



September 2014

Dear Presidents and President-Elects,

Less than two weeks until the ECD Fall Conference and I hope that you have made your reservations. Do remember if you have sent in a reservation for an individual and they are unable to attend you can send a substitute in their place. We will be having the silent auction on donated baskets at the meeting so I hope that you are planning to contribute one from your hospital. Everyone seems to enjoy the silent auction and it does help finance the conference so a win/win activity.

The ECD "Volunteer of the Year" will be introduced at the ECD Fall Conference and honored at the MAHA Fall Conference. Be sure to congratulate them when you see them and say thank you for all they have done and continue to do for their organization.

I was recently at the MAHA board meeting and the plans for the MAHA Fall Conference are complete. Two things to remember: 1. Wear something red for the banquet and 2. ECD is the conference host and I may ask you to be greeters, guides or help at the Legislative table. If everyone helps for a short time we will have everything covered for the registration times as they are from 9 AM to 5 PM. You will have lots of time to visit the vendors as they are available from 10 AM to 5 PM. Our own Janet Barker, Counselor, is the MAHA Vendor Coordinator this year and has been working on having new and well as repeat vendors at the event. Hopefully nature will cooperative and it will be a beautiful drive and lots of color to enjoy.

Carol Crane, President-Elect thanks you for the articles you submitted for the Fall Edition of the Chronicle. The Chronicle has been emailed to you and is also on the website, mahaonline.org. Those attending our Fall Conference will have copies available on their table.

We have had the suggestion to move the Continental Breakfast at the Horizon to the other end of the meeting room to relieve the congestion as we enter the room and before we have selected a table with friends or new friends. Arrangements have been made and do let me know how you like it.

See you the ECD Conference and the MAHA Conference. Both will bring new information to you.

Sincerely,
Anne Lorentzen
ECD President

MAHA FALL CONFERENCE, Crystal Mountain	October 12-15, 2014
Advocacy Day, Lansing	February 17, 2015
ECD SPRING CONFERENCE, Horizon Center, Saginaw	May 20, 2015
MAHA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Grand Hotel	June 9-11, 2015