PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

June, 2017

Across the country it is late spring/early summer. The windy icy weather and flowers of winter and early spring like daffodils, crocus are gone having been replaced with peonies and irises. In all but the temperate climates, vegetable and flower gardens are being readied for the summer season. Here in Mississippi early spring activities like Crawfish boils and Pilgrimages along with the spring vegetables, fresh strawberry shortcake and Azaleas are already giving way to very warm summer days and roses. We celebrated Memorial Day and will soon be celebrating the holidays associated with summer, the Fourth of July, with continued displaying of patriotic colors of red, white and blue everywhere.

In the world of physical therapy over the past winter, there have been some dramatic events not unlike the seasonal changes. At CSM, a new electronic app replaced the old printed onsite program guide. The new mobile app helps conference attendees plan a personal itinerary to navigate the many offerings and activities associated with CSM and NEXT including last minute changes in location. For the less techy, there were still printed copies of a daily schedule—at a glance in the registration area.

The APTA launched the physical therapy outcomes registry designed to improve patient care. This registry makes it possible for physical therapists to enter patient data as it integrates with multiple third-party electronic health record systems. Using this registry therapists can track care, make improved, data-informed clinical decisions and compare their outcomes against other practitioners. The CMSs have accepted this registry as one that can be used for justification of treatment.

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Since 2010, The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy has been working to develop and enact a physical therapy interstate compact licensure process to make access to physical therapy easier nationwide. Spring of 2017, the 10th state legislature passed compact legislation and the compact commission was formed. I was proud that Mississippi was one of those States. This portability act is a key component of the future practice of the profession with all the changes in the healthcare system and society. Factors such as telehealth care, mobile communications and mobility of patients in large healthcare systems, the mobility of practitioners and the advent of other ways to deliver care have made this important project. With this compact in place it will be much easier for clinicians to practice across state borders with minimal barriers if the states involved are members of the compact. The APTA has been supportive of this effort and state chapters are the key to getting this legislation passed in all 50 states. More information will be shared on this topic in the fall newsletter.

Hope to see many of you in Boston at NEXT. The Prime Timers are a sponsor of the program Linda Eargle has been preparing in the leadership track (Transforming Society Through Generational Leadership). Representing us are Linda (PT) and Roy Christopher Junkins (PTA). Our contribution to the three part program deals with volunteering after retirement and how this can relate to their continued contribution toward the APTA vision. This workshop presentation will be held on Thursday, June 22, from 1:00pm to 2-30pm.

Don’t forget to put our Friday luncheon in the Exhibit area on your schedule.

Tomatoes from my garden. Would love some pictures from your flower or vegetable gardens for the Summer issue of the newsletter. Send to lovelacech@gmail.com (Venita Lovelace-Chandler, newsletter editor)
Anne Pascasio Models Service to the Community

(Anne shared her service activities with us as well as with Linda Eargle for the presentation at NEXT. Go hear the presentation in Boston on Thursday, June 22, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, if you are attending. Read Anne’s complete service story here for a preview of the wonderful kinds of information that Linda will share at NEXT.)

Friendship Village of South Hills, where I have been in the independent living section for twenty one plus years, is a life care retirement community. Like most such communities, it has Resident’s Association with various standing and ad hoc committees. Although I have been vice-president and president of the Association, it has been where I’ve been on come of the committees that I have been ‘volunteering’ in one way or another. I’ve chaired the Nominating, Employment Appreciation Fund and Health Care Advisory Committees and have served on several others, including the Chaplain’s Advisory Committee.

In 2008, one of the members of the Chaplain’s Advisory Committee was seeking a service project. I suggested a Food Drive for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank (which assists food kitchens and pantries throughout southwestern Pennsylvania except for Westmoreland County. I said I’d gladly help in what was to be a three-month project. So in October 2008, we began to collect canned foods and other non-perishable items for the Food Bank.

The resident who was heading the project soon became ill, and I took her place. Nine plus years later, I am still active in the Food Drive business. Since late 2009, on the second Wednesday of each month, we’ve been collecting money instead of food, but still for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Two other residents are also active with me on these drives!

Along the way, we’ve had a few raincoat/umbrella drives and many warm coat drives for 1 or 2 local missions. Several years ago, City Mission, located about 15 to 20 miles from us in Washington, PA, had a huge fire. We had a clothing drive for the men, women, and children who liv there. We now have 2 drives each year for them, asking for wearable clothing from underwear to outerwear.

The residents and employees of Friendship Village of South Hills are generous. On May 10, 2017, we collected over 210 bags of clothing for City Mission and $3249.00 (to be doubled by other donors) for the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Who knows what June will bring?

Anne Pascasio
Physical Therapist Assistants and Physical Therapists: You are Invited to Join the Prime Timers Or Invite a PT/PTA Friend to Join!

Print and mail this form with a check to join Prime Timers or to renew your membership.

It's Time To Join!

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Please complete this form. Mail check payable to Prime Timers with $10 ANNUAL membership OR $125.00 Life Member payment. [Checks only please] to:

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Next Edition of the Newsletter in the Summer after NEXT. Send news by July 15 since conference is so late in June.
Regular submission Deadlines: July 1st, October 1st;
Publication Dates: Approximately 30 days later. Special Editions are possible if you send news, pictures and stories!
Remembrances Charlene “Billie” Mae Nelson, PT, MA, FAPTA

Billie was born January 7, 1931, and passed away peacefully in her home on May 11, 2017. Raised in Leesburg, Billie graduated from Florida State University and Virginia Commonwealth University with her degree in Physical Therapy. Her passions took her on a long and successful career with the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, and she completed her Master's Degree at Duke University. Billie immediately became a pivotal force in the field of Physical Therapy by initiating the development of the specialization of using electrotherapy and electro diagnostic by Physical Therapists. She helped create the Specialty Council of Clinical electro physiologic Physical Therapy and served as Chair for the PT/PT Advocates Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals for Physical Therapists where she successfully lobbied for legislative approval preform electro diagnostic procedures without physician supervision. In 1981, Billie was certified as an Electrophysiologic Clinical Specialist (ECS) from the ABPTS. She was always one for travel and adventure and loved hiking, fishing, and farming; she especially loved golfing and her dog Kiddo. Her many honors include: 1981: APTA’s Lucy Blair Service Award; In 1997 she was selected to deliver the North Carolina’s Physical Therapy Associations Founders Lecture; and in 2012 she received the highest and most prestigious honor of becoming a Catherine Worthingham Fellow of the APTA. In 2016, both Billie Nelson and her esteemed colleague and life-long friend Dr. Ruth Mitchell, were honored for their pioneering contributions with a celebration of UNC’s new Physical Therapy Suite, where a plaque now hangs as tribute of their enduring contributions and where she was Associate Professor Emerita. Billie was a very faithful member of Prime Timers, and she always helped with the HOD extension. She is preceded in death by her parents Merle E. Nelson & Florence Ruth Fuldheim Solcum, sister Patricia Jean Brown (David E. Brown); nephew David M. Brown; she is survived by cousins, nieces, grandnieces and nephews. Donations in her name to the UNC’s Chapel Hill Division of Physical Therapy.
House of Delegates

The House will be held in Boston June 18—21, 2017. Delegates and Directors of the Board of APTA have already been having lively discussions of the motions to come before the House. Whether the Board or the House should establish the Mission has been of great debate as well as the Definition of Professional Scope of Physical Therapist Practice. Establishing Transformational Innovation Centers and having special committees of House Delegates to assist with work that the Board might be doing represent other motions that are “Hot Topics.” I hope to offer a discussion of the outcomes of these motions in a future newsletter (if you are interested). Please let me know what you want to know. Venita (Editor)

RC 1-17 RESCIND: MISSION STATEMENT OF APTA (HOD P06-93-05-05) AND MISSION STATEMENT FULFILLMENT (HOD P06-93-06-07)

RC 2-17 AMEND: THE ASSOCIATION’S ROLE IN ADVOCACY FOR PREVENTION, WELLNESS, FITNESS, HEALTH PROMOTION, AND MANAGEMENT OF DISEASE AND DISABILITY (HOD P06-16-05-06)

RC 3-17 AMEND: THE ASSOCIATION’S ROLE IN ADVOCACY FOR PREVENTION, WELLNESS, FITNESS, HEALTH PROMOTION, AND MANAGEMENT OF DISEASE AND DISABILITY (HOD P06-16-05-06)

RC 4-17 AMEND: PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AS QUALIFIED TO DETERMINE MOBILITY STATUS FOR PATIENTS AND CLIENTS APPLYING FOR DISABILITY PLACARDS, DISABILITY LICENSE PLATES, OR PARATRANSIT SERVICES (HOD P06-14-14-19)

RC 5-17 ADOPT: COMPONENTS OF THE PHYSICAL THERAPIST SCOPE OF PRACTICE

RC 6-17 ADOPT: DEFINITION OF PROFESSIONAL SCOPE OF PHYSICAL THERAPIST PRACTICE

RC 7-17 ADOPT: PROMOTION OF AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP BY RESIDENCY AND FELLOWSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAMS

RC 8-17 CHARGE: TRANSFORMATIONAL INNOVATIONS IN PHYSICAL THERAPIST PRACTICE

RC 9-17 CHARGE: SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW HOUSE DOCUMENTS

RC 10-17 ELECTION TO HONORARY MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION: T. RICHARD NICHOLS, PhD

RC 11-17 CHARGE: INCREASING PROFESSIONAL DIVERSITY

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MEMBERS

CHECK’N IN!

Did you provide service this past year? Do you have pictures to share? Garden Photos? Summer trips Pictures?

Also, send any historical documents that you have. As we build to the 100th anniversary of the APTA in 2021, I want to include as much history from members as we can over the next few years. As always, we want your news and pictures.

Next Issue will definitely feature information on NEXT and Linda Eargle’s presentation about OUR service.

Prime Timers—
30 Years Old and Still Going

Very special thanks to Faith Goldman who prints and mails the newsletter to at least 12 Prime Timers members who do not receive the newsletter electronically. Another example of a service hero.

She also promises to keep sending us some interesting stories.

Motions coming before the House of Delegates June 18-21. (con’t)

RC 12-17 CHARGE: PLAN TO AMELIORATE THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON PHYSICAL THERAPIST PRACTICE

RC 13-17 AMEND: BYLAWS OF THE AMERICAN PHYSICAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION, ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP, SECTION 4: CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT


The House of Delegates can be watched in live sessions. Interested persons should look for information on APTA’s website or contact me—lovelacech@gmail.com Also, you can find your delegate on APTA’s website. Delegates appreciate feedback about motions.

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I have not finished the story I wanted to write about Jane Sweeney and Virginia Metcalf featured at their local library in an exhibit about women in the military. Pictures and the story to come in the next newsletter about these wonderful two women. I would love to have other stories about physical therapists who served. Please send. (Venita, Editor)