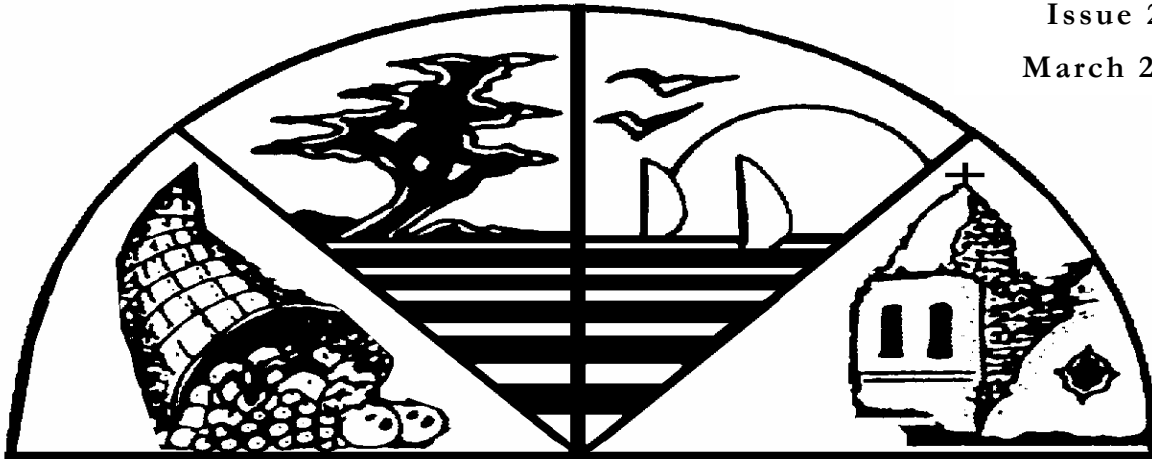


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California Physical Therapy Association

NEXT DISTRICT MEETING:

APRIL 12, 2011

**COMMUNITY HOSPITAL OF THE MONTEREY PENINSULA
23625 HOLMAN HWY, MONTEREY, CA**

6:30—9:00PM

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

PRESENTATION:

LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION

ASSEMBLYMEMBER BILL MONNING (INVITED)

“COULD THIS BE A NERVE THING?”

ALAIN CLAUDEL, PT, DPT, ECS

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2011 DISTRICT EVENT CALENDAR

Be sure to mark these upcoming dates on your calendar!

April 12th: District Meeting

Topic: Could This Be A Nerve Thing?—Preview

Local Legislator (invited)

Speaker: Alain Claudel, PT, DPT, ECS

Location: Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula

April 16th: Con Ed Course

Topic: Could This Be A Nerve Thing?

Speaker: Alain CLaudel, PT, DPT, ECS

Location: Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula

April 23rd: PAC Fundraiser

Location: Cava Wine Bar, Capitola 4-6pm

April 29-30th: Big Sur International Marathon Expo

Event: Once again we will be hosting a booth at the Expo where we will be providing free 20 minute lower extremity evaluations and educating the public on PT.

(We need volunteers!)

Location: Monterey Conference Center, Monterey

May 19th: AMGEN Tour of California

Event: The CPTA is hosting a booth at every stop and today the Tour is in San Jose! We need volunteers to educate the public on the benefits of PT.

Location: San Jose

June 25th: PAC Fund Raiser

Location: The Tied House, Mountain View 4-6pm



THE SPEAKER'S CORNER FOR OUR APRIL 12th MEETING

THIS AREA HIGHLIGHTS INVITED SPEAKERS FOR OUR DISTRICT MEETINGS

Alain Claudel, PT, DPT, ECS Dr. Alain Claudel has worked at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula since 1992. He was promoted from PT supervisor to the Director of Rehabilitation Services in 2003. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy in 1988 in France, an MSPT degree at Samuel Merritt College in 1998, and his Doctor of Physical Therapy degree at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in 2008. He is currently working on a Doctor of Science Degree in Clinical Electrophysiology. Dr. Claudel received his board certification in Clinical Electrophysiology in 2008.

The San Jose District newsletter welcomes any and all submissions including articles, letters to the editor and advertisements. For a list of advertising rates please contact the newsletter editor, Cheryl Tibbetts, PT at cheryl@valleypt.net or 831-438-4478.



A FEW WORDS FROM OUR CHAIR...

Sara Clayton, PT, DPT

As clinicians, we work with patients every day and often focus on how we can improve our treatment effectiveness. It often

feels like enough to ensure the security of our profession, but it may not be. In the last two months, new legislation was introduced in Sacramento that may change the future of our profession in a negative way. I have realized recently in talking with fellow members and professionals that it can be unclear as to exactly what the issues are and what one individual can do about them. I would like to try to outline some of the challenges we are facing this year and what you can do to help.

This year we face 2 major bills. First, Assembly Bill (AB) 783 would amend the business and professions code allowing a physical therapist to be an employee of a medical or podiatric corporation. This sets up a self referral for profit situation, eliminates consumer choice, and would create increases in income for the medical and podiatric corporations with the care being substandard and fraudulent per Medicare's standards. Research has shown this to be true in 91% of the cases of physician owned physical therapy clinics. The second bill is AB 374. It would provide licensure and regulation for athletic trainers. The wording of this bill is ambiguous and would give athletic trainers direct access to not only the healthy, athletic population but "patients" as well.

There are some easy steps you can take to make a difference:

Visit the California physical therapy web page at www.ccapta.org and learn about the issues.

Write your local legislator and bring these issues to their attention.

Visit your local legislators home office to educate them regarding our issues.

Get your patients involved. We all see many people every day that can also have an influence. Perhaps one of your patients has had a bad experience in a referral for profit situation. Have them send their story to their legislator in opposition of AB 783.

March 23rd was our annual Legislative Day in Sacramento. Over 200 PTs, PTAs and students met with legislators to educate them on the impact of these bills. We had almost 15 San Jose District members in attendance. If you were unable to attend this year please look for the date next year and make the time to go. If you cannot go consider sponsoring somebody else to go, perhaps one of your employees or a student. As a district, we are working on making it easier to attend by organizing car pools and next year we may even charter a bus.

If we work together we can make a difference!

The 2011 San Jose District Executive Committee is:

Chair—Sara Clayton

Chair Elect—Eric Folkins

Treasurer—Chris Reed,

Secretary—Sherri Betz

Chief Representative—Tom DeFranco

The 2011 Appointed Committee Chairs are:

Education—Ann Vivian

District Member Services Liaison—Tom DeFranco

Public Relations—Cheryl Tibbetts

PAC—Bob Williams

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Join us for a social gathering & CAL-PT-PAC fundraiser at...

Cava Wine Bar

Saturday, April 23rd

4:00-6:00pm

115 San Jose Ave. Capitola

(hors d'oeuvres included)

MINIMUM \$50 DONATION

(ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE CAL-PT-PAC)

Please RSVP by April 15th: complete this form and mail your check made payable to CAL-PT-PAC to:

CAL-PT-PAC
c/o Chris Reed
3388 Cardin Avenue
San Jose, Ca 95118

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