Health and Wellness Grant

APTA Grant to Promote Strong Seniors Gets Results

In 2013, WPTA’s Health & Wellness Committee was awarded a $10,000 grant from the APTA for a proposal titled “Community Partnerships: Making Wisconsin Seniors Strong.” The goal of the project was to provide aging adults with strategies to get healthy by delivering a standardized exercise curriculum known as StrongWomen in local communities across Wisconsin. StrongWomen is an evidence-based program that was developed out of research examining the benefits of strength training in post-menopausal women conducted by Miriam Nelson, PhD, and colleagues at Tufts University in 1994. StrongWomen is designed to keep seniors strong and flexible, and improve their balance to increase activity levels, delay the onset of osteoporosis, and decrease the risk of falling. These exercise groups also provide socialization, which encourages participants to continue the class and motivates them to succeed with the ultimate goal of being able to stay in their homes as long as possible.

Kathy Lyons teaches a Strong Seniors course at the McFarland Community Center.

Additional funds for the project have come from the WPTA, all six districts, and the WPT fund. To date, the grant has covered training fees for 22 PTs & PTAs. Ladysmith, Bristol, Clintonville, La Crosse, McFarland,

President’s Message

Kip Schick, PT, DPT, MBA
Advancing Physical Therapist Practice

At the WPTA Fall Conference in October, I asked several attendees if they knew about PTNow. Most were not familiar with this tool, but I received many positive comments from PTs and PTAs familiar with the site, which can be accessed at www.ptnow.org. PTNow is a collaborative effort between the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and APTA sections.

I encourage you to explore this website, which has tools designed to advance physical therapist practice. From the web-site:

“PTNow’s mission is to assist physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in day-to-day practice. Its official mission statement, ‘PTNow translates physical therapy knowledge into action, supports evidence-informed care, and helps clinicians improve their clinical decision making. PTNow promotes using the best available evidence to achieve optimal patient outcomes and enhances collaboration within the physical therapy profession.’”

PTNow includes the following:

- Clinical summaries
- Clinical cases (describing specific aspects of patient or client management that highlight key points from clinical summaries)
- Tests and measures (access tests and measures that have been identified for use in functional limitation reporting, as well as tests that have been cited in Clinical Summaries and APTA section-generated clinical practice guidelines. Many tests have summaries with psychometrics and videos)
- Clinical practice guidelines

Strong Seniors Grant continued – page 8
Information on the development of clinical summaries from the PTNow website include:

“Clinical Summaries synthesize evidence-based information about classification, screening, examination, diagnosis, prognosis, and intervention for specific conditions in specific patient populations.

Current Clinical Summary topics have been generated by APTA sections in collaboration with the PTNow Editorial Board. Topics also may be nominated by individual physical therapists, physical therapist assistants, students, and other constituent groups.

Proposed topics are reviewed by the PTNow co-chairs and Editorial Board for timely inclusion based on concurrent project development within the site. When a topic is approved, PTNow identifies and invites an author or author group based on content expertise and recommendations from the field. Individuals may nominate themselves for consideration as authors or reviewers for the topics they generate.

Each Clinical Summary is reviewed by content experts, an Associate Editor, and an Editor, with the focus on identifying “need-to-know” information for busy clinicians. Because one of the key benefits of the PTNow Clinical Summary format is the ability to connect users with the rich resources available for the topic (eg, tests, demonstration videos, imaging, vetted websites), physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in the field may be asked to contribute supplemental information to the summaries.”

PT Now is a resource for you to find the best available evidence for specific patient conditions to improve patient care, reduce unwarranted variation in clinical practice, and demonstrate the value of physical therapist services to others.

I encourage you to take the time to learn more and I look forward to hearing what you think. Feel free to e-mail me at president@wpta.org on this or any other topic/issue.

Best wishes for a safe and prosperous New Year!

Kind Regards,

Kip

Reminder

Please make sure the APTA/WPTA has your correct e-mail address.

We email important updates to keep you informed. Contact the WPTA Chapter Office at wpta@wpta.org, call 608/221-9191 or go to APTA’s website: www.apta.org to update your membership information.

Thank You!
Public Relations

Celebrating National Physical Therapy month was a success with many consumers and professionals seeing the six billboards throughout the state. During the week of October 13-19 we had an increase of 34 Facebook “likes.” The page currently has 698 “likes” or followers. Please help us increase that number! WPTA website traffic increased approximately 15% with 11,670 page visits in September to 13,735 visits in October. Please publicize our consumer page at www.wpta.org/consumer-resources/ and let us know if you have content you would like to see added.

APTA recognized the efforts of the WPTA Public Relations committee by awarding a $3,000 Component Community Awareness Grant this fall to help support our Public Relations billboard campaign. The grant was in recognition of PR campaigns that would support one or more of the physical therapist brand promises. In addition to promoting the Move Forward brand we are offering funds to co-sponsor events that promote fitness, wellness, and activity, and these funds are available through the Chapter office. The use of the orange tent and other branding items can be made available if a group would like to partner with WPTA in sponsoring an event. I am grateful for your input and ideas to promote our wonderful profession.

Submitted by Diane Slaughter, PT, MS, ATC, Chair

Legislative Action

“Strategy without tactics is the slowest route to victory. Tactics without strategy is the noise before defeat.”

From “The Art of War” by Sun Tzu

In a lot of ways, that describes the delicate balance we run when attempting to address our legislative strategy. Act too soon and without forethought, and you’ve created a situation that may potentially limit future opportunities or create future challenges that were unknown. Act too slow and you may have missed a chance to push our profession to the forefront of the healthcare revolution. Fortunately for our Association, we have a fantastic team at Martin Schreiber & Associates that assist us with our legislative strategy for 2015 – 2016. Looking ahead to the next session, the WPTA has a few key items that we are actively exploring and pursuing.

X-ray Legislation – This piece of legislation has been a multi-year effort and we are optimistic for some better movement in the next legislative cycle. Once passed, it will re-establish the physical therapist as an appropriate health care provider to order an x-ray in a direct access model.

When the x-ray technician practice act was updated several years ago, we were inadvertently left off of the list of appropriate referring providers.

Worker’s Compensation – Each year the Worker’s Compensation Advisory Council (WCAC), consisting of labor and management members, meet to debate changes to the system. Most recently, this created a battle, pitting the coalition of health care providers against a negotiated proposal put forth by labor and management to implement a medical fee schedule. When examining the total cost of care and speed with which injured workers in Wisconsin return to work, our state’s system excels at both of these metrics. While on an individual visit basis, payments tend to be higher compared to surrounding states and negotiated group health rates, our overall cost to the healthcare system is far below other states with mandated Worker’s Compensation fee schedules. We anticipate another battle ramping up in 2015.

Medicaid Prior Authorization (PA) – Hopefully we are finally making traction in redesigning or removing the Medicaid PA process. In an interesting development, Security Health Plan, A BadgerCare Plus HMO, has removed PA for their Medicaid members effective November 14, 2014, due to their cost benefit analysis. If you hear any other insurance companies taking this approach, please let us know, as it could be valuable information to assist us to streamline the process for our clinics to be paid under the Medicaid program.

Finally, the WPTA continues to monitor additional issues that may impact one’s ability to see a physical therapist. One of the main issues that we are monitoring actively is the impact co-pay has on their willingness or ability to attend therapy.

If you have any questions on our legislative strategy, please feel free to email me at brett@robertstherapy.com and keep your eyes open for announcement of our Legislative Day in 2015. This date will be determined once the new legislative calendar is set by our policymakers in Madison.

Submitted by Brett Roberts, DPT, Chair

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Fit4Life Fitness Center in Sparta and Hillsboro, WI is looking into the possibility of partnering with a Physical Therapist to offer therapy and lifestyle change in one facility. Please contact owner at: dave@getfit4life.net 608-269-0444 www.getfit4life.net

Committee News
Medicare Updates 2015

Fee Schedules

The final 2015 Medicare physician fee schedule rule released by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services includes an aggregate increase in payment for physical therapy services of 1%, provided Congress stops implementation of a payment cut due to the flawed Sustainable Growth Rate SGR formula by March 31.

Therapy CAP

2015 therapy cap will be $1,940, up $20 from the 2014 cap. The $3,700 manual medical review expires March 31, 2015, consistent with the expiration of the agency’s authority to provide therapy cap exceptions. Congress will need to act before March 31 to allow an exceptions process.

The Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) is the quality reporting program under Medicare Part B. Eligible professionals, including physical therapists who bill Medicare for outpatient physical therapy services in private practice settings (using the 1500 claim form or 837-P) are included under this program.

IMPORTANT: Reporting of 9 measures on 50% of eligible Medicare patients will be needed to avoid the 2.0% penalty.

Available measures for 2015

- 128: Body Mass Index (BMI) Community/Population Health
- 130: Documentation of Current Medications in the Medical Record (to be reported on every visit when billing 97001, 97002 or 97532)
- 131: Pain Assessment and Follow-Up Communication and Care Coordination
- 182: Functional Outcome Assessment Communication and Care Coordination (i.e.: FOTO, Care Connections, etc)
- 126: Diabetic Foot and Ankle Care, Peripheral Neuropathy -Neurological Evaluation Effective Clinical Care
- 127: Diabetic Foot and Ankle Care, Ulcer Prevention - Evaluation of Footwear Effective Clinical Care
- 154: Falls: Risk Assessment Patient Safety
- 155: Falls: Plan of Care Communication and Care Coordination
- 245: Chronic Wound Care Effective Clinical Care
- 134: Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-Up Plan Community/Population Health
- 173: Unhealthy Alcohol Use - Screening Community/Population Health
- 181: Elderly Maltreatment Screening and Follow-Up Patient Safety
- 226: Tobacco Use: Screening and Cessation Intervention Community/Population Health

Measures no longer allowed in 2015

- 245 Chronic Wound Care measure
- 148-151 Back Pain Measures Group

APTA is strongly encouraging providers to move away from claims based reporting in preparation for Registry Reporting and an emerging program: Value-Based Modifier in CY 2016. For more information see http://www.apta.org/PQRS

WPTA Continues its Best Practices in Documentation Series*

On December 17, WPTA continued its series of quarterly Lunch-Learn Webinars to assist PT and PTAs in meeting evolving requirements for strong documentation to establish and support professional services.

Best Practices in Documentation - Progress Reporting and Plan of Cares, delivered in September, is now recorded and available for purchase on the WPTA webpage.

Best Practices in Documentation - Daily Notes/Billing was held on December 17, and is also recorded and will be ready for purchase soon.

*Receive your CE credits through these webinars!

WI Workers Compensation

WPTA testified at a public hearing addressing increasing prices paid in Wisconsin for Workers Compensation (WC). WPTA supports addressing changes in the WC system to increase efficiencies.

Submitted by Lynn Steffes, PT, DPT, WPTA Reimbursement Specialist

NEW Online Course: The Wisconsin Physical Therapy Practice Act

WPTA members receive 10% OFF!

Presented by Susan Griffin, PT, DPT, MS, GCS

Fulfills 4 hour CE requirement for Ethics & Jurisprudence

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District News

Southwest

Southwest District leadership has experienced several position changes going into the new year. Thank you to all of our outgoing leaders for their service and those who are stepping up take over the positions.

- James R. Cumming, PT, OCS – Chair (4 years of service, term limit), is leading at the state level as the Technology Committee chair and PR campaign committee.
- Jennifer Jeschke, DPT – Secretary (7 years of service), is transitioning to the District Chair position. New Grad Jaclyn Spees, DPT is stepping into the Secretary position.
- David Lippi-Guerron, DPT – Vice Chair, took over this position in the past year filling an interim vacancy.
- Sue Meng, PT – Treasurer (7 years of service) is handing off the Treasurer position to Kyle Knauff, DPT, OCS – Current Membership Chair, and passing on Membership Chair position to Allison Hodgson, PT.
- Amanda Gallow, DPT– Public Relations Chair, is taking over the position from Travis Obermire, DPT, SCS, OCS, CSCS, ACSM.
- Jamie Reich, DPT - Continuing Education Chair.
- The recently added Executive Committee Student Liaison position is shared by Karen Lovely, SPT, Elizabeth Kremer, SPT, Christa Wille, SPT and Nate Hoover, SPT.

The District had a well-attended Fall business meeting on November 18. Following the business meeting, Shannon R. Kunstman, PT, MS, RT, Cert ZB, presented a one hour continuing education course, “Stress Regulation: Considerations for the Physical Therapist.” Thank you to Stoughton Hospital for hosting the event.

Join us in volunteering at our annual PR event - Well Expo, January 23-24, 2015 - Monona Terrace, Madison. For questions, ideas, or if you are interested in becoming more involved in the District activities, please contact Kyle Knauff at kyleknauff@gmail.com or Jennifer Jeschke at optimalpt@gmail.com.

Submitted by Jennifer Jeschke, DPT, Secretary

Northeast

The Northeast District held their fall meeting and continuing education offering on October 10. The event was planned in conjunction with the Door County Convention and Tourism Bureau and the Egg Harbor Pumpkin Fest which occurred the next day. Special thanks to Teresa Casagranda, PT from Ministry Door County Medical Center for helping coordinate the event, as well as Carl Grotta, PT who presented a one hour continuing education course “Physical Therapy Options for Treating Parkinson’s Disease.”

Our next activity was held November 22 when the District hosted a one day Tai Chi Fundamentals® course instructed by Kristi Hallisy, PT, DSc, OCS, CMPT, CEEAA, CTI. Special thanks go to Janine Boldra, PT for course coordination and St. Elizabeth Hospital, Appleton for hosting the event.

Please consider volunteering even a few hours of your time to advance the objectives of the District. We are currently seeking a District secretary as well as assistance with public relations, membership, continuing education and student liaison. If you are able to help, please feel free to send an email to nedistrictwpta@gmail.com.

Submitted by Jonathon Weiss, DPT, Chair
West Central
In the West Central District, we have had a great fall and winter. I would like to thank all of our District speakers for the fall and early winter sessions. I would like to thank Erin Hussey, DPT, NCS, for starting off the fall courses by speaking about “Exercise for People with Parkinson’s Disease.” I would like to thank everyone for the wonderful turnout for Motivational Interviewing Network of Training (MINT), presented by Debra Murray, PsyD, ICS, CSAC, PS and “Motivational Interviewing” presented by Gwynth Straker, PT, MS. This has been a successful course for both the speakers and the attendees and always a great time. Next, Steven Klein, MD spoke about “Total Shoulder Replacements and Reverse Replacement.”
I would also like to invite you to enjoy these late winter and spring courses. “Differential Diagnosis of Falls” on January 20 will be brought to us by Mary Rathgaber, MD. As the spring, starts Gundersen Lutherans Sports Medicine Physical Therapy Residents Kristen Waldron, DPT and Nathan Vannatta, DPT will discuss “Functional Testing After ACL Reconstruction and Kinesiophobia” on February 17, and Linda Shepardson, PT will enlighten us on March 17 with “Functional Assessments for an Aging Population.” Wrapping up the District continuing education year will be Chris Durall, DPT, MS, SC, LAT, CSCS with “Therapeutic Exercise for the Cervical Spine.” on April 14.
Submitted by Jack Knudson-Stuhr, PTA, Chair

Have you visited the WPTA Career Center lately?

www.wpta.org/classifieds

UW Alumni
Join fellow UW-Madison PT Alumni and Students at CSM in Indianapolis
Thursday, January 5 - 6:30-8:30 pm
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and Burlington have secured community partners and are currently offering classes or will be offering classes within the next couple of months. Another four locations have expressed an interest in starting StrongWomen classes.

Kathy Lyons, PT, MS, OCS, attended the StrongWomen leader training workshop held during the WPTA 2014 Spring Conference. She found an enthusiastic community partner in the McFarland Senior Outreach Department. Using funds from the APTA grant, she was able to purchase dumbbells and ankle weights to begin a class in McFarland. As recommended, she publicized the class in the Senior Outreach monthly newsletter and the community newspaper. She held an informational session and response was overwhelming. Kathy says, “I initially planned on starting with one class of 6-15 participants. However, 30 women attended my informational meeting in August. I ended up organizing two classes, each with 20 participants that meet twice a week.” Classes are held at the McFarland Municipal Building. Senior Outreach staff has helped in securing space for the class, registering participants, and copying forms.

The response to the class has been very positive. Participants agree that working with weights meets a definite need. After just 4 weeks many say that they feel more confident about their physical strength and that their balance is improving. They are already asking about the next sessions sign-up. For Kathy, the rewards of leading the classes include the knowledge that she is contributing to the health and wellness of the women of her community. She is very appreciative of the financial assistance provided through the grant to obtain the necessary equipment.

Submitted by Kathy Lyons, PT, MS, OCS

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**Calendar of Events**

January 20 — WCD presents Differential Diagnosis, La Crosse

January 23-24 — SWD Booth at the Madison Well Expo, Madison

February 4-7 — Combined Sections Meeting, Indianapolis, IN

February 14-15 — NED Orthopedic Manual PT Professional Development Program, Bellin Health Clinic, Green Bay

February 17 — CESIG Meeting

February 21 — Board of Directors Meeting, Chapter Office, Madison

April 15 — CESIG Meeting

April 16-17 — WPTA Spring Conference, Oconomowoc

May 1 — Strategic Planning Meeting

May 2 — Board of Directors Meeting, Chapter Office, Madison

July 11 — Board of Directors Meeting, Chapter Office, Madison

October 1-2 — WPTA Fall Conference, Wisconsin Dells

October 2 — Board of Directors Meeting, Wisconsin Dells
Newmann Receives International Service Award
Announced by the Secretary General of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT), the WCPT Executive Committee has granted an International Service Award to Donald Neumann, PT, PhD, FAPTA of Marquette University.

The nomination letter by APTA President Paul Rockar Jr., PT, DPT, MS noted Dr. Neumann:

• Helped start a new physical therapy program and taught kinesiology in the first physical therapy class at the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences (formerly Kaunas Medical University).
• Authored numerous books, textbooks, and teaching instruments on kinesiology, which are used in physical therapy education in Lithuania, Japan, Korea, Brazil, Mexico, and Taiwan.
• Has greatly impacted the growth of physical therapy education in Lithuania, Hungary, and Japan.
• Was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from the Lithuanian Academy of Physical Education in 2007.
• Was instrumental in major reviews and updates of the teaching of kinesiology at Shinshu University and other universities in Japan.

President Rockar notes, “Highly respected in the international community, Dr. Neumann is well deserving of the International Service Award in Education for the global impact he has made in the physical therapy profession by elevating the standards of education through his contributions in teachings, writings, and numerous workshops.”

Submitted by Diane Slaughter, PT, MS, ATC

VA Hospital and UW Physical Therapy Receive Accreditation
Please join the WPTA in congratulating the William S Middleton Memorial VA Hospital and UW Physical Therapy Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Residency program on their recent accreditation. The accreditation is effective through November 30, 2019. An accredited residency or fellowship program promotes standards of quality and consistency in the teaching and practice of physical therapy. Please join us in congratulating this program for achievement of excellence in physical therapy education.

Submitted by Diane Slaughter, PT, MS, ATC

Election Results
The results for the WPTA 2014 Election are in. Newly elected members include:

Chief Delegate (7/15-7/18) – Rob Worth
Director – Jim Cumming
Ethics Committee Chair – Gwyn Straker
Ethics Committee – Janine Boldra
Nominating Committee – Mike Edwards, Jenny Hastreiter, Josh Zilm and Ron Lawrence
Delegates – Rob Worth (one year term), Jane Bernatovich, Amy Helminski, Diane Slaughter and Evan Nelson
Alternate Delegates – Dennis Kaster, Julie Siefert, Kathy Shields, Lara Bleck
PTA Caucus Rep (7/15-7/17) – Krissa Reeves

Congratulations!

Putting Falls Prevention into Practice – Screening for Risk, Multifactorial Assessments and Evidence-Based Programs with Jodi Janczewski, DPT
April 8, 2015, 5:30-8:30 pm.
Location: Bellin Hospital, 744 South Webster Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54305

An Advanced an Integrated Approach to the Neck & Head with Mark Bookhout, PT, MS, FAAOMPT
February 28 – March 1, 2015
Location: Bellin Health Family Medical & Wellness Center - Bellevue 3263 Eaton Road, Green Bay, WI 54311

Check out our website at www.bellin.org, click on “Appointments & Registration”, then “Therapy & Sports Medicine Continuing Education Series”. It will be updated as more information and registration details become available. Call Heidi Johnson, PT, with questions at 920/430-4750 x4425.

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ERIN HUSSEY PT, DPT, NCS

upon her retirement after twenty two years of dedicated service to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse PT Program and Western Technical College PTA Program.

Thank you, Erin, for the differences you have made!

Good wishes can be sent to Erin at ehussey@uwlc.edu or W9878 Hickory Terrace, La Crosse WI 54601

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March 9-10  APTA CI Credentialing Courses – Level 1 and Advanced – *the level 1 course is a pre-req for the Advanced course. Courses held simultaneously. Discounts for multiple participants from same facility is everyone registers together. Registration deadline February 1, 2015.

April 23-25  Finding the Driver in Pelvic Pain: Musculoskeletal Factors in Pelvic Floor Dysfunction with Elizabeth Hampton, PT, WCS, BCB-PMD – Co-Sponsored with Herman and Wallace

June 9, 12, 18 and 23  PTH 7549 Differential Diagnosis with William G. Boissonnault, PT, DHSc, FAAOMPT, FAPTA (Join DPT students in class)

June 17-20  Treatment of Bowel, Bladder and Pelvic Floor Disorders: Anatomical, Physiological, and Behavioral Foundations for Clinical Practice – The 11th annual offering of this flagship course.

July 8-11  Gross Dissection and Kinesiology of the Upper Extremity - Neumann et al

2015 Alumni Reunion Weekend July 24
Ethics and Jurisprudence as part of our annual alumni reunion weekend. LOW COST FOR ALUMNI!!

October 15-17  Behavioral and Rehabilitation Treatment of Bowel Disorders, An Advanced Course with Jeannette Tries, Ph.D., OTR, BCB-PMD

NEW! November 12-14  Pelvic Floor Symposium: Addressing Sexual Health and Pelvic Pain-Rehabilitation Strategies for Pelvic Floor Clinicians

Online Ethics and Jurisprudence – Anytime – 3 courses to choose from: Keeping Secrets, Deciding for Others, and coming soon: Using legal and ethical documents to support practice.

Discounts for MU CI's, MU alumni and WPTA members for many courses!

*Please check website regularly for additional offerings, registration forms and CEU hours. www.marquette.edu/cls – click on continuing education.
PHYSICAL THERAPIST OF THE YEAR

2014 AWARDS

Call for Nominations

Today more than ever, Physical Therapists and Physical Therapist Assistants are an integral part of health care for children, adults and athletes. Here’s your chance to pay tribute to the therapist who’s made a difference in your life or in the life of a loved one.

To submit a nomination, please send us a letter of support along with your name, address and phone number. In your submission, include the therapist’s name, address and where she/he practices. A nominating cover letter is available at www.wpta.org.

The 2014 Physical Therapist of the Year will be recognized at the WPTA Spring Conference in Oconomowoc, in April of 2015.

Send cover letter and all information to:
WPTA Physical Therapist of the Year
Attn: Awards Committee
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**CLINICAL EDUCATION WORKSHOPS**

**APTA Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program (CCIP)**
The program (two days) addresses issues of planning and preparing for physical therapy students during their clinical experiences, developing learning experiences, and supporting ongoing learning through questioning and effective feedback. Skills of student evaluation are discussed, as well as the identification and management of students with exceptional situations. It includes information regarding student supervisory guidelines as well as legal regulatory and ADA issues. An “Assessment Center” provides each participant with the opportunity to apply information from the program in simulated situations. 15 contact hours

**APTA Advanced Credentialed Clinical Instructor Program (ACCIP)**
The focus of this course is best clinical practice and best clinical teaching. This course is open only to physical therapists who have taken the original CI Education and Credentialing Program workshop. It includes two days of programming along with some online preparatory work to be applied in class. 16.75 contact hours

**Annual Wisconsin Clinical Education SIG (CESIG) Conference**
This one-day conference is held each year for anyone interested in topics related to clinical education. 7 contact hours.

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The raffle prize drawing was a huge success!
Many thanks to the vendors who donated prizes.

2015 Spring Conference Sneak Peek!

FOCUS ON FUNCTION

Topics Include:
Chronic Low Back Pain and Knee Osteoarthritis, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome presented by Adrian Louw, Documentation/Payment, Exercise-Induced Analgesia, PT Wellness Visit, Poster Presentations, Awards Dinner and much more! Watch for registration details in February.
Membership Chair Deb Urben recognized longtime members at Friday’s Business Meeting. Thank you to all members for your support of WPTA!

30 Years - Rose Hebar

35 Years - Reenie Euhardy and Erin Hussey

40 Years - Kathy Lyons, Reenie Kavalar, Monica and Tom Diamond

50 Years - Otto Cordero and Carolyn Wohlers

Bucky visited with UW-Madison students at the Exhibit Hall on Thursday.
Mark Paterno, PT, PhD, MBA, SCS, ATC presented on new ACL treatment options and pediatric sports physical therapy.

Bucky Badger was part of our Go Team PT theme!

Participants in the Back Pain Lab practicing techniques.

Hands on learning!

Attendees enjoyed catching up with colleagues and exhibitors at Thursday’s Exhibit Hall.