**Attention Occupational Therapy Practitioners!**

**You are invited to attend the next meeting of the Southwest Michigan Chapter of the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association.**

Meeting on **Thursday, September 13, 2018**, at the Rider/Sammons Residence, 2622 Winchell Ave, Kalamazoo, 49008, look for a long stone-lined driveway with parking available in the driveway or along the street.

**6:00-6:30 pm: heavy appetizers – potluck style/networking; 6:30-7:30 pm meeting agenda.** We request that each attendee bring a food item to share. Last Name: “A-H” bring a dessert; “I-R” bring drinks or finger foods; “S-Z” bring a side dish or salad.

**Please RSVP by Sunday, September 9 and let us know what you're bringing for planning purposes. (However, if you weren’t able to plan ahead and want to come at the last minute, we can always accommodate a few more.)**

**Meeting agenda for September 13:**

**6:30-6:45:** If needed, legislative update and/or news relevant to OT practice within our state.

**6:45-7:30:** Our speaker will be MI State Senator, Margaret O’Brien. She represents the Kalamazoo area for the 20th State Senate District. She will be educating us on how to best represent our profession in the political arena, how to approach your state senators and representatives with questions or concerns, and how to get involved personally in politics if you are interested. Education will be applicable to anyone interested in getting involved; this is a non-partisan conversation.

One continuing education PDU unit will be awarded to those attending by MiOTA. Certificates will be emailed only to attendees who are current MiOTA members.

Guests are always welcome to see what MiOTA is about at the local level. However, after one “free visit,” we ask that you join MiOTA in order to continue attending the chapter meetings, as this is one of the privileges of membership. We hope you like what you see and want to join. Membership forms will be available at the meeting.

Meeting RSVP to Christine at swmichot@hotmail.com or 269-267-4378.

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