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LPA

THROUGH THE YEARS



“The Wizard of Oz” — MGM lot — Some of the LP crew — 1938

1957

Reno Meeting



RIVERSIDE HOTEL - RENO, NEVADA APRIL 3, 1957

**Back Row: Launa Shelton, James Robinson, Lillian Johnson, Waino Johnson, Paul Dolinajec,
Emil Kranzler, Mark Balluck**

**Row: Albert Anderson, Minnete Anderson, Robert Hinkson, Frank Delfino, Robert Pres
Billy Barty, Hilda Lange, Stan Osborne, Dan Turner, Robert Shoemaker,**



1957 April 4 Parade Preparation Reno Meeting



First Meeting April 3, 1957

April 3 - First Reno Meeting

Row: Minette and Albert Anderson, Sadie and Frank Delfino, James Robinson, Paul De
Waino and Lillian Johnson, Richard Preston, Dan Turner, Emil Kranzler, Stanley
Row: Rocky Carr, Robert Shoemaker, Launa Shelton, Billy Barty, Hilda Lange, Robert H

Nevada State Journal

FOURTEEN

RENO, NEVADA, FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 5, 1957

ESTABLISHED

RENO'S LITTLEST, BEST PARADE



Reno, Nevada April 3, 1957
Little People of America Parade in Downtown Reno

Parade In Reno April 4, 1957

**Dan Turner
Launa Shelton
Robert Hinkson**



**Dan Turner, Launa Shelton & Robert Hinkson
Reno Meeting April 3, 1957**



WIDE HOTEL - RENO, NEVADA APRIL 4, 1957
Carr, Hilda Lange, Launa, Shelton

Rocky Carr
Hilda Lange
Launa Shelton



Robert Hinkson Giving A Boost To Hilda Lange

UP SHE GOES as Hilda Lange of Albany gets boost to a slot machine handle from Bobby Hinkson, Washington, D. C., during intervals in Midgets of America



Reno, Nevada

HOTEL RIVERSIDE
Site of the Reno Meeting April 1-4, 1957

1960 - 1969

1960 Eastern Meeting Patterson, NJ



1960 Eastern Meeting Patterson, New Jersey
L to R: 1-Unk, 2-Unk, 3-Unk, 4-Marian Van Harken, 5-Unk, 6-Art Noble, 7-Unk, 8-Unk, 9-Unk, 10-Unk, 11-Unk

1960 Las Vegas Hacienda Hotel



1960 LPA National Convention Las Vegas, Nevada Hacienda Hotel
2nd Row: Bill Albaugh, Art Noble, Unk, Warren Bayley - Hotel Owner
1st Row: Marie Albaugh, Dan Turner, Ann Hinkson, Robert Hinkson

1960 Las Vegas Convention





First Board of Directors 1960 and Newsletter Staff

1960 Board of Directors

1961 Las Vegas



1961 Hollywood Shorties



HOLLYWOOD SHORTIES BASEBALL TEAM — Front row: (R to L) Mory Alden, Andre Boursse, unknown, Billy Barty, Herb Kinzel, Billy Curtis. Back row: Ivan Tesselink, unknown, Mel Rossi, Jim Chirco, George Spotts, Stan Erb, Duane Mitchell, J. C. Schlais, unknown. Front and center — Jerry Maren

1961 District 12 Hollywood Shorties Los Angeles, California

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1961 Las Vegas



1963 District 12 – First Meeting Los Angeles, CA



District II Labor Day Party at Tena and George Baehm's

**1963
District 2
Labor Day
At The
Baehm's**



**1964
At Lee
Kitchens'
Home**



LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC.

DISTRICT 12 CONVENTION

SEPT. 5, 6 & 7, 1964 OAKLAND, CALIF.

1964 District 12 Oakland, CA



1964 St. Louis, MO – Talent Show



**1965 Board of Directors
Gloucester, NJ**

1966

**Washington –
Baltimore
Group**





1966 - District 2 - Utica, NY



1966

**District 4
Christmas
Party
Norcross, GA**

1966

District 6 Taylor, Wisconsin



District 6 Get-together at Taylor, Wis.

1966

**District 7
Regional
St. Louis, MO**



DISTRICT 7



1966
District 8
Planners
Austin, TX
Conference



1966
District
11
Berg's
Farm

1966



**District 5
Cleveland,
OH**

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year



NEWSLETTER
LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC.
"Think Big"



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LPA

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 1966

ABOUT THIS ISSUE

In order to get this issue to you by Christmas (I hope) I am typing and setting it up myself. A good friend and neighbor, Mr. S. R. Johnson, has offered to duplicate it in his shop at moderate cost. (His ad appears in this issue.) This is my first attempt; I hope it will be satisfactory. Anyway, it will cost L.P.A. considerably less. I will try to get an issue to you every two months, one way or another.

Jackie

Holiday Greetings from the Editor

Thanksgiving is over and I suppose you all had plenty of delicious turkey and all the trimmings and are madly dieting so you can enjoy the Christmas holidays with all its goodies.

By the time you receive this issue we will be well in the swing of the Christmas spirit with all the decorations in the stores and madly scurrying around to do all that last minute Christmas shopping. All the children are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus with his big bag full of goodies. Sometimes when I see all the commercials and advertisements, Christmas counters filled with their merchandise shortly after Halloween and the thoughtless meaning behind so much gift giving I wonder if some of us haven't really forgotten the true meaning of Christmas.

Now don't get me wrong, I love every bit of Christmas, Fixing decorations, listening to the beautiful Christmas carols, seeing the glee in childrens faces when they see Santa, picking out just the right gift for those we love and most of all enjoying the fellowship of our friends at this festive time.

We all know that Christmas customs and traditions vary greatly in different countries. However, many of us are unaware of the great variety of ways in which Christmas is celebrated in our own land. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could celebrate in these ways with our L.P.A. friends all over the country.

I think most of us know that our President, Lee and Mary Kitchens, are liscensed pilots. So let us take an imaginary flying trip with Lee and suppose that he is escorting Dear Santa on his visits around the country, to distribute his gifts to all the Little People in our wonderful United States. So fasten your seat belts, here we go...

Lee and Santa started their trip in New York City. While there they stopped and visited Trinity Cemetery. The people there each year carry lanterns and flashlights and go to visit the graves of Clement Moore who wrote "A Visit from St. Nicholas" and the son of Charles Dickens who wrote the well-loved story "A Christmas Carol." And guess who Lee and Santa should see dressed like Santa's helpers and passing out the hot chocolate but Ann Cleary, Frank and Emma Lentini. So they stopped a moment and had a chat with them. And there were Richard Heyman,



1966

Newsletter
Christmas
Edition



1966

**Betty,
Stacie &
Alan
Nichols**

1967 National Convention



HOLLYWOOD KNICKERBOCKER HOTEL

1967

**Knickerbocker
Hotel
Hollywood, CA**

1967

**Barbara Wade,
Sandra Kitchens,
Mimi Wade
Hollywood, CA**





1967
Fashion Show
Shirley Barty
and
Friends
Hollywood, CA

1967

**Anna Dixon,
Mimi Becker
Hollywood, CA**





THE 3 SHIRLEYS
ENTERTAIN AT TALENT SHOW

1967
Talent Show
Three
Shirleys
Hollywood,
CA



1967

**Hollywood, CA
Convention
Universal
Studio Tour**

1968

**Royalty
Baltimore, MD
Convention**



1968

**National
Convention
Baltimore,
MD**





1968 Ostler 5 Group Johns Hopkins Hospital

1968 Osler 5 Frist LPA Group Evaluated at Johns Hopkins Hospital
1st Row: Sam, Josh and Matt Roloff, Mike Treylenik and Lori Barty
2nd Row: Sallie Baginsky, Frances Long, Billy Sutton, Linda Pomeroy, Dottie MacKay
Billy Barty, George Moore
3rd Row: Lorene Johnston, Claudia (Bishop) Brown, Sherry Heyman, Shirley Barty



1968

**District 7
Spring Meeting
Joplin, MO**



Those attending included: (Row one, l-r), Lee Ann Wolworth, Dave and Karen Buterbaugh, Dawn Green, Jill and Mike Hagan. (Row two), Miss Sarah Goene, Miss Rosanne Becker, Miss Bonnie Norton, Miss Lydia Thomas, Mrs. Audrey Green, George Green. (Third row), Bob and Jan Wolworth, Jim and Eileen Hagan, Ed and Nancy Buterbaugh, Gerald Rasa and Paul Dolinajec.

1969 District 6 Picnic at Northlake, Illinois

1969

District 6 Picnic at Northlake, IL

1969

**District 3
Meeting at
Charles
Eyler Home**





1969 District 8 Minneapolis, MN Convention



1969

**District 12
Minneapolis,
MN
Convention**

1969 District 12 Attendees LPA National Convention Minneapolis, Minnes

1st Row: Lillian Johnson, Marjorie Alden, Unk, Harriet Stickney, Bob East,
Jackie East, Billy Bart

2nd Row: Maury Alden, Bob Burgan, Joan Hare (Cecil), Connie East (Cummi
Shireley Bart



1969 District 10 New Mexico

1970 - 1979

1970

Board Of Directors Portland, OR Convention



1970 Board of Directors and Spouses

**1st Row: Joe and Martha Alexander, Lee Kitchens, Marilyn Zellman
Chuck and Sally Bedow**

2nd Row: Barbara Morris, Mary Kitchens, George Boehm

3rd Row: Brian Morris, Eleanor Jones, Tena Boehm

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1970

**District 7
Bartlesville,
OK**





1970 - District 1



1970

**Portland, OR
Convention**



1971 – Atlanta, GA



1971

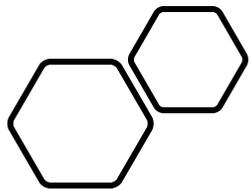
**Atlanta, GA
Convention**



1971 – Board Of Directors



1971 - District 6 Green Bay, WI



1971

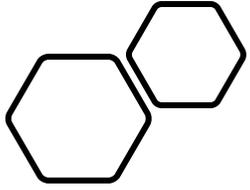
**District 6
Region Meet
Chicago, IL**



1971 District Six Regional Meeting Chacago, Illinois



1971- District 12 Sacramento, CA



1972

**Board Of
Directors
Chicago,
IL**



1972 Board of Directors and Spouse's Chicago, Illinois
1st Row: Harriet and Al Stickney, Joe and Martha Alexander, Chuck Bedow, Louis Scharer,
Marilyn Zellman, Robert Spector
2nd Row: Ann DeCille, Lee Picard, Barbara Morris, Sally Bedow, Marcella Brower, Mary Kitcherns,
Shirley Barty, Mary Rasa, Lorene Johnston
3rd Row: Dominic DeCille, Dale Picard, Brian Morris, Launa Turner, Bob Brower, Billy Barty, Gerald R
Walter Johnson



1972

**District 9
Minneapolis, MN
Convention**



1972

**District 10
Phoenix, AZ**



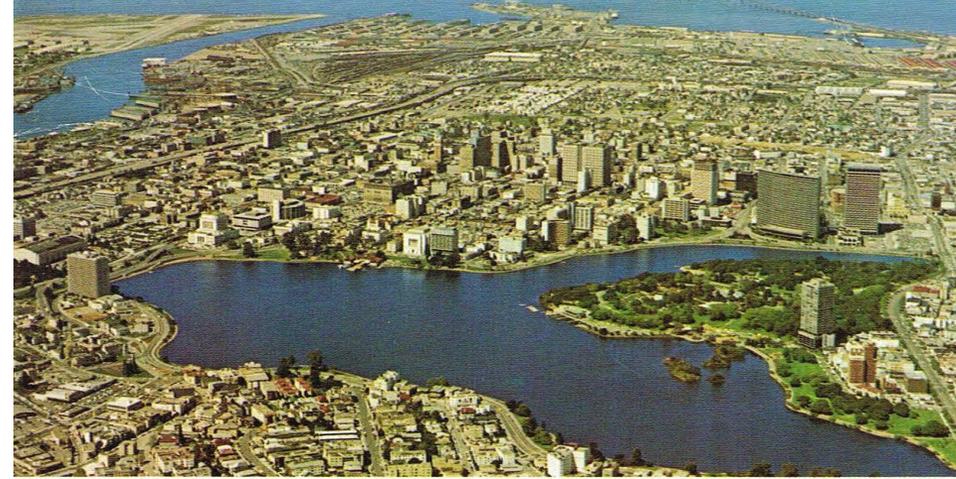
Newly elected officers for District FOUR are (left to right): Billy Sutton, Treasurer; Frances Duckworth, Secretary; Glenn Summers, Asst. Director; and Herbert Perry, Director.

1973

**District 4
Officers – Billy
Sutton, Frances
Duckworth,
Glenn Summers,
Herbert Perry**

1973

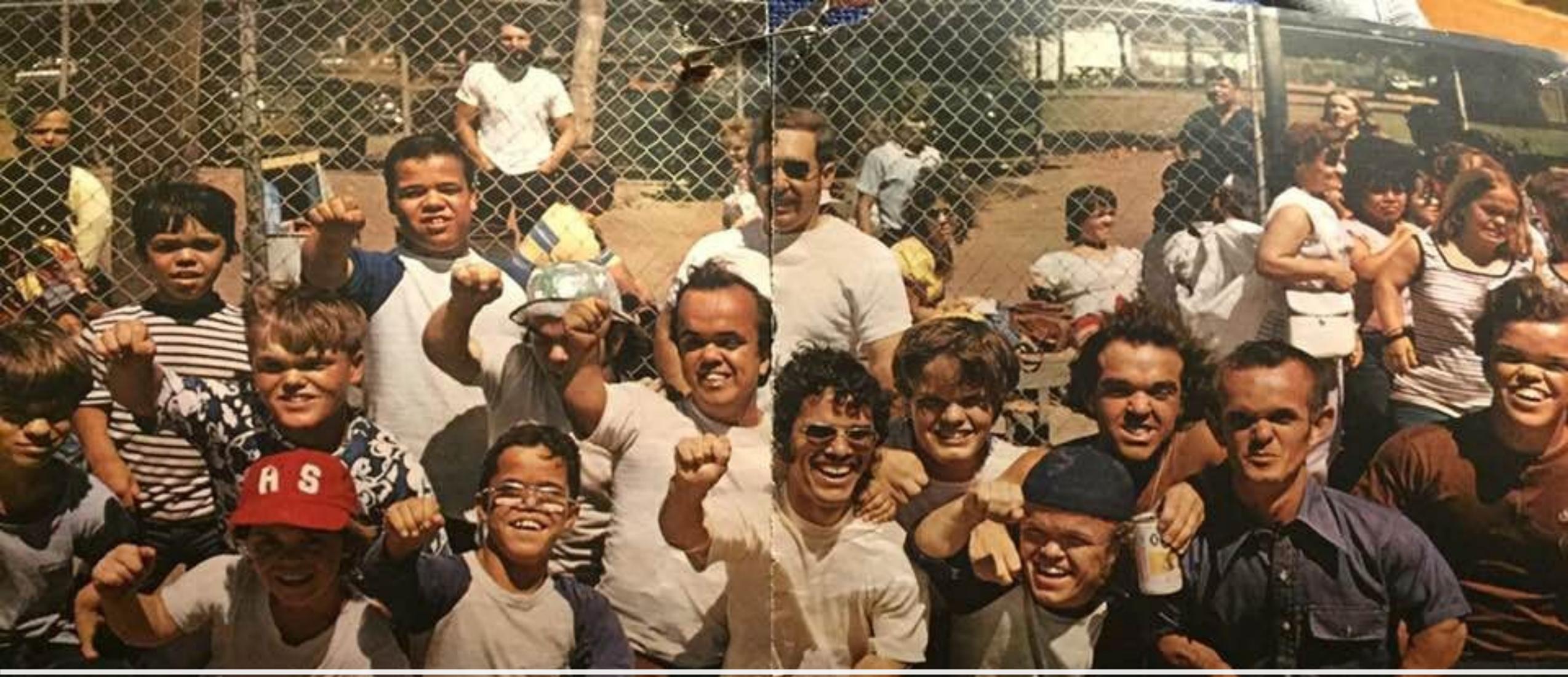
Convention Program Oakland, CA



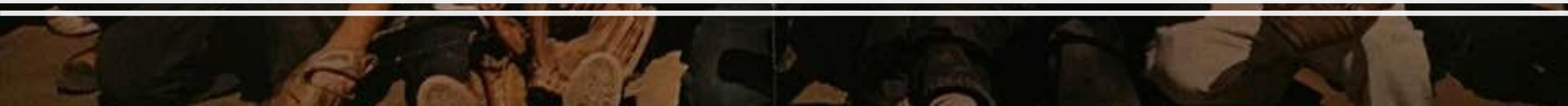
Little People of America, Inc.
15TH Annual Convention
Oakland Hilton, July 23-27

 **AKLAND**
"The Big League City"





1973 SFBAC "Stumps"





1973 District 5 Youngstown, OH



1973 - Oakland

**Top: Larry Green –
Laurel Goodkin**



**Bottom: Annis Arthur –
Gary Friedkin**

Couples: Laurel Goodkin and Larry Green, top, and Annis Arthur and Gary Friedkin, bottom, were introduced at L.P.A. conventions. Harriet Stickney, vice-president of the organization, says that "most dwarfs have average-sized parents who come to realize that their children are happiest dating and marrying another dwarf." Little People of America offers its members marriage counseling and a child adoption service.



Second Annual Short Stature Symposim
Johns Hopkins Hospital - April 7, 1973

1973
2nd Short
Stature
Symposium
Baltimore, MD

Queens Of LPA



1974 – Patty Maloney

1975 – Diane Rimar

1976 – Karen Anderson

1977 – Diana Layne

1978 – Gracie Oliver

1979 – Mary Beth Eley

1980 – Mary Totar



1973 District 7 Lake Ardmore, OK

DISTRICT SEVEN JUNE MEETING



1974 – District 7

1974



1974 Board Of Directors Asheville, NC

NATIONAL PRESIDENT
GERALD RASA
Greenville, Pennsylvania



A native Missourian, Gerald L. Rasa first joined the Little People of America, Inc. organization in 1961. He has been an active member of Districts Six and Seven, and currently resides in District Two. He has served as the Missouri-Kansas coordinator in District Seven, and as the director of activities in the Illinois-Wisconsin region. He was also the 1972 national convention chairman and a contributing editor to the first edition of LPA's Handbook. He has twice served as the LPA National Newsletter Editor.

In March, 1972, he married Miss Mary McGrath, Joliet, Ill. In December, 1974, Mary and Gerald adopted their son, Jason Christopher.

Professionally, Gerald serves as Director of Public Relations and as an Assistant to the President of Thiel College, Greenville, Pa. He is a 1969 graduate of Central Missouri State University (B.S., M.A.), and has served on the public relations staff at both C.M.S.U. and Elmhurst College. He is a member of the National Council for the Support and Advancement of Higher Education and the "75" Bicentennial Committee in Greenville.

NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT
KEITH McCALL
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Keith was born in Salina, Oklahoma; attended High School in Davenport, Oklahoma; graduated from Central State College in Accounting. He is employed at the State Capitol as an auditor in the State Examiner's Office.

He is married to the former Rena Gaye Cadjenhead.

Keith's favorite hobbies are sports; he once owned a Recreation Center, did professional skating. He had a part in a recent movie made in Oklahoma City.

Keith organized the Oklahoma City Chapter, and served as President. He was also District 7 Director in 1973 - 1974.

NATIONAL SECRETARY
LYDIA THOMAS
Burbank, California



Lydia was born in Detroit, Michigan, where she graduated from Redford High School. She worked for The Michigan Bell Telephone Company three years as a telephone operator.

Lydia wanted to explore the rest of the country, so she packed up and moved to sunny California and began working for her current employer at Bank of America, where she is working as a Bookkeeper. She is studying Accounting at the American Institute of Banking and hopes to enter the accounting field someday.

She has been a member of LPA since 1973.

1974

Executive Committee

President: Gerald Rasa

Vice President: Keith McCall

Secretary: Lydia Thomas



Brian Morris, Treasurer LPA, is a native of Widnes, England. He attended York College of Pennsylvania, and Wayne State University. This past year Brian passed the State Boards and became a Certified Public Accountant. Brian is a partner in the CPA firm of Brenner and Burnstein. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, and the Accountant Guild.

Brian is married to the former Barbara Ann Brenner. They have two children, David Andrew (3 years) and Sara Beth (1 year). They are active members in Temple Israel, Detroit.

Barbara and Brian have been active members of LPA since 1966 and 1964 respectively. Brian has served as District Five Director, and has been Treasurer since 1974.

FOUNDER
BILLY BARTY

Hollywood, California



Billy Barty Founded the Little People of America, Inc. in 1957. Twenty People, representing 9 states attended the first convention in April of 1957 at the Riverside Hotel in Reno Nevada. Billy was born in Millsboro Pennsylvania and at the age of three his parents and two sisters moved to California. They settled in Hollywood and soon after his arrival he started his motion picture career. Mr. Barty has appeared in over 130 motion pictures with his most recent being the Day of The Locust.

Billy Barty has always been concerned for the other person. This was evident even when he attended Los Angeles City College and California State University at Los Angeles. Despite being only 3'9" he made his letter in football and basketball while attending college. Today he is still active in his Alma Mater and this year received the Alumni award as the most outstanding Alumnus of the year for his contribution as Chairman for their fund raising program. He was also honored by the California State Assembly.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
GEO. "JOE" ALEXANDER
Goldendale, Washington



A native to the Pacific Northwest, Joe was born and raised near Hood River, Oregon. He received his B.A. from Pacific University in 1959 and has been taking advanced training during summer terms ever since.

He joined LPA in 1961 and was elected District Eleven Director in 1966. From 1967 until 1969 he was the editor of the first printing of the LPA Member's Handbook. He served as LPA National President from 1970-1974.

Joe is employed as a Speech and Hearing Pathologist in the public schools of Klickitat County, Washington. He is Lay Leader in the Goldendale United Methodist Church, Chairman of the local FISH organization and is a "Hacker" in golf. He is married to a woman from Lewistown, Montana, and they

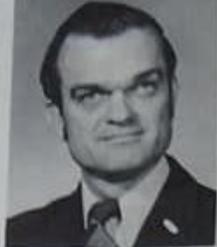
1974

Executive Committee

Treasurer: Brian Morris

Founder: Billy Barty

Past President: Joe Alexander



graduated from the University of
 graduation, Herb has become involved in the community and
 recently was re-elected to his second term as Town
 Clerk.
 He is an active member of the Lion's Club, Leicester
 Rod and Gun Club, and the Massachusetts Twon Clerks
 Association. Herb has been a member of L.P.A. since
 1962.
 On February 15, 1975, Herb married the former
 Gail A. Estabrook of South Portland, Maine.

**DISTRICT TWO
 FRANCES RAIDER**

Mohegan Lake, New York



Frances became the Director of District Two on May
 4, 1974. She has been a member of LPA since August
 of 1967 and has attended most of the national conven-
 tions since. She is also a member of Human Growth,
 Inc.

Frances is a graduate of C.W. Post College and is
 presently employed as a Medical Technologist at the
 Veterans' Administration Hospital in Northport, Long
 Island. Her favorite pastimes are sewing, knitting and
 boating. On November 16, 1974, she was married to
 Robert Raider.



**DISTRICT THREE
 HARRELL PARKER**
 Woodland, North Carolina

Harrell, 24 years of age, joined LPA in 1968. He
 graduated from Career Academy in 1970 where he
 studied Dental Technology. After graduation he was
 employed by Dr. L.M. Massey in Zebulon. In '72
 Harrell moved to Woodland, where he grew up, and
 accepted a job at Ahoskie Dental Lab. While in Wood-
 land, he was a charter member and Secretary and
 Treasurer for the Woodland-Potocasi Lions Club, mem-
 ber of the Woodland Boys Scouts, Coach of a little boys softball team. In '74 Harrell

moved to Rocky Mount to work at Rhodes Dental Lab. He is a member at the Stony
 Creek Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad. He has just been certified by
 the State of North Carolina as an Emergency Medical Technician.

**DISTRICT FOUR
 HERBERT PERRY**

Warner Robins, Georgia



Herb comes from Warner Robins, Georgia. He is
 employed at Robins Air Force Base as an Electronic
 Mechanic. Herb is married to the former Rachel Heald
 of Iowa.

He joined LPA in 1968, serving three years as as-
 sistant director, and since 1973 as director. Herb is
 also active in his church serving as assistant treasurer
 for the church fund and building fund and a deacon.
 He plays the part of Zacchaeus in their Easter Play
 "He Touched Me". Herb enjoys traveling and fishing.

1974

District Directors

District #1 - Herb Williamson

District #2 - Francis Raider

District #3 - Harrel Parker

District #4 - Herb Perry



a snowy day in January. Diane was born. She was a bundle to handle. The youngest of five, Diane attended Henry Ford High School and Detroit Business Institute. Diane joined L.P.A. in 1964 about the same time she started working for Manufacturers National Bank. She has been with the bank ever since, except for a one year hiatus in Hawaii. Diane enjoys traveling and meeting people. Diane hopes that you all have a great time at this year's National Convention.

DISTRICT SIX
EDWARD R. DARMSTADT
Oak Park, Illinois



Ed was born in Chicago, Illinois, but after a few years the family moved to the suburb of Forest Park, where he attended the public school. He graduated from Proviso Township High School in Maywood Ill.

Went to Armour Institute of Technology of Chicago, and after one term transferred to Lewis Institute (both schools now comprise the Illinois Institute of Technology) where he earned his B.S. Degree.

After years of various occupations, he became associated with Bradshaw-Praeger, Shellac Importers as a chemist doing factory control and research work. After twenty years of amicable employment he retired to a life of leisure and to pursue his hobbies, as fishing, golfing (9 holes) and traveling. Always willing to travel with those who want company. His visits to the Orient are fond memories.

After seeing Nancy Buterbaugh and Gerald Rosa on television joined the LPA in 1971 and became a life member in 1972. To him LPA has given him a new lease on life and a better hobby to pursue.

DISTRICT SEVEN
DONNA STURM
Glencoe, Oklahoma



Donna Sturm lived at Glencoe, Oklahoma for the past 20 years. She graduated from Oklahoma State University with B.S. in elementary education in May 1972. Donna has taught for the past 3 years at Glencoe Elementary, teaching kindergarten and 6th grade. She enjoys kids, reading, gardening. Donna was appointed District Director in July 1974.

DISTRICT EIGHT
RONALD C. ROCKWOOD
Grapevine, Texas



Ron was born in Buffalo, New York, but has lived in Texas for the past twenty years. He received his B.A. in Mathematics from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1972. He is currently working for Bell Helicopter Company as a Computer Programmer/Systems Analyst. Before becoming director of District 8 in May of 1974. Ron was the president of the

1974

District Directors

District #5 - Diane Rimar

District #6 - Ed Darmstadt

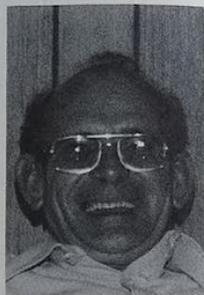
District #7 - Donna Sturm

District #8 - Ron Rockwood



College in Minneapolis, Minnesota where Barbara has lived ever since. She is employed in the accounting department of the Home Office of FBS Financial, Inc. Barbara has been a member of LPA since 1966. She attended her first convention that same summer in Austin, Texas and has been lucky enough to attend all but two conventions since. This May at our Spring meeting she was elected District Director.

DISTRICT TEN
LUVERNE H. HICKS
Tempe, Arizona



Luverne is married and has raised four children, one being a little person. He has been a maintenance mechanic, an independent business man and now is self employed, working as a salesman. He has been in sales for the past eight years.

Luverne has always considered his size a great asset and as newly elected district director, he is looking forward to working with L.P.A.

DISTRICT ELEVEN
ROBERT W. HUBOF
Post Falls, Idaho



Robert Wayne Hubof was born in Post Falls, Idaho where he has resided since. He received his elementary and High School education in Post Falls and graduated in 1968. He continued his studies for a B.A. degree in education at North Idaho College and at Eastern Washington State College of which he received his degree in 1972. Bob has been teaching for the three years. He teaches in the elementary level. Bob married the former Miss Brigid Kerner of Fairbanks, Alaska this past August 3, 1974. Bob and Brigid

met at the Oakland Convention in 1973. Bob is also active in the Post Falls Police Department being a police reserve. Bob joined the L.P.A. in 1965. He became District Director in the spring of 1974.

DISTRICT TWELVE
DARRELL J. DIETRICH
Clovis, California

Darrell has been a member of LPA since 1966. He served as co-coordinator of the San Joaquin Group for two years, then as president after receiving the San Joaquin Chapter charter for one year. He has been employed by the U.S. Postal Service in Fresno, California for 10 years.

Darrell graduated from Salida High School in Salida, Colorado and attended Barnes School of Com-



1974

District Directors

District #10 - Luverne Hicks

District #11 - Robert Hubof

District #12 - Darrell Dietrich



1977

**Barty Family
Lori, Shirley,
Braden, Billy
Portland, OR**



1977 District 3 Delmarva Chapter



1977

**Judy Badner
&
Parents**

Special souvenir issue



NEWS

Little People of America

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16 Pages

Dallas draws 538 people

Convention sets record



The 1978 LPA Royalty shines as always. From left to right are: Prince, David Marshall; Princess, Shelly Smith; Teen Queen, Susan Barnes; Teen King, Joey Roach; Queen, Mary Beth Eley; and King, Lee Kitchens.

By Bobby Van Etten
Special Correspondent

EDITOR'S NOTE:
Bobby is a member of the South Florida Minigators in District-4. His story and pictures will, we hope, be a keepsake for LPAers for a lifetime. We also must thank Walter Menning of Youngstown, Ohio, for his fine photos and captions.

LPA experienced its largest National Convention in the history of the organization. The Dallas bash drew 538 happy, smiling faces. District 8 did a whale of a job and can really be proud of themselves. But as we all know, everything is bigger in Texas.

Members started
Continued on Page 2

LPA sets Lancaster as 1979 locale

By Ed Lang
Editor

Strike and Spare Lanes in New Jersey to unveil their plans in June. John and Jeanne Cressman and George and Tena Baehm, III, were the Convention Bid

1978

LPA NEWS

Dallas

Convention



1979 District 2 Islanders Chapter



**1979 Board Of Directors -
Lancaster, PA.**

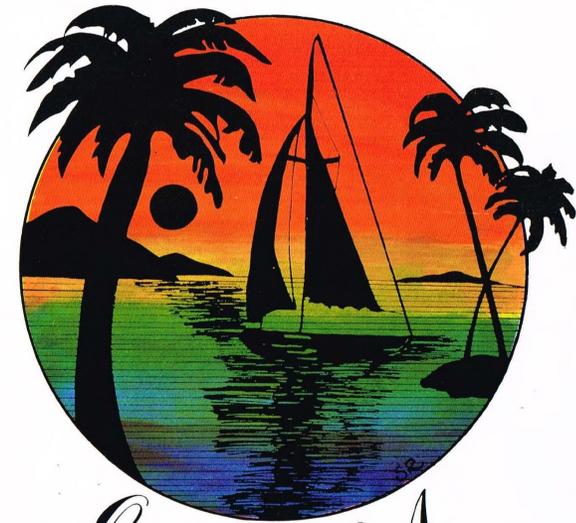
1980 - 1989

1980

Los Angeles Conference Program

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22ND NATIONAL CONVENTION



Only in L.A.

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JULY 21-25, 1980



1980
LPA Royalty

1981

LPA Royalty Convention St. Paul, MN



Royalty was selected by convention delegates. From left to right we have: LPA Queen, Joy Campbell (District-12); LPA Teen King, Charlie Elder (District-3); LPA Teen Queen, Ginny Brown (District-10); LPA Little Little Prince, Crystal Perry (District-4) and LPA Little Little Prince Jonathan North (District-9). Congratulations to all our

1980

**Shirley Harper
Frank Lentini
Mary and Lee
Kitchens**



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1981

On The Set

**“Under The
Rainbow”**



1981

**“Under The
Rainbow”**



October-November, 1981

LPA Today



1981 Officers and Wives

1981

District 12

Bob East





1981 Los Angeles Chapter



1982 1st International Conference-Washington, DC



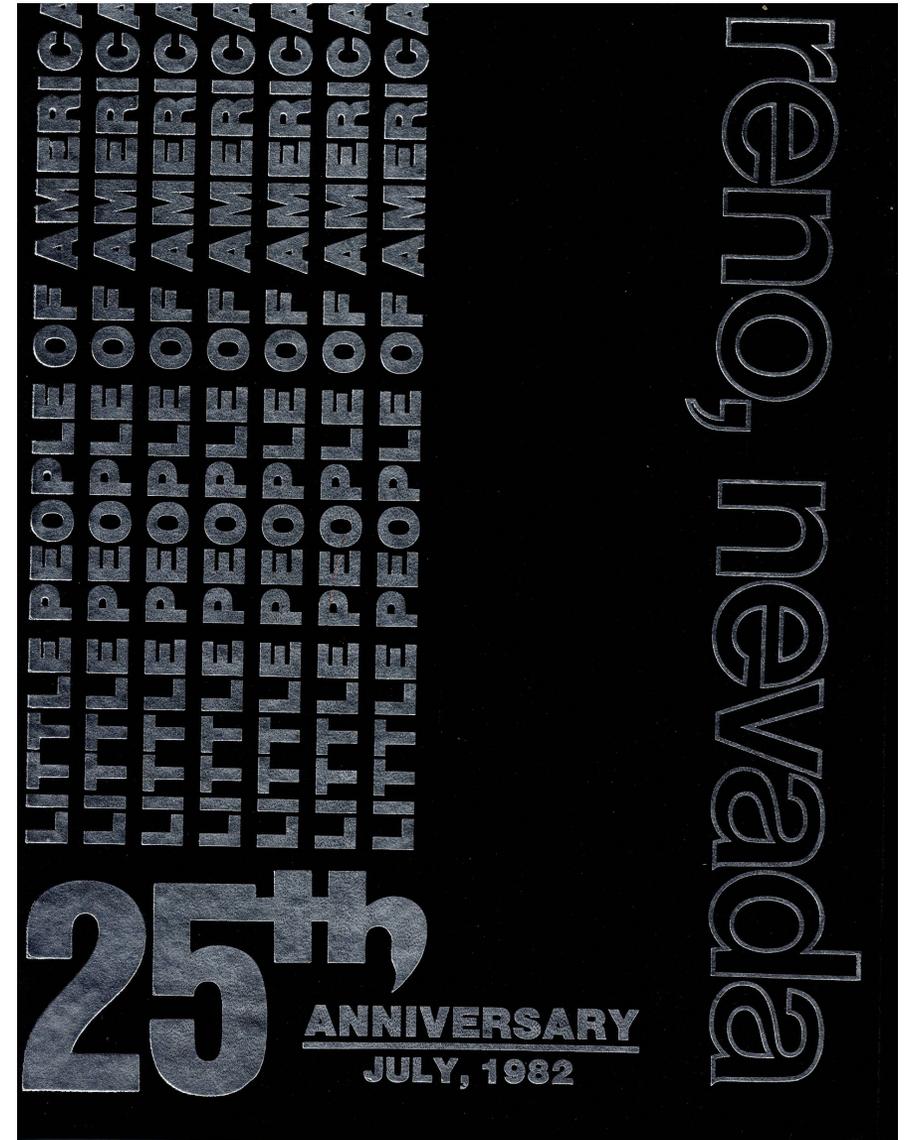
1982 Planning Committee, International Conference

Al and Harriet Stickney

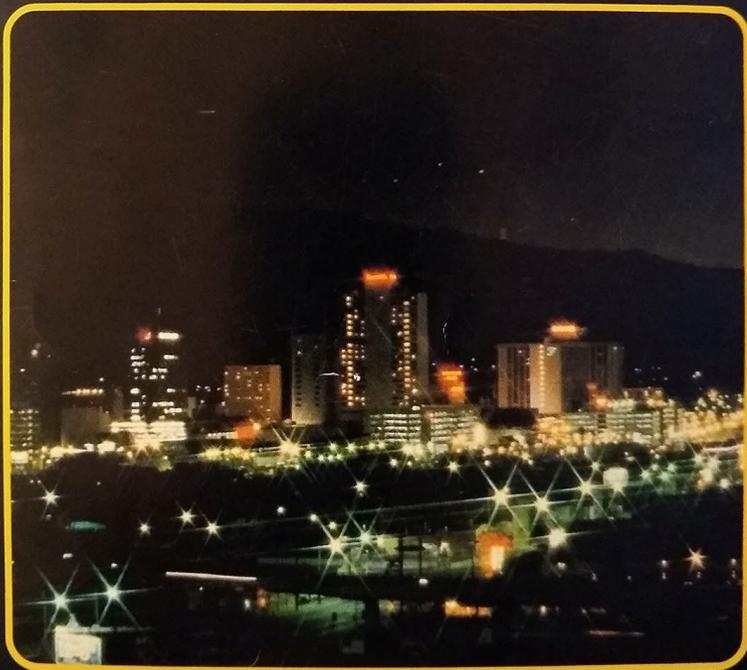


1982

**25th
Anniversary
Album
Reno, NV**



LITTLE PEOPLE
OF AMERICA
25th ANNIVERSARY
CONVENTION



Harrah's Reno
July 26 thru July 29, 1982

1982

**Convention
Program
Reno, NV**



1983

**Boston, MA
Convention
Ruth Ricker
and
Friends**



Photo by Secor

Dr. Charles Scott takes time out of his busy Convention schedule to pose for a quick picture with Dr. Clair Francomano of the Johns Hopkins Medical Center.

1983

**Boston, MA
Convention**

**Dr. Charles Scott &
Dr. Clair Francomano**

1983

**Boston, MA
Convention**

Baseball Game



1983

**Los Angeles
Chapter**

**Larry Green, Debbie
Dixon,**





1983 Mets Chapter Locale?
1- ? Seidman, 2-? Lockard, 3-Allen Colmes, 4- Julie

1983

**Mets Chapter
Seidman, Lochard,
Allen Colmes,
Julie Rotta**



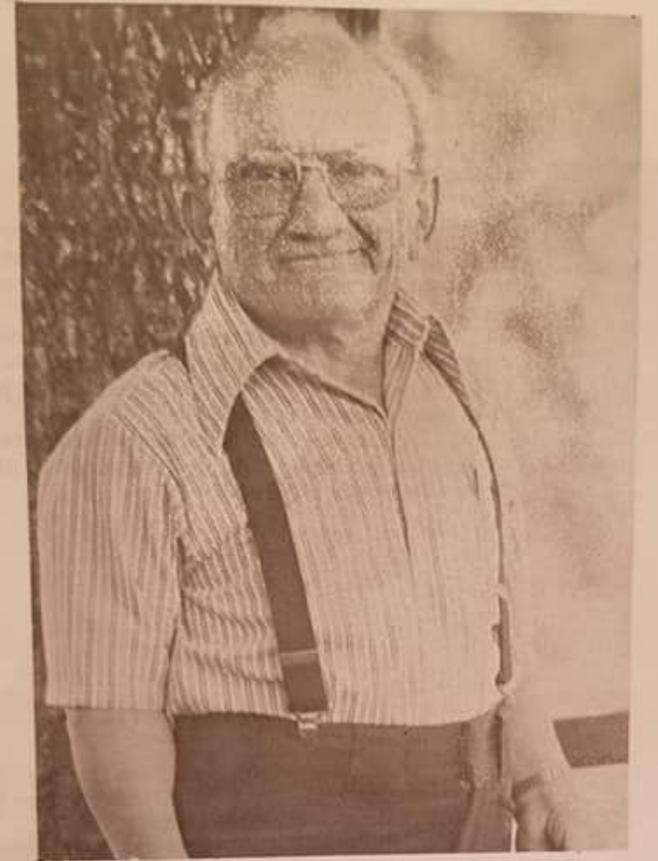
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**District 2
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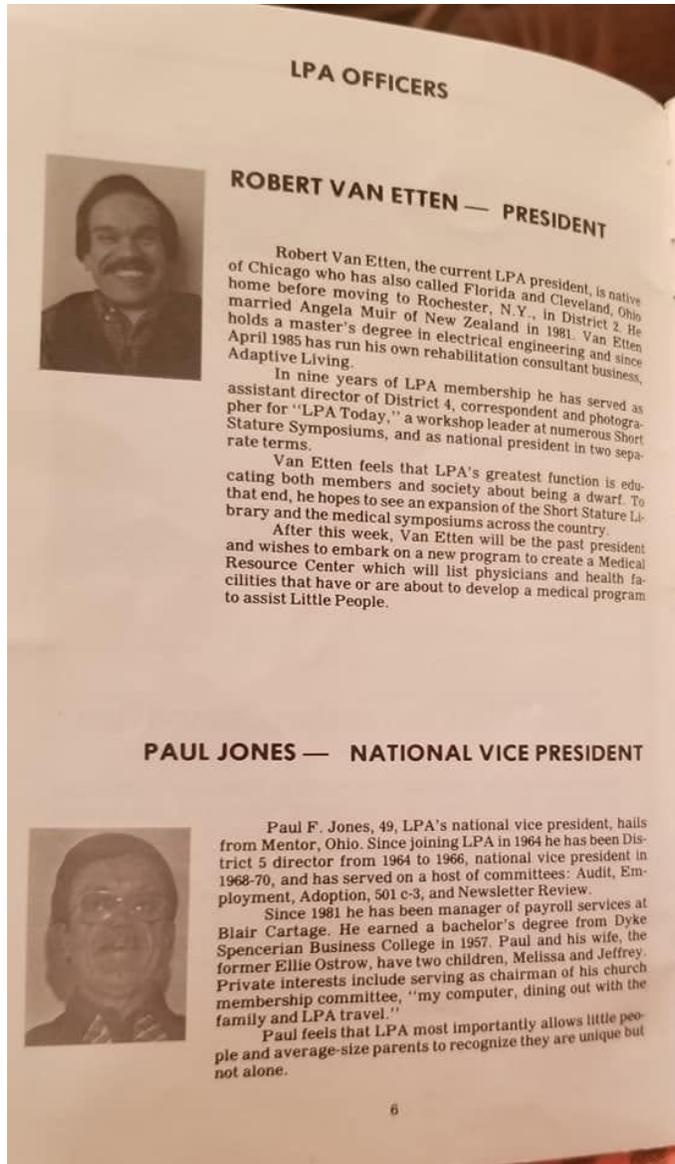
**Convention Program
Founder
Billy Barty
St. Louis, MO**



BILLY BARTY — FOUNDER

Billy Barty is probably the most famous Little Person in America today. He founded the LPA organization in 1957. A native of Pennsylvania, he moved to Los Angeles at the age of three. He has had a life-long career as an actor and entertainer, having made some 130 motion pictures. In recent years he has starred in such pictures as "Foul Play," with Goldie Hawn, and the London-based movie "Legends."

He attended the Marken Professional School and Los Angeles State University, earning varsity letters in football and basketball.



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ROBERT VAN ETTEN — PRESIDENT

Robert Van Etten, the current LPA president, is native of Chicago who has also called Florida and Cleveland, Ohio home before moving to Rochester, N.Y., in District 2. He married Angela Muir of New Zealand in 1981. Van Etten holds a master's degree in electrical engineering and since April 1985 has run his own rehabilitation consultant business, Adaptive Living.

In nine years of LPA membership he has served as assistant director of District 4, correspondent and photographer for "LPA Today," a workshop leader at numerous Short Stature Symposiums, and as national president in two separate terms.

Van Etten feels that LPA's greatest function is educating both members and society about being a dwarf. To that end, he hopes to see an expansion of the Short Stature Library and the medical symposiums across the country.

After this week, Van Etten will be the past president and wishes to embark on a new program to create a Medical Resource Center which will list physicians and health facilities that have or are about to develop a medical program to assist Little People.

PAUL JONES — NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT



Paul F. Jones, 49, LPA's national vice president, hails from Mentor, Ohio. Since joining LPA in 1964 he has been District 5 director from 1964 to 1966, national vice president in 1968-70, and has served on a host of committees: Audit, Employment, Adoption, 501 c-3, and Newsletter Review.

Since 1981 he has been manager of payroll services at Blair Cartage. He earned a bachelor's degree from Dyke Spencerian Business College in 1957. Paul and his wife, the former Ellie Ostrow, have two children, Melissa and Jeffrey. Private interests include serving as chairman of his church membership committee, "my computer, dining out with the family and LPA travel."

Paul feels that LPA most importantly allows little people and average-size parents to recognize they are unique but not alone.

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Robert Van Etten –
President**

**Paul Jones – Vice President
St. Louis, MO**

1984

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Tim Deatherage -Treasurer
Beth Loyless – Membership
Mary Carten – Past President
St. Louis, MO

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TIM DEATHERAGE — TREASURER



National LPA, Inc. and LPA Foundation Treasurer since 1966. He is self-employed as a Certified Public Accountant and holds a B.B.A. from Midwestern State University. He and his wife, Barbara, along with son Todd, 8, and daughter Amanda, 5, reside in Wichita Falls, Texas. Past service to LPA includes membership on the Audit Committee and treasurer for District 8. In private life, Tim is a member of the Optimists and a treasurer for both the YMCA Indian Guides and the Wichita Falls Slot Car Races Association.

BETH LOYLESS — MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR



Beth Wason Loyless, 35, of Glen Ellyn, Ill., is LPA's national membership coordinator. She was also co-chairperson of the 1979 national convention and a district director. She describes her employment for the past 2½ years as "full-time mom" of Emily, 1, and Alex, 2½. She now works part time as coordinator of a parent-child program and is a member of the Preschool Education Board of her church. She is married to Jimmy Loyless. In Beth's opinion, "LPA gives to each person the opportunity to interact with other short-statured persons who have similar needs, difficulties and aspirations." In the future she hopes to work with the parent group in her home district and to increase participation of short-statured parents in parent groups.

MARY CARTEN — IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT



Mary V. Carten of Dallas is the Immediate Past President of LPA. Since joining the organization in 1966 she has served as Dalworth Chapter president, District 8 director, national convention chairperson in 1978, national membership coordinator, and currently, as the secretary for the LPA Foundation. She holds a business degree from El Centro Junior College and is the mother of 15-year-old Monica. She is also involved in foster parenting. In her opinion, LPA's most important function is "the mass exposure to a variety of short-statured individuals you will see at our national convention. There is nothing like seeing your double and realizing you're not different. You're unique!"

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RON HARRIS

Ronald Q. Harris, 37, joined LPA in 1976 and is currently director of District 4. He makes his home in Tallahassee, Florida. Ron holds Bachelor of Science, Master of Science and AB.D. degrees, and is presently self employed.

In his opinion LPA is vital because "It provides an outlet for socialization and self-identity acceptance by viewing others like oneself." In the future, Ron expects to opt for early retirement in order to devote more time to serving LPA.

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MARGE CARLISLE

District 5 Director Marjorie Carlisle, 31, has gone from the role of full-time special education teacher to mother twice over within the space of the last year — all while heading up the planning committee for the Dearborn convention. She and her husband, Butch, adopted Christopher, who arrived Dec. 21, 1985. Their son Jason was born last month.

Marge has been Motor City Micronaut president, newsletter editor and a charter member. She was a delegate to the International LP Convention in Washington, D.C. and served on the 501 c-3 Committee. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in home economics from Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan University, and has taught in the Flint Community Schools for eight years.

"The fact that an LP member can make the best medical contacts for their needs with just a few phone calls is a strong asset" of the LPA organization, Marge believes.

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MARY RASA

Mary Elizabeth Rasa, 38, resides in Joliet, Ill., and is director of District 6. She joined LPA in 1971. Mary has been employed as an executive secretary for the past 12 years. She attended Marycrest Business College, Joliet Junior College and the College of St. Francis. She has one son, Jason.

In private life she is a member of the Illinois Economic Organization and participates in political fund-raisers at the county level. Her goal for the future of LPA is to see the organization grow.

1984

Convention Program District Directors District #4 - Ron Harris District #5 - Marge Carlisle District #6 - Mary Rasa St. Louis, MO

1984

Convention Program

District Directors

District #7 - Virginia Martin

District #8 - Mary Beth Eley

District #9 - Clifton King

St. Louis, MO

DISTRICT DIRECTORS



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VIRGINIA MARTIN

The director of District 7, Virginia Ann Martin, 53, holds the distinction of stepping into that capacity as her first office within LPA. She joined the organization in 1969 and resides in Hartsburg, Mo. She is now retired after having worked as an accountant in St. Louis for 16 years. For the past decade she has been heavily involved in volunteer work for not-for-profit organizations. She has one child, Kent, 16.

Virginia is a member of the AARP, National Notary Association, PTO and Boone County Nutrition Council. Virginia shares the opinion that LPA should become a professional organization with a paid executive director and provide an annual membership directory.



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MARY BETH ELEY

LPA unquestionably improves the lives of little people, in the opinion of District 8 Director Mary Beth Eley. The Dallas resident is a former president and vice president of the Dal-Worth Chapter of LPA, which she joined in 1970.

She holds a bachelor's degree and has been a special education teacher for the past 11 years. She is a member of the National Education Association and is active in state and national political campaigns.



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CLIFTON KING

Clifton A. King, 59, makes his home in Rochester, Minn. The director of District 9 joined LPA a decade ago. During that time he has hosted several regional meetings of the organization. Cliff has been a production control specialist in electronics for 10 years. He is married to Mamie King.

Currently Cliff is starting to make presentations at work about dwarfism and to speak to service clubs and organizations about work opportunities for little people.

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VIRGINIA ALFORD



Virginia L. Alford, 26, is the director of District 10. Since joining LPA just three years ago she has been vice president, secretary and treasurer of the Front Range Chapter.

She holds an associate degree in accounting and is a data entry clerk at Tulper/Seiko Watch Co. Her husband, Dean, is currently the Front Range chapter president. They have one daughter, Christi.

Virginia says LPA strongly supports parents with dwarf children along with providing social and educational events for people of all ages.

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PAM LITSCHER



Newberg, Oregon resident Pam Litscher, 38, is District 11 director. Since joining LPA in 1961 she has held office in the Denver chapter in 1963 as secretary.

She owns and manages her own typesetting and graphic business and holds an associate degree in that field. She is married to Jim Litscher and has two stepchildren and four stepgrandchildren. In past years Pam has been involved in missing children, Crisis Line and other volunteer work.

In the future she would like to see LPA receive more publicity in order to increase the public's awareness of the organization — particularly new parents and members of the medical profession.

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RICH CRANDALL



Rich Crandall, 45, is the director of District 12. He joined LPA when it was only two years old, in 1959. He graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1964 with a degree in business, and sold industrial electronics for 17 years. He has one son, Mike, 17.

Rich serves on a developmentally disabled group in Orange County, Calif. He would like to see LPA do more to help little people on a personal and individual basis.

1984

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District Directors

District #10 - Virginia Alford

District #11 - Pam Litscher

District #12 - Rich Crandall

St. Louis, MO

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**Robert Van Etten
Eleanor Jones
Paul Jones
St. Louis, MO**





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**Candidates- Executive
Committee
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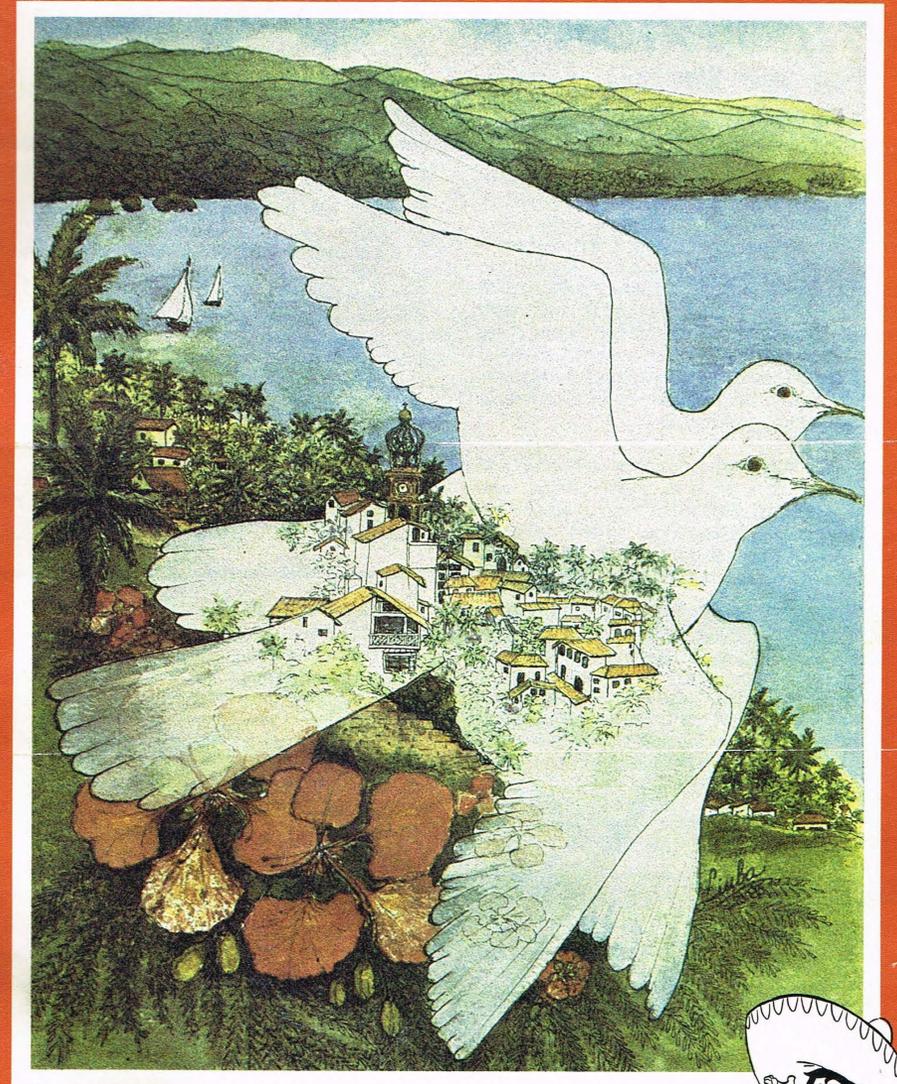
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**Gracie Oliver
Jody Russell
St. Louis, MO**

1985

Convention Program

Puerto Vallarta, Mex



Vive Vallarta!



1985

**Puerto Vallarta,
Mex.**

The party goes on.



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n, Tim from Mississippi, Susie Barnes,
fsky, Leslye Sneider, Nancy McLean



1986 District 5 Fall Regional – Nashville, TN



1987

**District 5
Benton
Harbor,
MI**

DISTRICT 7'S GATEWAY CHAPTER MEETS



Pictured are (left to right, bottom row) Mary Valenti, Sarah Coyle Betty Binkley Bob Pusateri, Donna Burnett, Anne Pusateri, Karer Schreiner, Bill Ekey, Sandy Hill, Liz Loomis, Tom Binkley, Lisa Hesnckler, Leah & Paul Henckler, Sherri Ekey, Jerry Ekey, Gai Keup, Nola Held, Ardell Mikus, Dustin Mikus, Duke Schreiner David Mikus. Not Pictured - Judy Rose, Henry Rose, Amanda Long Jeanne Long, Bill Long, Glenda Rose, Rich Rose, Hilliary Melecaer Chris Istrwan, Liberty Istwan, John Istwan.

1986

District 6 Gateway Chapter



1989

**Reunion: LPA Members who
attended 1968 Baltimore, MD
Convention**



1989 International Dwarf Conference Australia

1989 International Dwarf Conference - Australia

1st Row: Mary Carten, Harriet Stickney, Pam Ybarra, Jodi Tarabilda, Gracie Oliver

2nd Row: Frances Kelly, President - Short Stature Association of Australia, Al Stickney

1997

**50th
Anniversary
Convention
Program
Seattle, WA**



**June 29th – July 6th
2007**

1997

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Seattle, WA**



50 Years Ago



The Future



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Billy Barty **Founder Of LPA**

Term Of Office:
1957 - 1960



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Dan Turner

Term Of Office:
1960 - 1962



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Bob Brower

Term Of Office:
1962 - 1964



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Lee Kitchens

Term Of Office:

1964 - 1968



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Chuck Bedow

Term Of Office:

1968 - 1970



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George "Joe" Alexander

Term Of Office:

1970 - 1974



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Gerald Rasa

Term Of Office:

1974 - 1980



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Robert Van Etten

Term Of Office:

1980 – 1982

1984 - 1986



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Mary Carten

Term Of Office:

1982 – 1984

1988 – 1990



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Daniel Margulies

Term Of Office:

1986 – 1988



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Marge Carlisle

Term Of Office:

1990 – 1994



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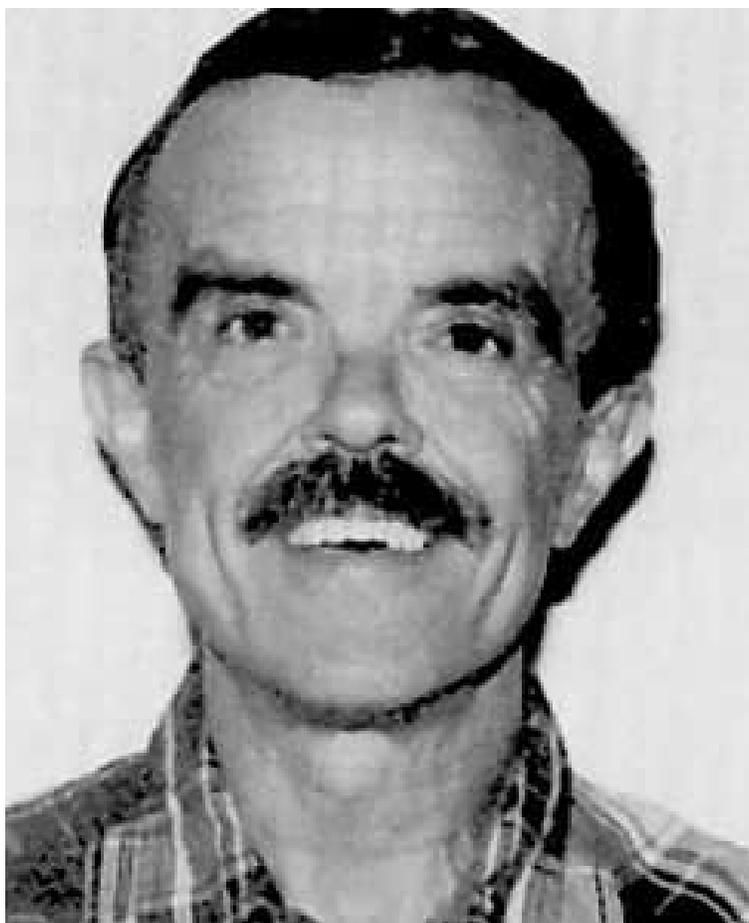
Term Of Office:

1994 - 1996



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Leroy Bankowski

Term Of Office:

1996 - 2002



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Matt Roloff

Term Of Office:

2002 - 2004



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Rick Spiegel

Term Of Office:
2004



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Tricia Mason

Term Of Office:

2004 - 2005



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Angela Van Etten

Term Of Office:

2005 - 2006



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Lois Gerage-Lamb

Term Of Office:
2006 - 2011



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Gary Arnold

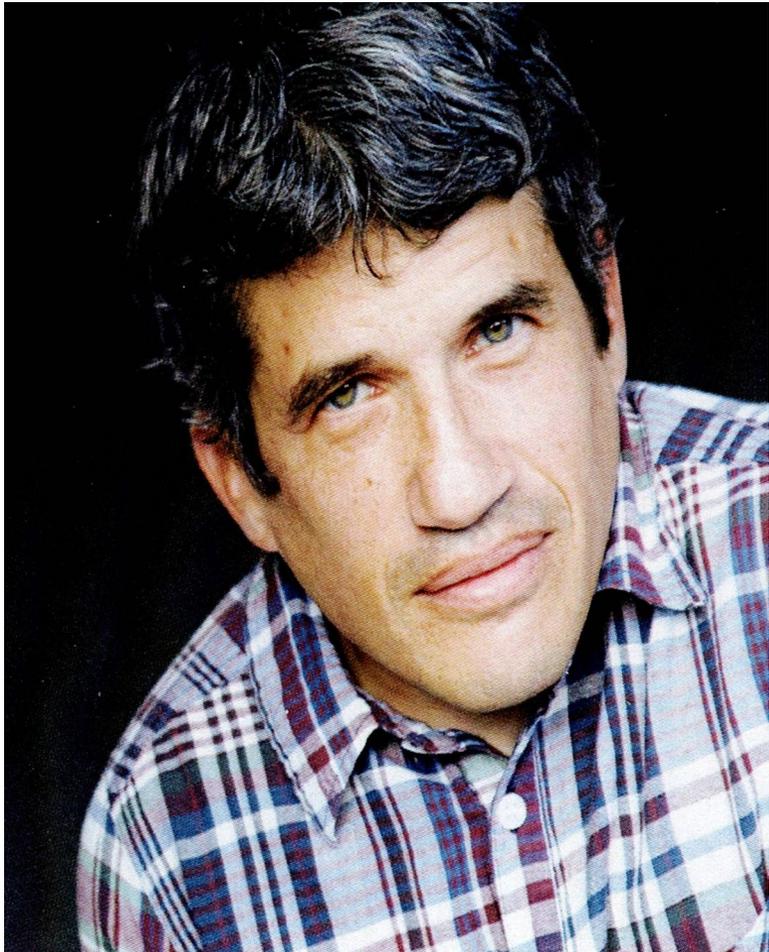
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2011 - 2017



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Mark Povinelli

Term Of Office:
2017 - Current



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