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The Mission of the AMTA Kansas Chapter is to advance the profession of massage therapy through service to its members.

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Message from your President

AMTA Folks,

As spring quickly approaches, many opportunities to increase your skills, make connections with other therapist and find out about new products and research are on the way!

Our state spring meeting (details follow) is going to be so good, we are very excited to offer this class and hope that many of you take advantage of this education. Elections will also be held at the spring meeting (again more details later in the newsletter). At the end of October our national convention took place, and this is always such a fun, learning time with so many great and exciting announcements from AMTA National!

As always, I encourage you to take part in all of the benefits that AMTA members have access to. Well priced-good education, is one of my favorites, but AMTA has so much more to offer! The discounts and insurance options (yes, options, not just practice insurance, you can get other insurances too!) are awesome. National provides the job bank and therapist finder that are so handy. It is amazing to me what all we get for our membership dues!

There are also opportunities to be a bigger part of our therapist community. The Kansas chapter is always on the lookout for anyone who wants to help out in any way at any time! We always need folks to just volunteer the simplest of things like coming a bit early to help set up for our classes, or bringing a dish or treats to share (especially if you are special diet person). We are currently in need of help doing technical things like our web site, newsletter, and prep/registration during class/meetings. Soon we will need all hands on deck for a new round of going for licensure. All of these things need some time, but not massive amounts of time! Please call me if you want to be of assistance!

As always please contact me for any AMTA needs that I might be able to help you with (presidentamtaks@gmail.com, or [785-821-4442](tel:785-821-4442))!

Your President,
Paige Harper
Your President, AMTA KS

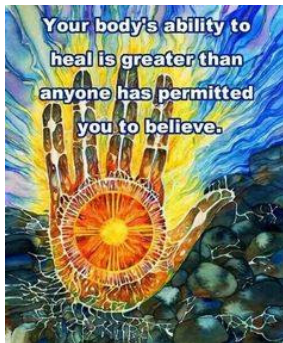


Upcoming Events

Board Members for 2017

President: Paige Harper
1st V.P. Robert Bowers
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3rd V.P. Connie Brown
Secretary Amber Bridges
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Touch for Health - Our Passion
Deborah L Jenkins
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AMTA-KS SPRING MEETING March 31, April 1-April 2

Instructor: Deborah Jenkins

Since 1973, Touch for Health (TFH) has been revolutionizing our understanding of self-care while helping millions of people around the world. Hundreds of certified instructors worldwide are teaching a wide range of professional & medical personnel as well as traditional families this holistic energy kinesiology balancing system that produces rapid, long lasting results for clients, patients, family and friends. Developed by Dr John Thie, DC from Applied Kinesiology, Touch for Health has since spread to over 60 countries and has been translated into over 80 languages...There is so much more to share about the benefits of learning Touch for Health than space here permits. It is for individuals desiring to help others feel better in body, mind & spirit as well as themselves. The rewards are beyond what words can describe and must be felt to truly grasp its potential.

I have done massage therapy all my life and became certified in California as a Massage Therapist in 1997. I found Touch for Health in 2000 and it has been my passion ever since! I moved to Overland Park, KS in 2005 and truly consider myself a Mid-Westerner... I so look forward to teaching all of you in the Kansas AMTA Chapter in March/April your first Level of Touch for Health. Deb Jenkins. Deb@deborahljenkins.com.

Cost for class: Members:\$160.00 Non-Members \$200.00

Lunch will be provided both days. Please let us know if you have special needs for your lunch.

We will be holding the class at the Eudora Parks and Recreation Center

1630 Elm Street
Eudora, KS 66025

Right off of Hwy 10. Approximately 10 miles east of Lawrence.

Registration will start Friday evening at 6:30 and class will be from 7-9.

Saturday class will be from 8:30-5:30

Sunday class will be 8:30-5:30

Bring your table and wear comfortable clothing.

Lodging: Super 8 Hotel in Desoto, Kansas 34085 Commerce Dr, De Soto, KS 66018 off of Hwy 10. Phone number (913) 583-3880. Rooms are under AMTA-Kansas.



Greetings everyone,

As we look ahead to 2017, we would like to provide you with information to help your chapter with New Years' planning!

We've created a few documents to help guide you through the various national and chapter events, meetings and due dates. Please take a look at the following and feel free to contact Laura, Chris or Mark if you have any questions.

Calendar of Events

You can click [here](#) to view a one-page summary of 2017 national meetings and events, and the staff/volunteer contacts. The calendar will also stay on the Volunteer HUB throughout the year.

Meetings

We have listened to you, and made some changes to the schedule and format of national board meetings this year we hope you'll like. Based on feedback from our last two June meetings, we will be expanding the training and planning portion of the meeting. Not only will we continue the culture work that was discussed last year, but there will be a new segment dedicated to training and information about our other multi-year initiatives.

March 11 National Board of Directors Meeting

The national board meeting in March will be a conference call-in only for chapter leaders. There will be no other meetings or gatherings for chapter volunteers that weekend.

June 1-3 National Board of Directors Meeting - San Diego, CA

We heard your requests for more information and training and will hold Leadership Orientation for chapter volunteers, including national volunteer & staff participation. This orientation will be valuable for the 33 new chapter presidents and other newly-elected board members. Please mark your calendars and please try to plan and budget for attendance at this meeting. We encourage you (or your designee) to attend, and one other volunteer to attend, if your chapter would like. We will plan for up to two volunteers per chapter. We'd love to have as many chapters as possible represented!

Elections - Due January 3

Also on the Volunteer HUB is a powerpoint presentation that summarizes the new chapter board structure beginning with 2017 chapter elections, culminating with 2018 elections. In order to provide you with a specific script for your annual meeting, we'll need you to provide the following information to Laura Sabransky and Chris Voltarel by January 3, 2017:

- Annual meeting/elections date
- Elections process your chapter is using:
 - On-line elections
 - Commission on Candidacy
 - Nominating Committee
 - Floor nominations only

[You can click here to view and download a sample article you can include in your chapter newsletter and on website, describing the chapter board structure changes and what positions are open for election in your chapter for 2017.](#)

Contact Chris and Laura if you currently have elected chapter board members other than:

- President
- 3VP's
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- IPP

Budgets - due March 1, 2017

You and your treasurer should have received an email from Ruth Cox with the standard chart of accounts and FY '15/16, and FY '16/17 information to help you create your FY '17/18 budgets. Please contact Ruth Cox if you have any questions or need assistance creating your budget. Early preliminary submittal date is January 23, 2017, with final chapter board approved budgets due to Ruth at the National Office no later than 5pm Central Time March 1, 2017.

Thank you for everything you do for the association, profession and your chapter. We appreciate your commitment and contributions.

We wish you and your family the happiest of seasons and a safe and healthy New Year!

Yours in Touch,
Chris and Laura

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