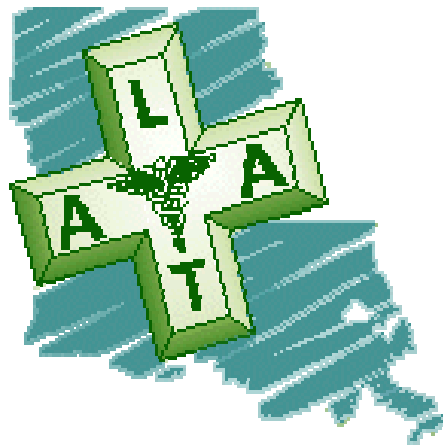


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Hall of Fame Enshrinement

Make your plans now to join the LATA membership in honoring the 2004 class to the LATA Hall of Fame.

This year's inductees, Dr. Kim LeBlanc and Mr. John Henry Williams, LAT will officially be placed into LATA Hall of Fame during an enshrinement ceremony on Friday, December 10th at 7:00pm. The ceremony will be held at the LATA Hall of Fame display located in the New Orleans Superdome on Level 2 at Gate C.

Following the ceremony, attending LATA members, along with family and friends of the honorees, are invited to attend a social from 7:30 to 9:30 in the Stadium Club of the Superdome. Snacks, alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages will be served. This social is being made possible by the generosity of the New Orleans Saints organization. However, you will need to purchase a ticket for the state championship football games to enter the Superdome for \$12 at the gate.

President's Message From Gary Lewis

I hope that everyone had a successful fall and that your family is doing well.

This fall has been a busy one for the association. We had several members appointed to NATA and SEATA committees. The High School Task Force has been very active with presentations to various state agencies and with the NATA.

The Hall of Fame Ceremony honoring Dr. Kim LeBlanc and John Henry Williams will be held at the LA Superdome on Friday, December 10 at 7:00p.m. Please show your support for these award winners by attending this ceremony and enjoy a fun night in New Orleans courtesy of the Saints.

The Winter Business meeting is in Lafayette at ULL in Bourgeois Hall on January 9, 2005. Bourgeois Hall is located at 225 Cajundome Blvd. and is the location of the NATA test. The Executive Board will meet at 8:30a.m., committee meetings start at 10:00, and the general session is at 11:00. If anyone has any new or old business or ideas that need to be discussed at the meeting please email me the information so that it can be added to the agenda.

I hope everyone has a safe holiday season with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LATA Committee Updates

Public Relations Committee

By Andy Hurla

If you are reading this you'll already know that we have successfully produced a second newsletter this year. While this one may not be as extensive as September's edition, our main goal is to consistently produce for newsletters a year to inform the membership regarding relevant issues in Louisiana. However, we still need the assistance of you, the LATA membership, to improve and expand this newsletter by contacting one of the PR Committee members any information that you think should be included. Examples include any honors or recognition a member has received, any special programs or events you are planning or have put on, even simple things like new babies, weddings and anniversaries of LATA members.

Jamie Cochran has been developing a scrapbook of LATA memorabilia. She has a lot of ideas but little content, which is where she needs your help. Please send her any items that could be included into the scrapbook. These could include photos from previous meetings and socials, newspaper clippings, old yearbook pictures or anything you think belongs. Members can reach Jamie at, thecochranfamily@bellsouth.net.

The *Lagniappe* Newsletter has been the main focus for Andy Hurla this fall. He's been taking bits and pieces from here and there and putting them together the best he can. Also, over the last few months Andy has developed a good relationship with the print media in West Central Louisiana. He hopes that this relationship will help the LATA publicize upcoming activities and honors. If you have anything to submit for the newsletter, contact Andy at Andrew.hurla@christushealth.org.

Our Webmaster, Trey Younger, tries to update our web page with the most up to date information possible. To submit items for posting contact Trey at younger3@usa.net.

Governmental Affairs Committee

Nothing submitted for this issue.

Financial Affairs Committee

Nothing submitted for this issue.

Organizational Affairs Committee

Nothing submitted for this issue.

Research Committee

Nothing submitted for this issue.

Education Committee

Nothing submitted for this issue.

Secondary School Committee

Nothing submitted for this issue.

2005 Winter Business Meeting TIME CHANGES

The LATA Winter Business meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2005 at Bourgeois Hall on the campus of the University of Louisiana Lafayette. The day's meetings will begin at **8:30am** with the Executive Committee meeting followed by committee meetings at **10:00am** and the General Business meeting at **11:00am**.

Some of the topics for discussion may include changes in the fees for the summer symposium, new legislation being developed to improve the healthcare for high school students-athletes in Louisiana and updates on the 2005 Summer Symposium.

Also at the meetings, Phil Shaw from ULM will be accepting orders for photos taken by the professional photographer this summer at the Hall of Fame Banquet. He will have proofs for viewing during the meeting. If you would like to order make an order, you must pay for them at that time. For more information contact Phil at pshaw@ulm.edu or 318-342-3581.

The winter business meeting is an excellent opportunity for all athletic trainers to become involved in your organization or to have your voice be heard. Several committees need help with on going activities and projects. A fresh point of view or an extra set of hands are always welcome.

Bourgeois Hall is located at 225 Cajundome Boulevard, adjacent to the Cajundome and next to the softball complex on the ULL Campus. Bourgeois Hall is also the site for the Board of Certification test site.

2005 LATA Summer Symposium Update

Planning continues for this summer's event. Ed Evans and his planning committee are working hard to provide the LATA membership with a quality event. The Symposium is set for Monday June 27 through Wednesday June 29 in historic Natchitoches, LA at the Ramada Inn.

This summer's program should have something for everybody and the planning committee hopes the attendees will appreciate the unique format. No lecture session will last longer than three hours and will not start before 9am. Also, sessions will be broke up with other activities including a social Monday evening and the Hall of Fame Banquet Tuesday night.

More information will be presented at the winter business meeting on January 9 and posted on the website this spring.

Athletic Training Month: March 2005

Athletic Training Month is just around the corner and will be here before you know it. Each athletic trainer should make an effort to do at least one thing that promotes our profession to the general public during the month of March. Every little bit helps, large or small whatever you do will have an impact and raise the awareness of the public about what an athletic trainers is and what we do.

The following are some examples of things that you could do:

- Send a letter or pamphlet home with you student-athletes that describes what you do for them
- Speak at a booster club meeting for five minutes about your background and experience
- Host an “Open Training Room” for students, parents and faculty
- Do a short interview with you local sports writer
- Setup an informational booth at a health fair or career day
- Put on a workshop for students interested in the athletic training profession

Start your planning now and gradually develop what you are doing over January and February. If you need assistance, information or resources, go to www.nata.org and go to the Public Relations Committee section.

Scholarship and Award Nominations

If you know of a high school or collage student athletic trainer who is worthy of recognition, take the time to nominate him or her for either the CMS Canvas Scholarship or the Bubba Porche Award.

High school student athletic trainers with a GPA 2.5 or greater are eligible for the Gordon Reynolds High Scholl Educational Scholarship and must be nominated by an LATA member. Collage student athletic trainers with at least a 2.5 GPA at a Louisiana collage or university are eligible for the Eugene Christmas Collage Educational Scholarship and should be nominated by an athletic trainer at a Louisiana collage or university. For more information, contact Karen Lew at klew@selu.edu.

The Bubba Porche Award is given to one high school student athletic trainer and one collage student athletic trainer for their outstanding achievements in the field of athletic training. For this award, students must be nominated by a member of the LATA. For more information, contact Gary Lewis at vikiflop@bellsouth.net.

All application and nomination materials must be received by Thursday, February 17, 2005. Complete eligibility information and applications are available on the LATA website in the Awards section.

Congratulations

Babies

LATA Member Jason Drury and his wife Toni are the proud parents of a baby boy, Maddox Adan. Maddox was born September 15, weighed 7lbs 0oz and was 20 inches long. Jason is a Certified Athletic Trainer with CHRISTUS Louisiana Sports Medicine at Cabrini and services Natchitoches and Sabine Parishes.

Engagements

LATA members Lori McGaha and Robert DeLong became engaged to be married this past September. Lori is an Assistant Professor and Clinical Coordinator at Louisiana College in Pineville. Robert is a Certified Athletic Trainer with CHRISTUS Louisiana Sports Medicine at Cabrini and serves as the Head Athletic Trainer at Louisiana College. The couple is planning a July wedding.

Upcoming Events & Meetings

December 2004

10th LATA Hall of Fame Enshrinement and Social, Superdome

January 2005

9th LATA Winter Business Meeting, ULL, Bourgeois Hall

February 2005

11th-12th 20th Annual SEATA Athletic Training Student Workshop, Atlanta
Visit www.seata.org for more information.

March 2005

30th-3rd **National Athletic Training Month**
30th Annual SEATA Clinical Symposium and Meeting, Atlanta
Visit www.seata.org for more information.

June 2005

12th-16th NATA Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposium, Indianapolis, IN
26th BOCATC Certification Exam, University of Louisiana at Lafayette
27th-29th LATA Summer Meeting and Clinical Symposium, Natchitoches

Submit News to LAGNIAPPE

- Write a description of the event
- Be sure to include the full names of those involved
- Include dates and locations where it occurred
- Please spell correctly (I can't tell if things are misspelled or not)
- Email it to Andrew.hurla@christusheath.org