



August, 2014

Dear Presidents and President Elects,

In July I attended the MAHA Retreat and this was a very informative time. There were four District Presidents in attendance and we had our own meeting with Nancy Viele, MAHA President Elect. This forum gives us the opportunity to share what is happening in our Districts and ask questions about our relationship with the MAHA. You have already been requested for articles for the Fall Highlights and I thank you for sending them to me. There will be two addition requests for the Winter and Spring editions. The Fall Conference at Crystal Mountain was finalized and you have received the invitation and enrollment information. Please note that the conference is Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday which seems to be the new trend for meetings. The focus of the conference is VOLUNTEERS..... at the heart of change! and they are requesting we wear **red** for the banquet.

The MAHA Board is already making plans for the Annual Meeting and Conference in June. The two education conferences are very important to the MAHA for our organizations. Do remember to donate baskets for the Fall Conference as the recipients of those baskets are always very appreciative. The Goals and Objectives Committee (previously the Strategic Planning Committee) has the Committee structure of Communication, Membership, Advocacy and Leadership. The ECD President is on the Advocacy Committee.

The ECD has been requested to be hosts/hostesses at the fall conference. Someone will be assigned to the area where the baskets are dropped off to record the pertinent information from the person dropping it off. We will need people to direct the attendees to the vendor area and also the hotel registration area. When you looked at the map that came with the registration information you saw that everything is not under one roof this year. If your attendees are arriving early and want to help your Board please let me know. (amlorentzen5803@charter.net or 989-792-6002)

Your board met with the committee at Caro Community Hospital to finalize the Fall Conference at the Horizon Center, Saginaw on Wednesday, September 24. The invitation and registration information has been sent to you and we are looking forward to an informative agenda including the individual who has been selected as the ECD Volunteer of the Year. The silent auction of baskets will be another event so please continue to contribute to this activity. Have you responded to the committees request for pictures of your hospitals? If not get out your camera or

I am sure many of you use your phone and take two or three. They have an interesting way to display them and you will be looking for where your pictures ended up. You can email them to Beth Greene at [beth@cch-mi.org](mailto:beth@cch-mi.org). If you already have pictures you can mail them to her at 928 West Lincoln Street, Caro, Michigan 48723-1461. They can be old or new views, inside or outside views and it doesn't matter if they are in color or black and white. They would like to have them before September 1<sup>st</sup> and if you have questions you can contact Beth at 989-673-5103.

Almost forgot, we will not be doing the Michigan Harvest Gathering at the MAHA Fall Conference. We are hoping that you will do this through your hospital and /or community collections as we are aware that there are needs everywhere.

The website issues have been resolved and we are to use only [mahaonline.org](http://mahaonline.org) when going on site. Put this in your "favorites" and check it often. Remember MAHA is a green organization and you will find all kinds of information on the website

Have a great rest of the summer and I will see you at the ECD Fall Conference in September.

Sincerely,

Anne Lorentzen, ECD President