As we continue to work through the tremendous loss of our brother, colleague and wonderful friend, Steve Levine, PT, DPT, MSHA, FAPTA, we look forward to celebrating his life with family, friends and colleagues.

A Celebration of Steve Levine’s life will take place in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on April 18, 2015 at 2PM at the Sunshine Cathedral MCC.

A consummate professional, fierce competitor, trusted colleague, and loyal friend, Steve made a difference in so many ways in so many lives. As we honor him with tributes and reflections of his influence on the profession of physical therapy and visions for the professions future, we remember a man who took the time to make sure each individual was heard while making sure the collective voice and vision of what we are working hard to accomplish was not lost. Steve will be missed, not only by all of us, but by the many people he touched in some way shape or form over the span of his very full life. His work through Fearon & Levine was only a small part of what his impact has been and probably will continue to be in regards to “Shaping the Profession” of physical therapy as we move into the future. There is an empty place in our lives, and while we miss Steve’s physical presence terribly, his generous spirit, contributions and impact will continue to influence and inspire our paths forward.

If you wish to send a note of condolence, it can be mailed to Wendy Levine, Steve’s sister, at: FearonLevine Consulting, P.O. Box 26743, Tamarac Florida, 33320

The APTA has created a wonderful tribute page for people to read and leave memories of Steve at www.apta.org/RememberingSteveLevine. APTA will hold “A Tribute to Steve Levine” on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, from 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm during APTA’s House of Delegates and NEXT. The event will take place at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, MD.

Today, as you go through your work and life routines, take a moment to remember Steve with thanks for his contributions, his friendship and his commitment to excellence.

A fund is being set up in Steve’s name at the Foundation of Physical Therapy. Additionally, recognitions of Steve are being planned by the APTA of Maryland, information will be forthcoming.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Steve’s family and many friends. We share in your loss.

And, lastly, thank you, Steve, for your friendship and your incredible work to support our profession. It was an honor to have you be a part of the Maryland Chapter.
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PLEASE NOTE: All issues will be distributed electronically via the APTA of Maryland Website at www.aptamd.org to those members who have e-mail addresses and mailed to those who do not.
2015 has been a busy year so far. Many of you know that the dry needling issue was very heated during this legislative session. Due to the hard work of members and non-members, the bills did not get out of committee. Special thanks to Carolyn Chanoski, Director of Government Affairs and Dan Doherty, our lobbyist, for leading this effort. We also had tremendous support from Justin Elliott at APTA. But, we were ultimately successful because of the large number of PTs and patients (too numerous to name) who testified and contacted their legislators to oppose the dry needling legislation. Thank you everyone!

It is with tremendous sadness that I write of the death of Stephen M. Levine, PT, DPT, MSHA, FAPTA on March 3, 2015. I had the privilege of knowing Steve since we were students in PT school at the University of Maryland Baltimore. Steve practiced in Maryland for several years and moved to Florida where he resided. Over the years, I would see Steve at APTA meetings and in the APTA House of Delegates. He helped organize our 30th PT reunion in October and everyone had a great time. Steve was passionate about physical therapy and served the association in many capacities including vice speaker and speaker for the APTA House of Delegates. One of his last Facebook postings was about life: “...Moral: Death is not the greatest loss in life. Loss is when life dies inside u while u are alive...Celebrate this event called life.” Steve celebrated life.

Steve - you will be missed!
Linda

“If not us, then who? If not now, then when?” - John E. Lewis
PTA membership continues to grow. Today there are more than 90,000 members. 59,000 are physical therapists, which is about 30% of licensed physical therapists nation wide. More than 6000 are physical therapist assistants with an increase in membership of almost 4% in the last year! Students of physical therapy number more than 25,000.

Members save on registration fees for national conferences. 2015 NEXT Conference & Exposition is right here in National Harbor, MD from June 3-6, 2015 where a PT can save $160 and a PTA can save $130. Don’t miss the opportunity to attend!

Jennifer Keller PT
The Maryland General Assembly will be in session until April 13 and we have two legislative victories. Our hardest fought battle was against legislation that would have required PTs who perform dry needling to have 200 hours of education. On a snowy March 5th, over 50 PTs, PTAs, patients assembled in Annapolis for a senate hearing. After a strong lobbying effort by Dan Doherty, the Board of Examiners, Michelle Layton, and myself, the chairman of the committee, Joan Carter Conway, announced that the bill would not leave the committee and that the parties involved should resolve the issues among themselves before the next session. No doubt she was influenced by our strong showing. The following week, the day before it was to be heard in the House of Delegates, the sponsor withdrew the bill. The Boards of Physical Therapy and Acupuncture had previously agreed that 80 hours of education, 40 hours of theory and 40 hours of hands-on training, would be required before PTs can practice dry needling. We will see how this plays out during the next few months.

In 2014, the Maryland delegation to APTA’s House of Delegates, led by Chief delegate, Britta Battaile, introduced a motion that would add physical therapists to the list of healthcare providers who can certify a person with disabilities is eligible for handicapped parking tags. The HOD unanimously approved this position. APTA of MD had a bill introduced to the Maryland General Assembly. At this time the bill has unanimously passed the senate and was given a favorable report by the House committee. The Bill now awaits the Governor’s signature. Bill signings will be after Session and can occur through late May. Given any unforeseen developments, the bill will take effect in October.

The APTA of Maryland, submitted written testimony in support of a bill that would establish a reasonable workload for special education teachers and related services providers to allow them to adequately meet the federal and state requirements while meeting the needs of students receiving their services. The status of this bill is still pending.

The APTA of Maryland facilitated a meeting with a group of pediatric physical therapists from across that state and the Board of PT Examiners to address concerns regarding an apparent conflict between federal and state special education laws and the Maryland PT Practice Act. The PT practice act requires that all patients be re-evaluated every 30 days. The special education laws require parental permission for and formal review of all evaluations. This places early intervention and school-based providers in a predicament. Pediatric therapists are reluctant to remove a student from classes and request additional meetings especially when little or no change in the child’s function occurs in that short period of time. The Board of Examiners has stated that they will explore this problem and issue their opinion.

The legislative committee would like to thank the following members for monitoring bill during this legislative session: Kathy Brady, Dan Gordon, Bill Hodges, Laurie Neely, and Carol Zehnacker.

Also, thank you to everyone who worked on the fight against the dry needling regulations and Justin Elliott, state legislative affairs liaison from APTA.

Our members do make a difference and membership matters!

APTA works for you!
Winter has been full of meetings and the Day on the Hill in Annapolis. I have attended monthly advocacy meetings for the PTA Caucus discussing the outreach regarding the potential motions that the APTA Board will be presenting at the House of Delegates in June. The potential motions can be found on the communities page of the national APTA website. I have reached out to the section delegate for pediatrics for their opinion on the proposed motions and they are reserving comment until they have time to meet and review the final motion. There will be updates in the next newsletter. If you have questions regarding the proposed motions, please feel free to contact me.

The day on the Hill in Annapolis was filled with high hopes…our group of University of MD, Baltimore and PTA students from Community College of Baltimore were enthusiastic and had great questions regarding practice and physical therapy in general. We unfortunately did not have an opportunity to meet with our Delegates and Senators, but had a great conversation with the Aide for State Senator Jennings. We left packets of information for our legislators regarding dry needling and physical therapy. Hopefully, a little passion wore off and we will see the students as professionals taking the lead in the near future!

Enjoy the warming temperatures, longer days, and a successful Spring!

Please reach out to board members if you have any questions.

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**APTA of Maryland is proud to announce the we are in the initial stages of a new an improved website which will launch in 2015.** It has been crafted to reflect what our members told us they need now but also builds upon technology capable of addressing future needs.

**Three things you’ll love about the new website right now:**

- **Home Page** - see upcoming events, featured tools, recent news and quick links to get to where you want to go with one click.
- **Your Member Profile** - you will now have a profile page once you are logged in where you can upload and track your continuing education, upload videos, and easily communicate with other members
- **News You Can Use** - popular blog and twitter feeds

We are looking for members to test the new site before its’ launch. If you are interested please contact us at aptamd@aptamd.org.
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News from the
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Board meetings take place on the third Tuesday of every month at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. 4201 Patterson Ave. Baltimore, Maryland. 21215

Due to construction in the building on Patterson Ave., this month’s Board Meeting (April 21, 2015) will be held at DoubleTree by Hilton Baltimore North - Pikesville 1726 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, MD 21208

Tel: 410.415.6212 Fax: 410.415.6232 BaltimoreNorthPikesville.Doubletree.com

The public session begins at 1:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

The Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners is accepting applications for Expert Witnesses

If you are a Physical Therapist or Physical Therapist Assistant with five years of experience then you qualify to apply. The Board is looking for not only general expert, but specialties such as Home Health, Elderly, Orthopedic, Aquatic, Pediatric, and Facility Based (Hospital, Nursing Home). We also need experts familiar with billing in the area of Medicaid Medicare. If you are interested in becoming an expert for the Board you can apply by filling out the attached application. The application should be e-mailed or faxed to John Bull, Compliance Manager by April 28, 2015. Those selected will be notified via e-mail by May 1, 2015, with detailed information. The mandatory training course for expert witnesses will be held on May 8, 2015, at the UMBC Technology Center from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. The cost of the course will be $36.00, which includes all material and on-site lunch. All attendees will receive 0.6 CEU’s for the course. Once trained, experts will be paid on a case by case basis at a rate of $75.00 per hour. The rate covers document review, report writing, and testifying if necessary. Experts will be required to sign a yearly renewable Expert Witness Agreement that covers such areas as confidentiality, compensation, and conflict of interest.
The APTA of Maryland Board approved a budget for 2015 that includes spending of $170,726, with expected revenues totaling $173,600. It is important for members to have an understanding of how their dues are being used, and to know that the Chapter takes its financial responsibility to spend those funds appropriately and wisely very seriously. Dues income makes up 68% of the Chapter's revenues. The rest comes from ongoing activities like career center sales, other advertising, and mailing list rental, as well as Chapter-sponsored events like the Spring and Fall meetings, and other CEU offerings.

The Chapter pays its highly-skilled Executive Director and Lobbyist, both of whom are critical to the success of our physical therapy advocacy efforts, as we saw with the recent threat to dry needling in Maryland. This is an important example of how the Chapter provides value to its members!

Other expenses include providing support for travel and lodging for our elected APTA of Maryland Delegates to attend the APTA House of Delegates proceedings, and funding events like Day on the Hill in Annapolis, and the Student Conclave. Another example of how spending your dues funds adds value to members, non-members, and consumers is the upcoming Maryland legislation that will allow physical therapists to issue handicap parking placards to their patients - this idea was conceived and presented at the 2014 APTA House of Delegates in Charlotte, NC by Maryland’s Chief Delegate!

As of 2/28/15 the Chapter has $205,493 in its asset accounts. This amount includes cash on hand used to pay routine expenses as well as investments that the Board may authorize to spend on certain key initiatives, such as the recent rebuild of the Chapter’s website. APTA of Maryland has no long-term liabilities (e.g., mortgages, loans, etc.)
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APTA of Maryland Career Center: 10% off all packages listed on the career center for online job advertising and recruitment needs through the association.

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APTA members are eligible to apply for a full range of cost-saving and value-added products and services. Learn more at http://www.apta.org/Benefits/DiscountPrograms/
Nominate a Colleague....

THE 2015 HENRY O AND FLORENCE P KENDALL AWARD

The Kendall Award was established as a way for the APTA of Maryland to honor a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who:

1. Has shown outstanding service to the profession of Physical Therapy in any of the following areas: administration, clinical patient care, education, research or supervision.

2. Has participated in activities and has been a dominant force in activities that have significantly affected the growth and development of the profession.

If you know of someone whom you would like to be considered for the award, please provide the following information:

• Provide the nominees name, address, type of APTA membership (PT/PTA) if any, phone number (day/evening)

• Provide in narrative form on a separate page documentation of the nominee’s specific activities and contributions to the field of physical therapy and why you feel he or she is qualified for this award.

• Provide a current curriculum vitae for the nominee.

THE CHAPTER’S 2015 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to one or more individuals who have shown a strong commitment to and/or have had a dramatic effect on the physical therapy profession, although recipients do not have to be PTs or PTAs. The award is presented by the president of APTA of Maryland, Inc., at the Annual Fall Meeting. The award need not be given annually. The pool of candidates is drawn from letters of nomination submitted to the Distinguished Service Award Committee.

If you know someone who you think should be considered for this award, please provide the following information for the nominee:

• Provide the nominees name, address, type of APTA membership (PT/PTA) if any, phone number (day/evening)

• Provide in narrative form on a separate page an explanation of why you think this person should receive the 2015 Distinguished Service Award.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS for both awards is August 31, 2015

The following are your previous Kendall Award winners:

1976 Florence P and Henry O Kendall
1977 Gladys Wadsworth
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1980 Ruth Latimer
1981 Kathleen Dixon, Jane Satterfield
1982 William Rhoads
1983 Gilbert Fine
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1985 Don Hiltz
1986 Patricia Provance
1987 Dilsy Williams
1988 Irvin Miller
1989 Lee Miller
1990 Barbara Dillon
1991 Joseph Rock
1992 Charles Dilla
1993 William Hodges
1994 Judith A Schank
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2001 John Shober
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2015 Gretchen Michaels
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1. Secretary
2. Director for Government Relations
4. Director for Practice
5. Alternate PTA Caucus Representative
6. Alternate Delegates
7. Nominating Committee (2 positions)

Members of the Nominating Committee serve two-year terms and may not serve successive terms.

If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested in one of these positions, please contact the Chapter Office at 1-800-306-5596 or e-mail us at aptamd@aptamd.org.

We encourage you to submit nominations as soon as possible. The Nominating Committee will follow up with interested individuals.

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The following is an update on the 2015 House of Delegates Motions:

Various delegations and caucuses were busy during CSM, working to develop important motions for the House of Delegates in June.

Virtual Town Halls were held in October, November, and December. (Audio is available in Communities/The Hub.) Topics discussed included: bylaw amendments, motions under consideration, and guiding principles. The Speaker of the House, Sue Griffin, encouraged all of us to consider the ‘big picture’:

1. What actions, if taken now, would be effective in moving us toward achievement of the Vision?

2. What actions could we take now that would have the largest payout in the future?

3. What opportunities/challenges must be addressed to be successful as we move toward achievement of the Vision?

Motions and bylaw changes currently under consideration include: Procurement of Primary Practitioner Status, Advance Trained Doctor of Physical Therapy to the level of Primary Care Practitioner, Electronic Health Records, Enhanced Use of Diagnostic Tests and Interventions Related to the Movement System, Prevention and Wellness, Bullying in the Workplace, Role and Education of the PTA and Use of Other Individuals in Provision of PT Services, Delivery of Value-Based PT Services, Identification of PTs by Professional Title, Bylaw change for chapters to permit PTAs to Serve as Delegates/have Full Vote at Component Level/Serve in Non-officer Position on the Board, Workforce Issues, Campaign against obesity, Life Members as Delegates, Single 4-year term for BOD, Medical Necessity and Needing PT to maintain or slow decline, PT’s Role in Diet and Nutrition Education, Section Vote in HOD, Medical Necessity vs. Functional Necessity.

Ways to stay informed and involved:

Next town halls will be on 4/23 and 5/14. Sign up and be part of the action!

You can also follow developments on Twitter and the APTA website.

Packet I was posted on 3/31 to apprise members of motions that will come before the House in June. All Maryland Chapter members will be able to participate in a survey to provide feedback to the delegation regarding the motions. The link for this survey will be sent out on April 13th.

Information for candidates for national office can be found at www.apta.org/Elections/Slate/. The delegation welcomes comments on candidates from members.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or comments, Britta Battaile, PT, DPT, PCS, Chief Delegate, Brittabatt@msn.com.

I would like to thank the Continuing Education Committee for all that they did to plan and host a wonderful Spring Session of courses. I hope that you were able to take part in one of the great Continuing Education opportunities this spring.

- March 7, 2015 – Medical Screening for Physical Therapists
  Franklin Square Hospital - Rosedale, MD.
- March 11, 2015 – Plantar Fasciitis
  Union Memorial Hospital.
  Baltimore, MD.
- March 17, 2015 --Maryland Practice Act-Law and Regulations
  St. Agnes Hospital, Catonsville, MD.
- March 28, 2015 – APTA of Maryland Spring Chapter Meeting.
  Understanding Autism for the School Based Physical Therapist and Diagnostic Ultrasound for Dry Needling
  Franklin Square Hospital. Rosedale, MD.

At the Maryland Practice Act course on March 17, 2015 we had an update that the Continued Competency Regulations are still in draft form and are being worked on by the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. As of yet, there is no change to the Continuing Education requirements for physical therapist and physical therapist assistant licensure renewal. When those new regulations do take effect, rest assured that your APTA of MD Continuing Education Committee will be there to help you with information and courses so that you can meet those new regulations.

Save the date for our Fall Chapter Meeting which will take place November 7, 2015. We hope you join us for a great day of Continuing Education, Networking Opportunities, and Chapter Updates. Courses will be held at Union Memorial Hospital and will include:

- Vestibular Rehab and Concussion Management
- ICD 10

Be on the lookout soon for all the details, and take advantage of our member savings - 20% off all programming!

If any of you are interested in joining the Continuing Education Committee, we would welcome your participation. As always, we love to hear your suggestions for future courses and speakers so that we can meet your Continuing Education needs.

You can contact me with course ideas at themichaelsfamily@verizon.net, or Lauri Jacobson at aptamd@aptamd.org.

I look forward to meeting you and learning together at future APTA of MD Continuing Education events.

www.aptamd.org/continuingeducationlistings
January started with a bang - We started work on a new chapter logo (thank you Jen Keller), designing our new web site, working on our spring education series, and our January newsletter and it ended with Dry Needling Legislation being introduced.

In February we had over 215 students and professionals in Annapolis to promote the profession and show our opposition to the dry needling legislation. We had briefing packets for attendees and packets for legislators. We lit up social media asking for patients and professionals to write their legislators and join us for the Senate hearing on March 5th.

#dryneedling #SolvePT and #PTadvocacy was trending and Facebook saw images of our members in Annapolis which was shared and viewed by over 1500 people. We had petitions with hundreds of signatures as well as hundreds of letters sent to EHEA and HGO.

At the beginning of March we had Michelle Layton and Carolyn Chanoski in Annapolis meeting with members of EHEA and HGO. We had David Bullock shutting down his office and bringing his staff and patients to Annapolis to testify. We had over 50 people drive through snow despite schools and the rest of government being shut down to come to Annapolis on March 5th to testify at the Senate Committee. We are now awaiting the final regulations from our Board of Examiners which we hope to have an update on soon. But throughout this experience, we heard from many PTs and PTAs who noted they plan to join the chapter after being a part of the legislative activities with Dry Needling over the last 2 months. I have been so proud and impressed by everyone's efforts and love that some past members and new to APTA professionals are seeing what I have known since I joined you all. This is an amazing group and I feel incredibly lucky to work on your behalf.

We are excited to share with everyone our new logo, our new web site with a robust new member portal where you will be able to track your CE, add social media and videos to your profile, track all orders through the chapter, etc.

*This is your association and we want you to help us grow and enhance what we do.*

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Maryland Chapter Represented at White House Reception for Women’s Office

by Lynn Rudman, P.T., Vice-President and President-elect

The Maryland Chapter recently sent a delegation to a White House reception welcoming Jenny Luray, the new Deputy Assistant to President Clinton and new Director of the White House Office for Women’s Initiatives and Outreach (OWIO). The reception was co-sponsored by APTA and its Department of Women’s Initiatives.

Ms. Luray was named to the position in November. President Clinton created the White House OWIO in June 1995 to better serve, inform, and listen to women across the nation. The office serves as a liaison between the White House and women’s organizations, listening to women’s concerns and proposals and bringing these ideas to the President and others in the Administration.

The reception was held in the Indian Treaty Room of the Old Executive Office Building, a part of the White House complex, and was highlighted by remarks given by the Secretary of Labor, Alexis Herman.

Among those attending from the Maryland were Lynn Rudman, P.T., Vice-President and President-elect; Rose Sgarlat Myers, P.T., Ph.D., Treasurer; Barbara Dillon, P.T., past-President; and Judy Schank, P.T.

Members from the Virginia and District of Columbia Chapters also attended, as did members of the APTA Board of Directors and staff, including Jayne Snyder, P.T., APTA Vice President; Stephen Levine, P.T., Vice Speaker of the House of Delegates; Z. Annette Iglarsh, P.T., Board of Directors; Frank Mallon, C.E.O., Lisa Maatz, Director, Department of Women’s Initiatives, and others.

The White House guest list also included Administration officials, members of Congress, Capitol Hill staff members, political appointees and national leaders in the women’s community.

APTA and its Department of Women’s Initiatives have co-sponsored events with the White House OWIO in the past, including a 1996 White House luncheon focusing on the importance of physical fitness and sports for women and girls.

Ms. Luray most recently was Legislative Director for Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-N.Y.) She also has been a policy analyst with the U.S. House of Representatives Democratic Study Group. She holds an M.P.A. from the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, and an A.B. in sociology from Brown University in Providence, R.I. —NB
Visionary game-changer Billie Jean King will deliver the keynote address on June 3, 2015, at NEXT Conference & Exposition.

Ms. King is the founder of the Billie Jean King Leadership Initiative and the co-founder of World TeamTennis. She has long been a champion for social change and equality. King created new inroads for men and women in sports and beyond during her legendary career, and she continues to make her mark today.

Attend the Opening Event for a high-energy kickoff of what will be 3 days of exchanging ideas and sharing insights.

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Register today! www.apta.org/NEXT

There’s still time to participate in PT Day on Capitol Hill when you register by May 14. This FREE event is an unparalleled opportunity to rally with your peers, meet your elected representatives in Congress, and receive the training you need to be an effective advocate.

Learn more and register at www.apta.org/FederalForum/.
Mark Your Calendar for APTA of Maryland Events!

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