



Greetings Friends of the Arizona Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association:

Happy October and Happy Fall Y'all! It's National Physical Therapy Month and the beginning of my favorite season of the year! October is an exciting month for the Arizona Chapter as we prepare for our Annual Fall Conference. I would like to personally invite all of you, members and non-members alike, to participate in our Fall Conference and Golf Tournament being held Saturday, October 23rd at Ocotillo Golf Club in Chandler, Arizona. We have Dr. Roush presenting *Who are we NOW? The Arizona Physical Therapy Workforce: 2021* which we hope will provide an overview of the future of Physical Therapy practice in Arizona and allow for some lively discussion. We will also be having a presentation from Olympic Gold Medalist Kerri Strug who will deliver a presentation on *Achieving Your Personal Best* which will highlight values such as resiliency, teamwork, dedication, and perseverance. We are extremely excited to partner with such an esteemed speaker and know you will benefit from the message delivered after what we have all endured over the past year! The PT SIG will be hosting a cornhole tournament during the golf tournament and we will have many opportunities for networking. I will be participating in the golf tournament so you do NOT have to worry about finishing last – that position already has my name on it! It's not too late to sign up so please visit our website at aptaaz.org/events to register today!

I would also like to thank Jennifer Zoucha, our District IV Representative extraordinaire and Chair of the PT PAC, for organizing our Medicare 80/20 Raffle. Raffle tickets are available to purchase in \$10 increments with 80% of the proceeds benefitting the APTA AZ Political Action Committee. The PT PAC raises funds for, and provides financial assistance to, Arizona public officials who actively support the PT Profession. Donate now for an opportunity to win 20% of the pot. Winner will be announced at our Fall Conference but you need not be present to win! See the link on our website to donate via FundRazr.

Thank you to APTA Arizona members who traveled to Washington, D.C. in September to participate in the Centennial events. The voting delegates from the house consisted of Ellen Lowe, PT, PhD; Jamie Kuettel, PT, DPT; Seth Peterson, PT, DPT; Lori Pearlmutter, PT; Tarang Jain, PT, PhD; Blair Packard, PT, MS, FAPTA; Brian Schmitz, PT, DPT; and Jim Roush, PT, PhD and were accompanied by PTA Caucus Delegates Laura Safa PTA, MS and Kacey Kline PTA, BS. Arizona was well represented at the APTA Honors and Awards as John Heick, PT, PhD, received the Lucy Blair Award, Blair Packard, PT, MS, FAPTA was honored with the APTA Humanitarian Award, Seth Peterson, PT, DPT for his designation as an Emerging Leader for 2020, and Jefferson Holm, PT, DPT for his designation as an Emerging Leader for 2021. I personally would like to thank our membership for allowing me to represent our Chapter and feel privileged to have the ability to attend these monumental events in our Association's history.

September 22nd marks the beginning of 100 Days of Service, APTA's initiative to close out our centennial year by making a coordinated impact on our communities. Visit the Serve page on the APTA centennial website to find resources and tips to help you plan and promote your events and recruit volunteers. We hope that you will choose to make a difference in these final 100 days of our Centennial year!

With Gratitude,

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