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Senator Peacock presents LPTA checks to recreation centers July 10

Senator Barrow Peacock won the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association's "Fittest Legislator" Award during the 2014 session by taking the most steps in a week.

Peacock walked 116,444 steps from April 3-9 as recorded on the pedometer provided by the LPTA. For this achievement, the LPTA awarded Peacock \$1,000 to donate to the recreation center or centers of his choice.

Peacock chose to give \$500 to the Shady Grove Recreation Center, 3949 Wayne in Bossier City, and \$500 to Valencia Park Community Center, 1800 Viking Drive in Shreveport. He presented the check at Valencia at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 10, and the ceremony in Bossier City followed.



Joining Sen. Peacock (standing center) at the Shady Grove Recreation Center are (seated left to right) Shady Grove Daily Walkers Jeanette Hoy, Norma Kaylor, Molly Peddington, Helen Langley, Terry Smith, and Juanita Daniel and (standing left to right) David Rush, Clay Bohanon, Beth Ward and Leon Darden.

Shady Grove will use the money for a resistance chair exercise system, said Clay Bohanon, Bossier Department of Parks and Recreation director. Shalon Lewis, recreation manager at Valencia Park, said the \$500 will be used to buy copies of *The Race: Life's Greatest Lesson* by Dr. Dee Groberg and sport balls. The poem encourages a boy in a race who falls down to get back up.

Beth Ward, PT, DPT, president of LPTA, states, "We are thrilled that Senator Peacock has won this

award and that our monies are going to parks in the Shreveport/Bossier area to promote fitness."

Peacock obtained money that is enrolled in capital outlay funding for South Bossier Park and Valencia Park during the past Legislative session. The Valencia money is for planning and construction of a spray park. Money is also allotted for construction of new pavilions at the Bossier park.



At the Valencia Park event were (first row left to right) Paris Mariland, Carson Brown, and Nyomia Mariland and (second row left to right) Maya Evean, Demontra Robinson, TaiJah Graham, Ashley Johnson, Jadarius Jordan, Joshua Brown, Sen. Peacock, Beth Ward, and Shalon Lewis.