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The President's View

Opportunity Knocks

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It is not news to anyone that we are living in troubled times. Everywhere you look there is evidence of instability and uncertainty. Banks are collapsing, the auto industry is shrinking, homes are being foreclosed, unemployment is rising, and the number of uninsured people is at an astronomical rate. It is hard to imagine how we got here and even harder to imagine how we would rise out of this to a better place.

Yet, Albert Einstein once wrote, "...in the middle of difficulty lies opportunity". It would seem that these times would cause us to take pause and look around to find those things in our life that are secure and bring us opportunity. It would seem time to reach inside us to contribute to change that leads to opportunity for ourselves, as well as others, and to look for ways to contribute to society without draining ourselves personally or financially. If you knew you could give your time to create change for yourself and others, and make an impact on society as whole, would you? If you knew you could give a piece of yourself and be appreciated for that contribution, would you? If you knew that you could make a difference, would you try?

The American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) is your opportunity to make a difference. APTA has been here through the good, the bad and the most ugly of times; it has helped all of us enjoy personal and professional opportunity. APTA gives us a chance to contribute in the smallest

and largest of ways -at the state or national level- whether it has to do with our concerns about the facility where we turn the key & open the door each day, or our unique skills as a clinician that is the mainstay of our profession. APTA is a volunteer organization that is full of opportunity for us to help ourselves as physical therapists & physical therapist assistants, and our patients, while helping society as it finds its way through these difficult times. APTA is the #1 organization looking out for your profession and the "big picture" of how we will fit into the solutions that come out of these difficult times. Volunteer your time with the Association. This is your opportunity to make a difference for you and others, and be appreciated for your contributions. Contact us to see what you can do to change the world. *APTA is your opportunity to make a difference in these difficult times.*

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