



## July 2017 ECD President Update

One week ago today I drove away from the St. Francis Retreat House exhausted and yet full of excitement at the same time. We had just completed our MAHA retreat and I thought it was very successful. I hope you really like the new logo displayed above. The new color and especially the tag line says it all!



Thanks for all of your articles and pictures about your hospitals/volunteers you shared with me for the fall issue of the Highlights Magazine. There is so much for which to be proud.



ECD Fall Conference at the Horizon Conference Center, Sept. 27, 2017 from 10:00-3:00. McLaren-Flint is the host. Further information will be coming out soon. Hope to see you! Please bring a "basket" for the give away. We have some very unique ways to display those goodies that are donated by all of you.



MAHA Fall Conference is at the Bavarian Inn Lodge October, 18, 19, 20, 2017. The theme is "Prisms of Possibilities." The invitations will go out to you at the end of August with full details. Please remember that the Hotel reservations are on a first come first served basis. Once you receive the invitation information please call the Bavarian Inn Lodge asap if you plan to stay any night during the conference. The MAHA group of rooms is available for a limited time. Vendors are there Wednesday, Oct. 18 from 11:00-5:30. There will be some cash and carry vendors there as well. Do not forget that special donation of the "give away" from your hospital that is given out the last morning of the conference. The South West District representative greeters will be there to welcome you to the conference, take your bag of Harvest Gathering food, and direct you to your area of registration.



Harvest Gathering begins this fall once again. Please bring a bag of items to the MAHA Fall Conference. Things collected in Frankenmuth will be given to a Frankenmuth Food Pantry. Please know this can be done at your local level and given to one of your local Food Pantries as well. It is often done at your October or November Membership Meetings/Luncheons. MAHA asks that we share with them the amount in pounds of what was collected. You can simply send me your numbers and I will pass it along to MAHA and MHA. MHA actually initiated this special event



We are continuing the segment found on the MAHA webpage of "Spotlighting" different hospitals within the state. Anne Lorentzen, MAHA Pres.-Elect is coordinating this effort. I will get with you when it is your turn. We will do some of the information gathering by phone. It is more personal that way and we get a chance to visit as well about other things.



You may be asked to fill out a form (may even be a second request) about your current officers. MAHA is trying to get everything formatted in the same way. I believe there is a questions on the form that asks when new officers take over for your "new" year. That helps to know when you have installations.



Please call, text, or e-mail for questions, comments, ideas, or just to talk. Jeannette Smith, ECD Pres.