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## Little People of America Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary

By Meg Dedman



**F**ifty years ago, actor Billy Barty invited people of short stature across America to join him in Reno, Nevada. In a landmark event, Mr. Barty and 20 others gathered for a week – sharing their hopes, ideas and experiences, and Little People of America, Inc. (LPA) was born.

The first LPA meeting was monumental for a group of people who were severely mislabeled and misunderstood by society. Media coverage reflected the attitude of the times...“the small people here today are endowed with that good quality that takes them out of the realm of oddity into the realm of humanity...” (*San Francisco News*, April 1957). Clearly, Barty and his colleagues had a lot of work to do.



RIVERSIDE HOTEL - RENO, NEVADA APRIL 3, 1957  
 Back Row: Launa Shelton, James Robinson, Lillian Johnson, Waino Johnson, Paul Dollinajec, Emil Kranzler, Mark Balluck  
 2nd Row: Albert Anderson, Minnette Anderson, Robert Hinkson, Frank Dellino, Robert Preston  
 1st Row: Billy Barty, Hilda Lange, Stan Osborne, Dan Turner, Robert Shoemaker

Whether it be dwarf, midget, little person, small person, person of short stature or the wealth of other haphazard descriptives, public understanding of what it actually meant was incomplete and inaccurate. So much so that revising dictionaries was an action item in LPA's first meeting minutes.

Barty's belief in recognizing people with dwarfism as people first and his desire to promote awareness about the challenges presented to people of small size guided LPA on

its mission of education and advocacy. Though not without challenges, each decade of LPA's existence was marked by progress – within the organization itself and society as a whole.

In the 1960's, LPA established its constitution, formed committees to support key initiatives – adoptions, education, employment and resources for new parents of LP children. They also established their motto, “Think Big”. LPA's involvement with the medical community began – bringing much-needed medical expertise to LP families and laying the foundation for today's Medical Advisory Board.

On its 10th anniversary in 1967, Art Linkletter invited all LPA Convention attendees to his CBS show *House Party*, for a discussion about the issues facing little people.

LPA membership nearly doubled from 663 in 1966 to 1071 in 1969.

The 1970's saw continued growth in membership, development of the LPA Foundation and the first Short Stature Symposium. Local chapters also began to emerge.



First Board of Directors 1960 and Newsletter Staff  
 1st Row: Jerry Austen, Marion Van Harken, Tina Anderson Boehm, Grace Foster, Gus Corotas, Launa Shelton  
 2nd Row: Jim Lisle, Jerry Mann, Marjory Dockray, Lee Kitchens, Frances C. Duckworth, Marjorie B. Alden  
 3rd Row: Lloyd King, Bill Albaugh, Bob Brower, Clint Lester

In 1972, LPA conducted the first employment survey of little people. Results revealed that LPs were employed in a broad range of occupations in many career fields – further proof that people of short stature were people first, capable of pursuing any profession.

The newly founded LPA Foundation awarded its first scholarship. Baltimore's Johns Hopkins Hospital held the first Short Stature Symposium in 1972. They continue to be one of LPA's strongest medical partners and one of the few hospitals with expertise on dwarfism. Alfred I. duPont and Cedars-Sinai hospitals are among the select few others that have such expertise.

LPA membership grew to over 2,100 members in 1974.

The 1980's were a pivotal decade for LPA largely due to the beginning of efforts to support LP organizations throughout the world, as well as mainstream media coverage. Membership also increased.



1962 LPA Convention Asheville, North Carolina



1967 Board of Directors and Spouses - Hollywood, California  
1st Row: Billy Barry, Lee Kitchens, Chuck Bedow, Eleanor Jones, Unk, Shannon Carstens, Joe Alexander  
2nd Row: Mary Kitchens, Jim Hagen, Albert Bookal, Ann and Dominic DiCelle, Jackie Robsen, Betty howe  
3rd Row: Sally Bedow, Paul Jones, Dan Turner, Charlie Eyler, Bob Brower, Unk

The 25th Anniversary of LPA was celebrated in 1982 with a return to Reno, Nevada with 600 people in attendance. The value of LPA's contribution to self-esteem was evident. Lillian Johnson, Charter Member, then 74, said of LPA: "There are so many more things Little People can do with their lives. When I was a child, it was either the circus or fairs. I'm very thankful for LPA."

The First International Conference of Little People was held in 1982, in Washington D.C. Delegates from seven nations and the U. S. attended the conference. In 1985, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico was the site of the first LPA Conference held outside the United States. And Italy was the host of the International Conference on Achondroplasia (the most common form of dwarfism) held in 1986.

LPA member Ginny Foos recalls her experience in Italy. "When a group of us went to Rome in 1985 to protest the newly introduced Extensive Limb Lengthening surgery, I understood why the Europeans were resorting to changing their bodies, even if it meant years of costly surgery and pain. On the streets, people stared and snapped photos. In churches, we were blessed by people whose sorrow for us was undeniable. It made me realize how fortunate we are to have LPA."

On the television front, Phil Donahue and Oprah Winfrey featured people with dwarfism on their programs, spurring inquiries for information about LPA as well as LPA membership growth.

Despite these positive developments, there were setbacks. Dwarf tossing was introduced in Florida and some other states. However, a strong response from LPA and its members resulted in a ban of this activity.

Membership rose from 2,150 at the beginning of the decade, to 4,734 by the end of 1989.



1979 Board of Directors and Spouses - Lancaster, Pennsylvania  
1st Row: Kitty Phillips, Dee Miller, Sharon Roskamp, Debbie Hecht, Joyce Engstrom, Mary Lou Matthews, Mary Carter, Linda Pomeroy, Teno Baehin, Eileen Hagen, Jim Hagen, Mazy Kitchens  
2nd Row: Gerald Raza, Bill Miller, Ron Roskamp, Beth Wasson, Jim Loyless, Sanford Matthews, Pat Luce, Daniel Margulies, George Baehin, Jack Spraker, Barbara Spraker, Lee Kitchens



1986 Short Stature Symposium Johns Hopkins Hospital

In the 1990's, LPA membership continued to climb. Crucial medical study findings regarding dwarfism were released, along with legislation that benefited people of short stature.

The Americans with Disabilities Act became Federal Law in January of 1990 and was enacted by many states to provide access to services, buildings, and employment for disabled individuals, including individuals with short stature. Later in the decade, the American National Standards Institute adopted 48 inches as the standard height in new and remodeled structures.



1992 LPA NATIONAL CONFERENCE SAN FRANCISCO, CA. (BURLINGAME)

The practice of limb lengthening was introduced into American medical practice and immediately resulted in questions and concerns from the leadership of LPA. A position statement authored by LPA's Medical Advisory Board, "Extended Limb Lengthening – Setting the Record Straight", reviewed the pros and cons of the procedure as well as recommendations for those considering it.

In the mid-1990's, scientists discovered the gene responsible for achondroplasia, the most common form of dwarfism. This revolutionary discovery raised concerns about when and how such information would be used. LPA reviewed the findings and immediately presented a position paper, "Little People of America Comes to Terms with Genetic Testing."

A major focus of LPA activities during this decade has been fundraising to support key programs and initiatives. In the public arena, the launch of a reality show featuring an LP family active in LPA has made an enormous impact on public perceptions across the globe.

"Little People – Big World" debuted on The Learning Channel in 2006 and is now in its fourth season. It follows the lives of the Roloff family – the parents (little people) and their four children (1 LP and three average height). The series is a milestone for people of short stature because it appears on mainstream television and presents LPs as people first, just as Billy Barty and his fellow Charter Members intended.

Today, LPA has almost 6,000 members.



2002 LPA National Conference Salt Lake City, Utah

The world's foremost advocate for individuals with dwarfism, LPA provides educational scholarships, medical assistance, adoption resources and social opportunities for its members. LPA also offers invaluable emotional support and medical expertise for people of short stature and their families.

Through its 50-year history as a volunteer organization, countless members and officers have selflessly given their time and talent, working together to achieve a common vision – support, acceptance and tolerance for physical differences.



1996 Medical Advisory Board - LPA National Conference - Indianapolis, Indiana  
 Top Row: Dr. Rich Paul, Dee Wilke, Dr. Charles Scott, Ray Smith, Betty Elder MS  
 2nd Row: Dr. Cheryl Reed, Dr. George Bassett, Dr. Donald Harkin, Dr. Claire Francemano,  
 Janet Weiss, MS

Medical Advisory Board 1996

What has been LPA's greatest accomplishment? Long-time LPA members John and Nancy Mayeux say it best, "When our daughters were young, there was no Internet. We were in the dark. LPA provided the light to get us through those early years of struggling with medical issues, legal and school issues, accessibility and adaptations, insurance challenges and even dwarf-tossing. Now that our daughters are both 22 and college graduates, we look back with gratefulness on all that LPA has meant to our family."

What began as a casual conversation among friends gave birth to an organization that serves as invaluable source of information, support and hope for people with dwarfism.

# TIMELINE

1957	Membership began with 20 members
1961	LPA Incorporation, Indianapolis, Indiana
1961	LPA began assisting individuals wishing to adopt children with dwarfism
1962	The general membership participated in voting for the first time
1962	LPA's first national newsletter was published
1964	First chapter organized Dal - Worth, Texas
1964	Parents Auxiliary organized
1965	Membership at 736
1967	Annual Conference, Hollywood, California 300 in attendance
1968	Medical Advisory Board formally established
1972	First Short Stature Symposium Johns Hopkins Hospital Baltimore, Maryland
1975	Membership at 2200
1976	15th chapter chartered - San Antonio/Austin, Texas
1982	25th Anniversary Convention - Reno, Nevada
1984	LPA members appear on Phil Donahue Show and Oprah Winfrey Show
1985	40th chapter chartered - Mid Hudson, New York
1985	LPA National Convention held in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
1986	LPA became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and changed the name of "conventions" to "conferences"
1986	Dwarf Athletic Association of America (DAAA) held its first National Games in conjunction with the LPA National Conference at Dearborn, Michigan
1988	American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Delegate attended Access Standards meetings representing little people's concerns and needs
1990	Dwarf tossing outlawed in Florida
1993	First World Dwarf Games - Chicago, Illinois
1995	Membership at 5345
1995	Gene for achondroplasia discovered
1997	LPA Online began operation
1998	National Conference in LA exceeds 1500 attendance mark
1998	First paid employee began work with LPA at Lee Kitchen's house in Texas
2000	Death of Billy Barty
2003	Death of Lee Kitchens
2004	National Headquarters Office opened in Hillsboro, Oregon
2005	National Conference attendance exceeds the 2,000 mark, Orlando, Florida
2005	Transportation Security Administration (TSA) delegate attends meetings representing little peoples' needs in new airline passenger safety regulations
2007	Blue Ridge, Virginia - most recent chapter to be chartered (69th)
2007	Record attendance of 2437 at national conference in Seattle, Washington - the 50th anniversary of LPA

## LPA Board of Directors



## BILLY BARTY

William John Bertanzetti was born on October 25, 1924 in Millsboro, Pennsylvania.

Naturally outgoing and incredibly cute, Billy chanced into a career in show business. He appeared in his first Hollywood feature in 1927 at the age of three, and his performing career spanned eight decades, from vaudeville to Las Vegas, from radio and television to Broadway and feature movies.

Billy moved to Southern California in 1927 when his family relocated from the coal mines of Eastern Pennsylvania. Billy was an athlete, playing football, baseball, gymnastics and basketball in high school and college. He majored in journalism in college, thinking perhaps he would be a sports writer or announcer.

In the mid-1950s, Billy was asked by a PR man for a Reno, Nevada hotel to host a convention for "midgets." Billy agreed, and on April 3, 1957, 21 people of short stature representing nine different states met in "The Biggest Little City in the World." The media loved the event, headlining them as "The Midgets of America," which concerned Billy.

"It bothered me because, first and foremost, we are people. We aren't sub-human, we didn't leap from the pages of a storybook or from an enchanted forest. We are people with all the hopes, dreams, passions, and faults of everyone else. We are your brothers, your daughters, your friends. We just happened to have been wrapped in a smaller package. I wanted the name of our group to reflect this truth."

Politically active for the rights of disabled people, Billy represented the needs of little people in government accessibility groups all across the country.

Billy was happily married to Shirley Barty, the woman he vowed to marry the moment he met her. They had two children: Lori, a little person, and Braden, who is average-height at six-foot one inch. When asked about his family, Billy said, "So this is my family. We are very close and loving, and have had many blessings from the Man Upstairs. Shirley is an angel from heaven and she is the reason life is worth living for me. As far as our physical descriptions go, Braden is average, I'm a Cartilage Hair Syndrome Hypoplasia, Shirley is a Multiple Epipesial Dysplasia, Lori is a Turner's Syndrome and our dog is a Maltese."

Billy passed away on December 23, 2000. Shirley passed away on November 4, 2007.

# Little People of America



## A Message from LPA's President and Executive Director



Fifty years of Little People of America.

It may be hard to believe, but in 2007 we reached that impressive and important milestone.

In the pages of our 2006-07 annual report, we have attempted to celebrate our past while anticipating our future. In this year's annual report, you'll find a salute to our first 50 years, a summary of LPA programs and events, an abbreviated financial report and recognition of our donors.

As we enter into our 51st year, we see exciting things happening in LPA. We are reaching out to others around the world and offering support and information. Our 2007 national conference in Seattle broke records for overall attendance as well as attendance by first-timers. As the organization continues to grow, we are very excited to be involved at this critical time in LPA history. With the public's interest in dwarfism at an all-time high and the speed and efficiency of the Internet, we now have the ability to reach more people than ever before.

What makes us even prouder is seeing the long list of accomplishments for 2006-07. It has been a busy year, as we continued to expand LPA's presence in the media, our community outreach program, and our other services and programs. As a large, primarily volunteer organization, LPA would not be where we are today without the countless hours of dedication from our members throughout the United States.

Here is to 50 more years of growth and success!

Best regards,

Lois Gerage-Lamb  
President

Joanna Campbell  
Executive Director



# 2006-2007 FINANCIALS

Little People of America is funded through memberships, private donations and conference revenue. We operate on an October 1-September 30 fiscal year. A large portion of LPA's financial assets are in restricted funds.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of September 30, 2007

### ASSETS

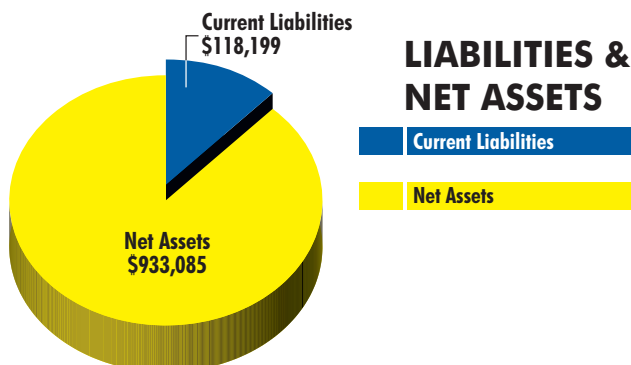
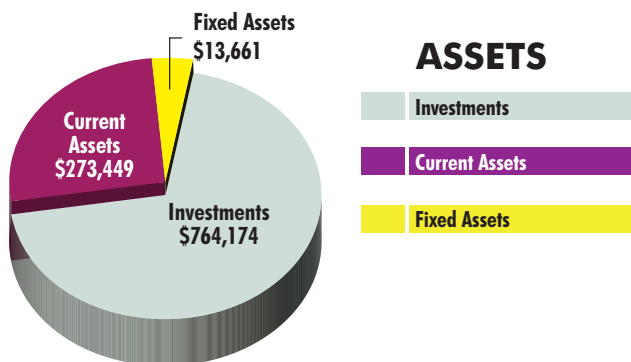
Current Assets	\$273,449
Investments (Fair Market Value)	764,174
Fixed Assets (Net of Depreciation)	13,661

**Total Assets** **\$1,051,284**

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities	\$118,199
Current Net Assets	
Restricted Funds	848,352
Retained Earnings/Net Income	84,733

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets** **\$1,051,284**



## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

### REVENUE

Contributions	\$ 81,591
Dues	76,526
Conference	25,739
Other Income	6,853

**Total Income** **\$190,709**

### EXPENSE

Program Services and LPA Today Committees and Other	26,833
	563

**Total Program Services** **27,396**

Salaries/Payroll Taxes	49,762
Director's Expenses	3,443
Computer Support	4,491
Insurance	764
Marketing	2,751
Professional Fees/Consulting	20,746
Postage	2,228
Printing	3,532
Rent	7,200
Telephone	4,256
MRF Expense	8,951
Office Supplies	5,069
Travel	910
Other	17,421

**Total Administrative Expense** **\$131,524**

Net Ordinary Income: \$ 2,225

**Total Expense:** **\$161,145**

Net Ordinary Income: \$ 29,564

Other Income \$ 1,808

**Net Income:** **\$ 31,372**

**Change in Net Assets** **\$223,618**

**Net Assets, October 1, 2006** **\$827,666**

**Net Assets, September 30, 2007** **\$1,051,284**

## PROGRAMS AND BENEFITS

LPA offers membership to any person who has dwarfism and their family members or friends. We also offer memberships to medical professionals. Specific programs conducted during 2006-07 include:

**Adoption** – LPA seeks out children who are in need of adoption as well as helps families who want to adopt. We also have grant money available to help with adoption expenses.

**Archives** – The Archives program seeks to preserve and provide access to LPA's collective memory. Archives collected include official documents, pictures and media, annual reports, and other memorabilia.

**Bereavement Committee** – Volunteers reach out to LPA members in their time of loss, whether it be for a newborn or an adult.

**Community Outreach** – LPA members realize that educating others is important. LPA seeks to provide help and support for those willing to be leaders and educators in their communities.

**National Annual Conference** – The annual national conference brings together members and their families for a week of fellowship, peer support, fun and education. The Kitchens' Travel Fund helped twenty-five (25) families attend the 2007 national conference.

**Medical Resource Center** – The online MRC provides information and links to 160 of the known types of dwarfism. It is the preeminent collection of medically-related dwarfism information in existence.

**Educational Scholarships** – LPA provides financial assistance for college and vocational schools. In 2006-2007 LPA gave scholarships to 35 students totaling \$27,000.

**Dwarf Artists Coalition** – The DAC is a coalition of artists who exhibit each year at the national conference.

### MEMBER BENEFITS INCLUDE:

**Parents and Peers Support Groups** – Parent-to-parent and peer support is provided by members who understand the variety of medical, educational, social, and psychological concerns experienced by people with dwarfism and their families.

**Advocates** National advocates continually work on legislation regarding genetic discrimination, patient healthcare rights, public access and other issues.



# PROGRAMS & BENEFITS

**Medical Resources** LPA is committed to providing access to the most current medical information available. Dedicated and experienced physicians from LPA's Medical Advisory Board generously volunteer to assist members and their physicians with medical consultations, referrals and critical information. These physicians cover multi-specialized fields of practice.

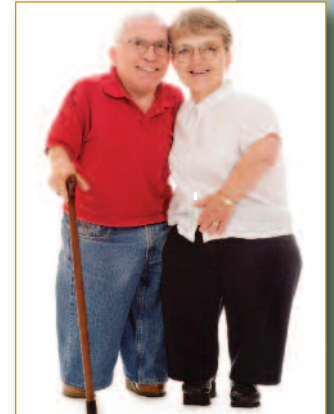


**Financial Assistance** LPA offers educational scholarships, conference travel assistance, adoption assistance and medical assistance funds to qualifying individuals.

**Adaptive Equipment Referrals** We refer to a range of products, including infant supplies, step stools, chairs, and car pedal extensions.

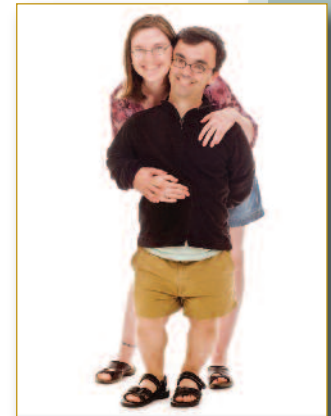
**Networking** LPA offers many social and workshop opportunities by offering planned events throughout the year and across the nation.

**Friendships** Members participate in LPA events and meet lifelong friends who share the same concerns as they do.



**Workshops** Opportunities to participate in informational workshops on a wide variety of issues such as genetics, adaptations, public access, pregnancy and parenting are provided at regional and national events.

**Our Magazine and Website** Members are informed of the latest news and information via our quarterly newsletter, *LPA Today*, and our website, [www.lpaonline.org](http://www.lpaonline.org) These services offer the most current and comprehensive news, products, and services associated with dwarfism. Individual districts and chapters also publish their own newsletters; all newsletters are mailed to members' homes.



**Public Relations** LPA's PR team manages media issues and strives to raise public awareness on key issues associated with dwarfism.

**National Office** – Each month in 2006-2007, our national office fielded:

- More than 1,000 emails.
- More than 800 phone calls.
- Mailed 80 New Member Information Packets.
- Daily requests from Chapter Presidents and District Directors for mailing lists and updated rosters, and various queries.



# Little People of America

Each year hundreds of people dedicated to the mission of Little People of America support our organization by contributing financially. These gifts support and enhance LPA's programs and development as well as provide scholarships and financial grants for numerous students and families.

Not included in this list are the hundreds of non-monetary donations received each year in the form of products, volunteer time and services. We sincerely thank and appreciate each of our volunteers and donors.

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