



Central Star Chapter

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March 2012 Edition

Upcoming Events

- March 20: Monthly meeting at Holmeswood Baptist Church. See Page 3 for more information.
- April 13: Chris Cake's Fundraising Pancake Dinner benefiting our chapter. Located at Holmeswood Baptist Church from 4pm to 7pm. Find more information on page 5.
- April 19-21: The 2013 Spring D7 regional will be in Columbia, Missouri from Friday, April 19 until Sunday, April 21! The Gateway Chapter will be sending out more information as soon as it is finalized. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Amy Dohr through our Facebook page.

Note from our Chapter President



Hello Everyone,

I hope that you all are doing well and ready for Spring. I know I am after being stuck inside with the kids for a week with no school.

We have some exciting things going on in our chapter over the next several months. First off is the Pancake Dinner Benefit on April 13th. This benefit will help out our members that are going to the DAAA World Games, scholarships, and events that happen throughout the chapter. We would love to 100% participation in this event. Please sell your tickets NOW and help our Chapter out.

Also, we would like to get a basketball team together. For more information on this please see page 10 in this newsletter. I know many of you have asked about the Regional in April that will be taking place in Columbia. I talked with Amy Dohr this week and they are finalizing all the details and hope to have the information out to us soon. Remember to sell those Pancake tickets and we will see you April 13th!!

-Kristie Morton

Officers

Chapter Officers:

President: [Kristie Morton](#)
Vice President: [Teresa Lauver](#)
Treasurer: [Jobeth Hay](#)

District Officers:

Director: [Tomi Strickland Mahoney](#)
Vice Director: [Alicia Linker](#)
Treasurer: Jack Pollock

Note: Our District President Tomi Mahoney has selected our very own Jack Pollock to be the District Treasurer. Please help me in congratulating Jack on this position.

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Events 2013 and Beyond

Monthly Meetings: Monthly meetings occur the third Wednesday of the month at Holmeswood Baptist Church from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. All chapter meetings and events are open to everyone (paid member or non-member). The next meeting is for **March 20, 2013**. These meetings are informal gatherings and a great way to meet or catch up with other members of our Little People chapter. Holmeswood Baptist Church is located at 9700 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Missouri.

Spring 2013: Little Adventures Western Caribbean Cruise sets sail from Ft. Lauderdale, FL on March 24, 2013. Click here for details. April 13: Chris Cake's Fundraising Pancake Dinner benefiting our chapter. Located at Holmeswood Baptist Church from 4pm to 7pm. Find more information on page 5.

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Summer 2013: National Conference in Washington, DC

August 3-10, 2013: [World Dwarf Games](#) in East Lansing, MI

Summer 2014: National Conference in San Diego, CA

Summer 2015: National Conference in St. Louis, MO

Summer 2016: National Conference in Boston, MA

Meet the Burnett Family

MeKendra Leigh Sloan was born on June 7, 2000 to Carole Burnett and Corey Sloan of Cameron, Missouri. She is the youngest of three girls, MeKenzie (17), MeKayla (16), and MeKendra (12). MeKendra is the only member in our family that was born with dwarfism. Her diagnosis is Achondroplasia.



We knew of the possibility of her having Achondroplasia when I was 7 months pregnant. Had I not been insistent about the late ultrasound, we would not have known prior to her being born. It was at that moment that the hospital geneticist counseled us about terminating the pregnancy (obviously NOT an option). Just after delivery, the doctors recanted stating that she did not have any form of dwarfism, as she was 8.2oz and 18 inches long. After further debate, they came in hours after her delivery and confirmed that she indeed had Achondroplasia.

MeKendra has had minor medical issues. When she was 2, she had to have her tonsils and adenoids removed and ear tubes put into place. She has had tubes put in and taken out twice since then. In June 2007, MeKendra had corrective leg surgery on her left leg by Dr. Dan at the University of Missouri. She is currently featured in the LPA magazine with Dr. Dan! Most of her medical issues have involved the bowing of her leg, sinus related issues, and sleep apnea. Otherwise, she is a pretty healthy and active child. She is currently in 7th grade at Cameron Middle School and has been a youth football cheerleader for the last 5 years. She loves to text, Facebook, and tweet her peeps. I'm sure some of you have already figured this out, as she does have the gift of gab. She also has a strong connection with the LP community and is very proud of who she is! She is aspiring to be a cosmetologist when she grows up.



Chris Cake's Pancake Dinner

**Little People of America Central Star Chapter is hosting it 1st Chris
Cake's Pancake Dinner**



**This Fundraiser will benefit our local chapter with special events, DAAA
games, scholarships and fee's for membership.**

**Please contact someone from Little People of America to purchase
tickets**

Contact Name: _____

Contact Number: _____

Join us on April 13th (4pm-7pm)

**Location: Holmeswood Baptist Church
9700 Holmes Rd, Kansas City, MO 64131**

All you can eat for only \$5.00 (in advance) \$6.00 (at the door)

Pancake Dinner Tickets

Please start selling the tickets located on the following pages now. If you need more, please let Kristie Morton now and she will get you some. If you sell tickets, PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON THEM. We are offering a \$25 gift card for the person who sells the most tickets. Turn in the money by April 1st to Kristie Morton, Jobeth Hay, or Teresa Lauver. We would like to see 100% participation in this event. Please help out our chapter in this fundraising. You can share the event on our Facebook page with your family and friends.



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March 2, 2013 Business Meeting Notes

Attendance:

Kristie, Christina, Trevor, JoBeth, Rueben, Leandria, Latoya, Amanda Fells, Janette, Anita

Welcome

Kristie appointed Anita as secretary

Treasurer report:

JoBeth gave the report. We have made approximately \$600 profit on the t-shirt sales. We will be selling hoodies for \$22-\$25, no minimum order. T-shirt info will be included in the next newsletter. Need to recognize Nicole Carter for the slogan "LOVE A little".

Pancake Dinner:

Will be having a pancake dinner Saturday, April 13th, 4pm-7pm at Holmswood Baptist Church. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. We make \$1.75 profit on each plate sold. Anyone that is attending the World Games and comes and helps with the dinner will receive a percentage of the profits to help with expenses. We will have a silent auction. If anyone has suggestions and/or items, let Kristie know. Anita will get with the Mavericks/Chiefs/Royals for donations.

DAAA Games:

World Games will be Aug 3-10, 2013 in East Lansing, MI. Registration deadline is April 15th, Uniform order deadline is March 25, 2013.

Teresa, Dustin & Andrew are attending; JoBeth, Jayton and family are attending, Zach, Anita & Curtis are attending so far.

Newsletter:

Will be sent of Office Depot for Anita to pick up and mail out. Need families to volunteer for monthly story, let Kristie know if you are interested.

Host Events:

Need families to host events, let Kristie know if you are interested.

March 23, Piper High School will host a pancake dinner. Christina's daughter, Miranda chapter.

Christina also volunteered to create history of our chapter, utilizing family stories in the newsletter.

Spring Regional:

Will be in Columbia, MO April 19-20, 2013. More info will be coming. Dr Dan will be seeing patients, need to make appointment.

Latoya volunteered to check into sports programs for little people in our area to form teams. Will get with Kristie.

Rueben announced that his lodge, Shawnee Lodge, gives out \$500 scholarships to seniors. He will send info to Kristie.

In Other News...

Friendly Reminders

- Tell your story! We need families to tell their stories in the monthly newsletter.
- Host an event! We need families to host events throughout the year.

Basketball Team

Latoya Walker (Shawn's mom) is putting together an LP basketball team for any age. With this team we are hoping that you will be able to compete with other teams around the country and during regionals and the National Conference. If you would like to be on the team please contact Latoya Walker at walkerfamily05@Yahoo.com or [816-517-6481](tel:816-517-6481).

2013 Nationals

The Chapter is offering to pay the registration fee for a family (up to 4) that will be going to the next National in Washington in 2013. This must be their first national attending. Submit name, email and phone number by March 30, 2013.



LOVE A little T-shirts

We have added toddler sizes to the LOVE A little t-shirts and have added Hooded Sweatshirts. See the website <http://www.lpcentralstarchapter.org/love-a-littlereg-t-shirts-for-sale.html> to place your order. Please pass along this information to your family and friends as well. The sale of these shirts will be open until April 1st.

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See us at:

<http://www.lpacentralstarchapter.org/>

LOVE A little Bracelets



These LOVE A little® wristbands are green with the words "LOVE A little®" on them and are sold for \$3.00 each. Adult sizes are 8 inches and youth sizes are 7 inches. Shipping and handling charge of \$1.50 will be charged for orders of 10 wristbands or less. Free shipping is offered for orders of 11 wristbands or more. Chapters interested in purchasing larger quantities for a discount should contact Admin@lpacentralstarchapter.org.

Click to order [LOVE A little®](http://www.lpacentralstarchapter.org/shop-and-donate.html) wristbands or go to www.lpacentralstarchapter.org/shop-and-donate.html.

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We Want to Hear From You

If you have any news stories, information, or ideas that you think could benefit our members, please let us know. If you have suggestions, questions, or topics you'd like to see covered in this newsletter, please let us know.

We would also like to see pictures from any pictures from LPA Star Chapter District 7 events. You can email the current editor, Kelsey Ellis at KelseyEllis@gmail.com

About Our Organization

The Central Star Chapter of the Little People of America serves residents in the central area of District 7 and provides support and information to people of short stature and their families. For more information, contact the chapter officer listed on the second page of the newsletter.