

## LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA DISTRICT 8 - TX & LA

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Greetings all,

My name is Ruth Stratton and I am more than honored to be voted in as the newest District Director of Texas and Louisiana! I was born and raised in San Antonio, TX, and have been involved with LPA since I was in high school. In 1994, I was the conference chair of a great team when the National LPA Conference was in San Antonio. I have three LP children who are all adopted from around the world. Shelbie (23) from Paraguay, South America; Sydnie (21) from South Korea, and Spencer (19) Novgorod, Russia. I am married to Robert Stratton, a Pediatric Geneticist who many of our members have met.

I am privileged to have Sara Cortez Wills as the Assistant Director; Tony Nastasi as Treasurer along with Warren Noble as Assistant Treasurer; and Shelbie Stratton as Secretary. I look forward to working along side all of them to keep our District strong. With that being said I want to stress that this is not my District, it's OURS. Every single person in the states of Louisiana and Texas are an integral part of what makes us Great! My passion is communicating and making connections. Given that, I welcome any and all ideas, input and suggestions for making our District fun and informative. For example, I would love to know: what is something that you would like to see happen during our district meetings? Where is a location you would like to see our district meetings? We have a huge area and I know it can be hard to travel far distances, so I want to hear feedback from everyone. No suggestion is a bad one.

Something I would love to start is a resource directory. The Dallas-Ft. Worth Area Chapter, started a list of doctors who are familiar with little people in their area. This is a wonderful idea and I would like to build on that by getting resources for all areas of our District. This would include doctors, therapists, parent resources for any types of concerns i.e. school, driving, and clothing alterations. The Directory will be an ongoing project due to there being suggestions that could come at different times. I plan to speak more about this at our Spring District Meeting.

Speaking of our Spring Regional, I have been currently looking at two locations in the coastal area. The meeting should be held at end of April, beginning of May 2017. I plan on getting an announcement sent out via Facebook and our website by the end of the year. I am immensely grateful for this opportunity to lead our District into the next three years. I would also like to take a moment to thank William Molina who has done a great job being our District 8 Leader for the last three years. I look forward to meeting and hearing from all of you in the near future!

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to me; my cell is 210-421-7251 and my email is: [stratton-r@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stratton-r@sbcglobal.net)

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