a native New Orleanean, Althea grew up in Montz, Louisiana (which is just outside of LaPlace). She graduated from St. Charles Catholic High school in 1985, which signaled the beginning of a long journey of matriculation. Her first stop after high school was Louisiana State University where she obtained a bachelor degree in biology, with a minor in chemistry in 1989. During her high school and college years she worked as a physical therapy technician, so Althea's next educational accomplishment was the acquisition of her associate of applied science degree in physical therapy assisting from Delgado Community College in 1998. She worked as a PTA for 11 years before heading out west to continue her educational expedition.

While at Loma Linda University (LLU) she acquired a master of health science degree in 2008, and the next year and received a master of physical therapy degree in 2009. If her studies didn't keep her busy enough at LLU, Althea's duties as the PT class vice president, the APTA representative and the sports performance representative certainly did while she was in physical therapy school. And her good deeds did not go unnoticed as she was granted the Selma Andrews Scholarship.

Louisiana beckoned and Althea returned to the Bayou State where she has been working at Moreau Physical Therapy. When the new Moreau Physical Therapy Zachary Clinic opens in September she is to become the clinical director.

Althea has been supporting the APTA as a member since 1997, and is also a member of the American Academy of Orthopedic Manual Therapists. Last year she became the LPTA Baton Rouge District chairperson, and this year she plans to prepare for the OCS exam and begin working towards her transitional DPT degree.

In her spare time Althea is a member of St. George Catholic Church in Baton Rouge, and she enjoys all sports, especially golf and snow skiing. She is also a fan of the arts, and likes jazz, zydeco and going to the theater.

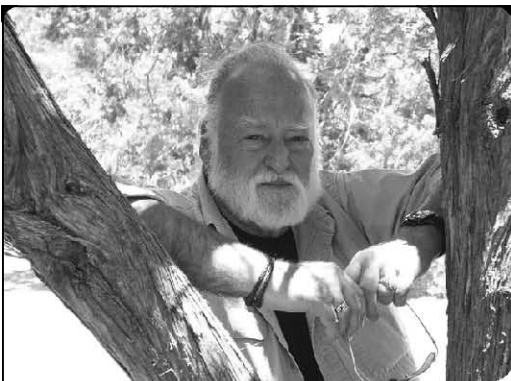
The LPTA thanks Althea for her service, and greatly appreciates her willingness to serve!

LPTA Represented in the APTA House of Delegates



From Left to Right: Ryan Hill, PT Student Companion Delegate; Allison Daly, Delegate; Jason Oliver, PTA Caucus Rep; Kinta LeBlanc, Delegate; David Qualls, Chief Delegate; Gail Pearce, Delegate; and Greg LeBlanc, President.

More to come on the 2011 APTA House of Delegates in the next BB issue!



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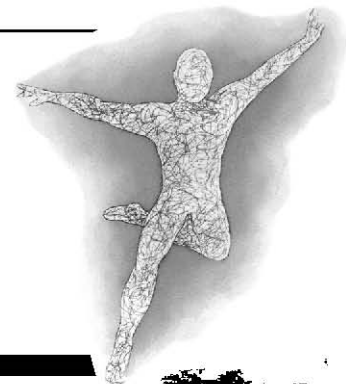
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Membership Report

The 2011 APTA Membership Challenge is in full swing and we in Louisiana have met our first mini-goal of at least seven clinics who have met the Facility Challenge by May 31. Here are the clinics who responded in time (from APTA):

Beauregard Physical Therapy
DeRidder, LA

Scott Hollier Physical Therapy
Abbeville, LA

Broussard Physical Therapy Clinic
Many, LA

Southshore Physical Therapy
Metairie, LA

Donohue & Trahan Physical Therapy & Rehab Center
Houma, LA

The Movement Science Center
Metairie, LA

Greene County Medical Center
Jefferson, LA

Therapeutic Concepts
Bogalusa, LA

Professional Therapy Services
Harvey, LA

LSU Health Shreveport
Shreveport, LA

Rehab Dynamics
Covington, LA

So, as you can see, there are eleven clinics across the state that have all of their PTs and PTAs as members of APTA/LPTA. Congratulations to all of those clinics and thank you for responding to the call to participate. You will receive a certificate from APTA and recognition on the website as well as kudos from us here in the state! Plus, we are in a drawing for \$250 from APTA for meeting this mini-goal.

Next mini-goal is 10 more new members by July 31st! Do you think we can make this one too? Everyone reach out to a non-member and let them know how much you value your membership and what tangible positive things you take home from your membership and encourage those who are not currently members to join!

Remember, "Each One, Reach One!"

Respectfully submitted by Beth Ward, PT, DPT
Membership Chair for LPTA

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The APTA and LPTA are the professional associations leading the charge advocating for the provision of physical therapy services. Without new volunteer leadership, it is difficult to continue the good work of the association. I urge you to maximize your strengths and allow them to work for the good of the profession and the patients/clients we serve. I know we have many deserving colleagues for statewide awards and I ask for your assistance in helping LPTA recognizing those deserving individuals.

If you have questions about getting involved in service, just ask! You can even self nominate for leadership positions if you are ready to serve. Any members of the LPTA leadership team would be glad to explain the ins and outs of service. You might be surprised to learn that it doesn't take much to give a lot.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Nomination Committee is now accepting nominations for candidates for the following offices: President, Secretary, Chief Delegate and 2 Delegates.

Please submit your nomination to Anna Means by Friday, July 15, 2011. 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@edgetherapy.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!

Fall LPTA Elections are fast approaching! This year we will be electing a new President, Secretary, Chief Delegate and 2 delegates. We have already had several nominations for the positions we are voting on. I wanted to provide you with a brief description on each position and the length of term to help some of you that may still be considering running for office.

President:

Serves as the official head and public spokesman of the Chapter, presides at all meetings of the Chapter, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee, serves as a delegate to the Association's House of Delegates and submits an annual report of the Chapter's activities to the Board of Directors of the Association and such other reports as may be requested from time to time. The length of term is 3 years.

Secretary:

Records and maintains minutes of all proceedings of the Chapter, the Board of Directors, and the Executive Committee, sends copies of all Chapter Business Meeting Minutes to the Association according to Association policy within 45 days after the date of the meeting. The length of term is 3 years.

Delegates:

All delegates are to attend the annual and special meetings of the House of Delegates of the Association. They are to represent the Chapter on such matters as are ordered by the voting body. They are to vote at the meeting of the House of Delegates or on voting sheets in accordance with the instructions or policies of the Chapter. The term is 2 years.

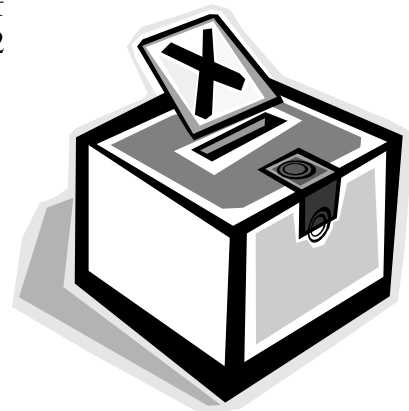
Chief Delegate:

In addition to qualifications imposed on all delegates to the House of Delegates by the Association, the Chief Delegate must have two (2) years experience as a delegate prior to election. The Chief Delegate shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Chapter and shall have other duties as described in the Chapter Reference Manual. The Chief Delegate will attend all meetings of the Association which are conducted for the Chief Delegates. The term is 2 years.

Please contact me with nominations for these positions or with any further questions.

Thanks!

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ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE GERIATRIC SECTION?

Do you treat a mostly geriatric patient population? I have recently been appointed the Louisiana Advocate to the Geriatric Section and was wondering about what interest there might be among Louisiana members to establish a Geriatric SIG (Special Interest Group) in our state. If you are interested, please correspond via e-mail (bethwardpt@gmail.com) and if there is enough interest, I shall look into this for us.

Respectfully submitted by
Beth Ward, PT, DPT
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CALL FOR 2011 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 Friday, July 15, 2011. You can email it to office@lpta.org or mail to LPTA, 8550 United Plaza Boulevard, Suite 1001, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.



CALL FOR 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 19, 2011.

Please plan to attend these presentations on Friday, September 16, 2011 and show your support for our profession and research in the state of Louisiana.

STUDENT SPEAK

We would like to introduce our officers for the following year:

Chairman: **Robbie Banta** – LSUHSC-NO
Vice-Chairman: **Robbie Lazarine** – LSUHSC-NO
Secretary: **Sarah Schmidt** – LSUHSC-NO
Treasurer: **Tori Harwood** – LSUHSC-Shreveport
Student Delegate: **R.T. Hill** – LSUHSC-NO
Director: **Samantha DeMars** – LSUHSC-Shreveport

I am sure that I speak for all of my other fellow officers when I say that we are proud to represent all LA therapy students and look forward to a great year of leadership! Our next meeting will be held in conjunction with the LPTA fall meeting on September 16th. The speaker and fundraiser are TBA, but we are hoping to have a fun mixer at a local club later that night. Stay tuned!

Robbie Banta, SPT
Director LPTA SSIG



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LPTA Corresponding Member Receives The APTA Lucy Blair Service Award

Former Louisiana resident and current LPTA Corresponding Member

Robert H. "Bob" Rowe, PT, DPT, DMT, FAAOMPT

was awarded the Lucy Blair Service Award by the APTA at the annual conference in National Harbor, Maryland. Bob was a very active member of the LPTA when he lived in Louisiana, and apparently continues to serve our profession in his new home state of Florida as evident by this accolade.

We congratulate Bob and sincerely thank him for his service!

2011 Recipients of the PTA Certificate of Advanced Proficiency

There are three LPTA members being recognized this year at the APTA Annual Conference for Advanced Proficiency for the PTA. They are:

Danny P. Landry, PTA
Musculoskeletal
Lake Charles, LA

Kerry Ann Sicomo, PTA, BS
Neuromuscular
New Orleans, LA

Patricia A. Stanley, PTA
Neuromuscular
Des Allemands, LA

Congratulations from your fellow LPTA members!
Well done!

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.

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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.

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 15, 2011.

Awards will be presented at the 2011 Fall Meeting. Suggestions on how to improve this program are also welcome.

IMPACTS ON YOUR PRACTICE

Please check email frequently for important updates concerning these important rule changes and legislative activities.

Physical Therapy Rules—Legislative Oversight Committee

A legislative oversight committee hearing was held on Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at the Louisiana State Capitol. Based on comments the committee received, the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board elected to withdraw their rules and make amendments to sections of the rules which were still objectionable. After those changes are made, the rules would be presented to the oversight committee again. The LPTA leadership appreciates the opportunity to have worked with the licensure board through this process and we look forward to collaborating in the very near future with the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board to expedite the implementation of the this body of work which provides for physical therapy services to the citizens of Louisiana.

Athletic Trainer Legislation—HB 364

HB 364 **Roy** Creates a comprehensive sports injury management program for student athletics

HB 364 by Rep. Chris Roy would create a comprehensive sports injury management program for student athletics. The legislation as originally filed would make it a requirement that an athletic trainer be present during every high school and middle school tackle football game played in the State of Louisiana. The bill has been amended several times and now only impacts high school games.

The Louisiana Physical Therapy Association has been working with the proponents of the bill and has offered amendments that would remove the most onerous requirements of the legislation. Another set of amendments were presented to the author of the bill today. The amendments would remove the requirement that an athletic trainer be present at every tackle football game. The amendments expand the list of health care professionals that would participate in the management program to include physical therapist.

LPTA Members In The News

★ Lori Boyter, PT ★

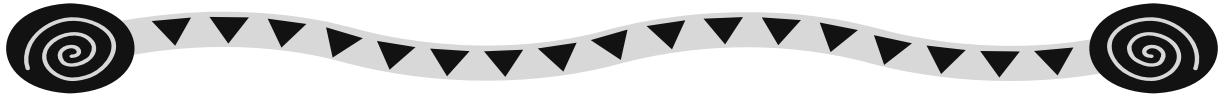


Lori Boyter, PT, was interviewed for a recent news story about one of her patients, 16 y/o Austin Fath. Lori works at Children's Hospital in New Orleans where Austin was treated and continues to make a remarkable recovery from a brain injury. The article and video link can be found at <http://www.fox8live.com/mostpopular/story/UPDATE-Mandeville-teen-making-a-remarkable/winFnax3GUadEvuBgmtSwg.csp>

★ Lee Couret, PT, MPT ★



Lee Couret, PT, MPT is featured on the cover of *Louisiana's Health & Fitness Magazine*, as well as in an article about his Metairie clinic. Check it out at <http://www.healthfitnessmag.com/>.



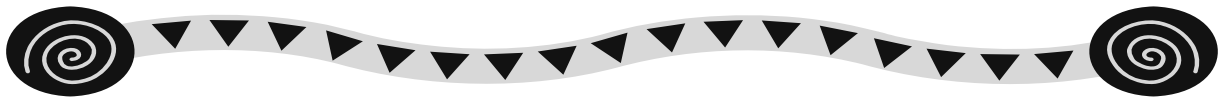
Happy Birthday, Geanie!



Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it, you've got to start young.
- Fred Astaire

Apparently one of our most distinguished members, Geneva “Geanie” Johnson, heeded those words as she recently celebrated her 89th birthday. (You might recall that Geanie was featured in the LPTA Spotlight article in the May/June 2010 issue of the Bayou Bulletin.)

Best wishes to Geanie for many more!





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