

Recent Successes in Grassroots Advocacy

January 11, 2010 – University of the Pacific Student Legislative Day in Sacramento

Over 30 physical therapy students from the University of the Pacific gathered at the Capitol on Tuesday, January 11 to meet with 30 state representatives in the California legislature. The students were given the opportunity to discuss the education of physical therapists in California, the importance of physical fitness and consumer direct access to physical therapist services. The students were given a crash course in legislative advocacy by CPTA's most active members. This event served as a great learning experience for these young professionals as they were given the tools necessary to continue their advocacy efforts at the local level. We would like to thank the CPTA members who volunteered their time to mentor the students and we look forward to organizing our next Student Legislative Day event.

December 4, 2009 – Fundraiser for Senator Gloria Negrete-McLeod in Montclair, California

A fundraiser was held in Montclair, California for California State Senator Gloria Negrete-McLeod. The fundraiser was a joint effort on the Inland Counties District of the California Chapter and CPTA leadership. Over 40 guests were present. CPTA members and non-members were given the opportunity to meet with the Senator and discuss issues most important to physical therapy. We would like to thank all of those guests for their participation and support.

November 20, 2009 – Fundraiser for Senator Dean Florez in Fresno, California

A fundraiser was held in Fresno to raise money for Senator Dean Florez who has announced his candidacy for Lt. Governor in 2010. The fundraiser was a joint effort of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter and the California Private Practice Group SIG. The fundraiser was attended by 23 San Joaquin Valley District PT's, as well as PT and Non PT students from CSU, Fresno and the Government Affairs Chair of the CA PPG SIG.

Senator Florez spoke about several issues at the event, noting the importance of the role of Lt. Governor pointing out that in the last 4 years 4 Lt. Governor's have moved into the Governor's seat mid-term. Senator Florez also recognized the importance of constituents meeting one on one with elected officials to address issues of concern. Senator Florez noted that in the past Physical Therapy issues rarely came up in the legislature, recently legislation involving Physical Therapy have appeared repeatedly during the course of the year, in fact there were 125 individual pieces of legislation during the past legislative year.

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November 7, 2009 – Fundraiser for Assemblymember Pedro Nava in Napa, California

A fundraiser was held at the beautiful Renteria Vineyards in Napa, California in support of Assemblyman Pedro Nava for Attorney General in 2010. This event was hosted by CAL-PT-PAC committee member Jerry Durham, PT and vineyard owner Oscar Renteria. CPTA members have become highly supportive of Assemblymember Nava and have shown their support by organizing local fundraisers statewide. We appreciate the hard work and dedication of physical therapists across the state.

September 17, 2009 – Fundraiser for Assemblymember Pedro Nava in Pasadena, California

Dedicated CPTA members worked together to organize a statewide effort in support of Assemblymember Pedro Nava for Attorney General in 2010. An event was hosted in Pasadena, California where CPTA members and non-members mixed and mingled with the Assemblymember and fellow colleagues. We want to thank everyone who participated in this effort.

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