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SED PRESIDENT

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT - MARILYN BEVERLEY

WINTER is here with lots of cold weather and lots of snow! Yet, you are all busy giving and making a difference in your hospitals and communities. THANK YOU! I recently returned from the January MAHA Committee Meeting and Board Meeting. Many of our organizations have gone through some changes. In the SED we have five auxiliaries, six volunteer groups, two leagues and four guilds. We have a very diverse district with lots of great things happening. We would like to welcome the new Director of Volunteers, Lynn McCabe at Crittenton Hospital! It has been my joy to visit many of our hospitals along with Pat Esselman, SED President elect.

Our SED Vice President and the SED Board have been hard at work to prepare a great program for the SED Spring Leadership Meeting and Workshops so make sure you mark your calendars for March 11, 2015 at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit. You will not want to miss this meeting!

2015 Healthcare Advocacy Day will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing. It is important that we all show up for this informative Legislative Meeting!

In April, Pat Esselman and I will be attending the MAHA Committee Meetings and MAHA Board Meeting in Lansing. Thank you all for your hard work this past year. With the yearend reports coming in, I want to congratulate each of you for your accomplishments and encourage you to continue to move forward as we are a living history for the Southeast District of the Michigan Association of Healthcare Advocates.

The SED Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, May 21, 2015 at Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills. Hope to see all of you there! Please check the MAHA website: www.mahaonline.org where we post many SED happenings and you can download registration forms for events along with the SED Digest and the MAHA Highlights. You can print all the articles to share with your members and volunteers.

Thank you ALL for ALL that you do! Thank you for giving from your hearts and making a difference in our world!

Upcoming 2015 events, please mark you calendars:

Wed. March 11th Greater Grace-Detroit
SED Spring Leadership Meeting & Workshops

Tues. March 17th Radisson Hotel-Lansing
Healthcare Advocacy Day

Thurs. May 21st Glen Oaks-Farmington Hills
SED Annual Meeting

Mon—Wed. June 9-11 Mackinac Island
MAHA Annual Meeting & Educational Inst.

Wed., Sept 16th Location TBA
SED Fall Meeting

Mon-Wed Oct 12-14 Crystal Mountain
MAHA Fall Conference

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR**

**SED
MARCH
WORKSHOP**

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 11TH**

**GREATER
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**REGISTRATION
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

From Pat Esselman, Legislative Chair

SLOWING THE REVOLVING DOOR (New projects aim to reduce patient readmissions and improve care)



Four hospitals and three Area Agency on Aging offices in Southeast Michigan are beginning to work on separate projects to reduce hospital readmissions by 20 percent over the

next two years, which could save the Medicare program up to \$15 Million and improve the quality of patient care.

The projects are:

- The Senior Alliance-Area Agency on Aging for Southern and Western Wayne County, Wayne and Area Agency on Aging 1-B, Southfield, have been awarded separate two-year contracts that could be extended for another three years for \$5 million each if readmission rates are cut by 20 percent.

The Area Agency on Aging 1-B also won a Medicare contract to work with 10 nursing homes, three home health and three hospice companies along with three hospitals; Wm. Beaumont-Troy, Henry Ford-Macomb and McLaren Oakland Hospital-Pontiac to reduce readmission rates.

- St. John Providence Health System and Adult Well-Being Services of Detroit won a \$1.1 million Medicare contract to reduce hospital readmissions. The goal is to develop a more effective discharge process, improve patient use of community-based support services and address patients with serious chronic illnesses or end-of-life care.

CONGRATULATIONS

Henry Ford Wyandotte Auxiliary for winning the Rosie Meyer Community Volunteer Award

This prestigious award recognizes a resident/group of the Downriver Community who has served Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital as a volunteer and has been selfless in donating their time, treasure and talent. Nearly 200 Auxiliary members donated more than 31,000 hours during 2013 at the Wyandotte Hospital. In addition, the volunteers host roughly 20 fundraisers a year to support patient services allowing them to purchase essential health equipment over the years.

The pictures taken at the Awards Ceremony show Auxiliary President, Sandra Chavez, receiving the award on behalf of the nearly 200 volunteers at Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital.



CONGRATULATIONS

St. John River District Hospital and Auxiliary as they celebrate their 50th Anniversary

SED President Marilyn Beverley attended their January Auxiliary Monthly Board Meeting. The following pictures were taken of their group along with their Pet Therapy Dog, Murphy.



Murphy



What's Happening Around the District..

We would love to hear from every Hospital in SED

Crittenton Hospital Medical Center Auxiliary

DMC Huron Valley Sinai Hospital

DMC Sinai Grace Hospital Guild

Garden City Hospital

Henry Ford Macomb Hospital has been busy fundraising. They recently had a very successful Friday the 13th sale in the Gift Shop with all Gift items at 13% discount. They are also planning a Uniform Sale, a Lobby Gift Shop Sale and Outside the Box Shoe Sale.

Henry Ford Wyandotte Auxiliary announces the Gift Shop renovations have been completed which included relocating the cashier area. The Auxiliary recently donated two larger reclining/sleeping chairs to the Labor and Delivery Department to better accommodate taller spouses spending the night. Our 2015 Auxiliary Board was installed in January. Past President Sandy Chavez and her husband Frank (also a volunteer) were honored in February with a Service Excellence Award for driving a discharged patient home when he was unable to get a cab to respond.

McLaren-Macomb Guild

Our Lady of Providence League, Southfield

McLaren Port Huron Auxiliary saw a new chapter of the hospital's history unfold in 2014. The McLaren Group took over operations of the hospital and in doing so the Auxiliary changed their name to McLaren Port Huron Auxiliary. They changed their name, bylaws, stationery, signage, logo and other paperwork to reflect the new era in their hospital's life. McLaren has proposed the building of a new tower of rooms and a Cancer Center in the future. A check from the Auxiliary in the amount of \$30,000 to be applied to their total pledge of \$100,000 for the purchase of the Toshiba Aquilion 160 Slice CT Scanner was presented to Doris Siedl, VP of Human Resources at their recent Annual Meeting. They have now donated a total of \$89,000.

ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital is the new name for Mercy Memorial Hospital-Monroe. Employees and volunteers are updated through emails and meetings as the transition is completed.

The Guild approved \$7,000 yearly for a three year period for Halo sleep sacks. These are provided to each discharged baby to promote a safe sleep environment. This is a Michigan Department of Community Health focus as well as a goal for ProMedica.

Providence Park—Novi

St. Joseph Mercy-Chelsea Auxiliary

St. John Macomb-Oakland , Macomb Campus is experiencing an overwhelming number of sick visits to the ER.

The Auxiliary is trying some new fundraiser during the next few months. Unfortunately the fundraising activities have declined with the removal of payroll deduction from employees. The Auxiliary is purchasing six new reclining chairs for the Phase II same-day surgery recovery area.

St. John River District Hospital volunteers are crocheting and knitting newborn baby items for the nurses' annual baby shower in March. In February they had another right-brain painting fundraising project. The group painted the Marine City Lighthouse. What a unique idea!

The group is exploring new ideas and approaches for fundraising during the coming year.

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland—Pontiac

St. Joseph Mercy - Port Huron

University of Michigan Health System

We missed hearing from many of your organizations for this issue. Please remember the April 24th deadline for the next issue.

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Six Michigan Districts.**

THE PROPOSED SLATE OF SED OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016

The following slate of officers for 2014-2015 is presented by the SED Nominating Committee:

President:	Pat Esselman	Providence Park
President elect:	Connie Ulrich	Crittenton
Vice President	Juanita Dickerson	DMC Sinai Grace
Recording Sec'y:	Barbara Brennan	DMC Huron Valley-Sinai
Corr./Financial Sec'y:	Rhea Heil	DMC Sinai Grace
Treasurer:	Elaine Pastor	St. Joseph-Chelsea
Counselor:	Marilyn Beverley	McLaren-Port Huron

An additional nomination for each office may be made in writing by any seven (7) members of two (2) auxiliaries/volunteer organizations. The nominee previously must have served on the SED Board of Directors one year (at any time). Such nominations must cite the qualifications of the nominee and be accompanied by a written statement that the nominee understands the job description and will accept the nomination, if tendered.

Such additional nominations must be received by the president not later than May 1, 2015. The membership shall be informed of such nominations at least two (2) weeks before the Annual Meeting. Nominations may not be made from the floor..

Committee members: Jean Backlund, Chair
Pat Esselman, Micky Rota, Michele Dunaj and Beverly Hartman

**LET US KNOW WHAT YOUR AUXILIARY IS
DOING IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIGEST....**

**The next SED Digest
deadline is APRIL 24, 2015**

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