



January 6, 2016

Dear Leaders,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Now that we've embarked upon a new year there are many things in store for all of us. Although we had very little snow during the holidays the weather was better than many of us expected. I could not believe the 60 degree days. For me that was absolutely unbelievable for December.

I hope your holidays were joyous and you found time for a little rest and relaxation as well as enjoyed all of your favorite dishes. Hopefully all of you remembered those in need as well as the men and women in the military who could not be with their families.

If you have not read the new Highlights, please do so. The articles you submitted are great! It is so very good to know the many things you are doing and have accomplished. It is also good to share those accomplishments with one another as you read and learn of the things other volunteers are doing at their hospitals.

March 15, 2016 at Greater Grace SED will present its annual Spring Workshop. Three wonderful speakers and topics will be presented. The speakers and their respective topics will be announced soon. February 6, 2016 is the deadline for your Digest articles. These articles should be submitted to Bev Hartman as you have done in the past. I am

anxiously waiting to read each article since I'm always excited to know the great things you and the volunteers as a whole are doing.

Your article deadline for April's Highlight is due to me no later than February 1, 2016. April 19, 2016 is Healthcare Advocacy Day in Lansing. May 17, 2016 the new officers for SED will be installed. I can hardly believe a year has almost come to an end. If you have not submitted your Hours and Dollars report, please do so to Carol Ann Towne immediately.

As you can see a busy year is ahead of us all. Please keep your calendars marked. As always I invite you to email me with your questions, comments (good or constructively negative) and concerns.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Esselman, SED President*

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