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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT - CAROL ANN TOWNE

Don't you just love winter? You do not need an excuse to sit in your favorite chair to read a book, knit or crochet, solve a puzzle, cuddle your dog or your cat or wish for spring. Speaking of spring.....

Our SED of MAHA **Spring Workshop** will be held on Wednesday, **March 21, 2018 at The Gazebo in Warren.** There will be a presentation from Detective Lieutenant Scott Rohr detailing the latest forms of Fraud, Senior Citizen Scams and ID Theft. Our second presentation by Firefighter Jason Cook, an Advanced EMT technician-instructor Coordinator, will discuss Naloxone (NARCAN) training. Both sessions will have time set aside for questions. After a delicious luncheon, we will have some fun exchanging new ideas and programs. St. John River District Hospital Auxiliary will be bringing some fidget blankets. What will you bring or share? Our patient-first priority has brought forth so many wonderful ideas. We all contribute so much to our hospital's excellence.

The **SED Annual Meeting** and Installation of Officers will be held on Tuesday, **May 15, 2018 at Villa Penna in Sterling Heights.** Hope to see all of you there.

Please visit the MAHA website at mahaonline.org Our upcoming SED happenings and event registration forms are posted along with the SED Digest, President's monthly letter and the MAHA Highlights. MAHA has an open Facebook page where you can post your information on past and future hospital activities, add pictures and share with your volunteers, hospitals and friends.

Go to:

Michigan Association of Healthcare Advocates Facebook

PLEASE NOTE: The abbreviation MAHA cannot be used to access Facebook.

Upcoming events for this year:

- March 21** SED Spring Workshop;
The Gazebo in Warren
- May 15** SED Annual Meeting and
Installation Banquet;
Villa Penna in Sterling Heights.
- June 4-6** MAHA Annual Meeting and
Educational Institute; Crystal Mountain
- Sept. 20** SED Fall Legislative
Membership Meeting; TBD

Our 18 SED member hospitals reported a total of more than 555,000 volunteer hours. The complete Hours and Dollars report will be in the MAHA April *Highlights*.

Congratulations to each of us on our dedication and accomplishments.

Looking forward to seeing you on March 21.

Carol Ann

*Volunteers are
invaluable
partners*

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR**

**SED
MARCH
WORKSHOP**

**WEDNESDAY
MARCH 21st**

**THE GAZEBO
BANQUET
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WARREN**

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mahaonline.org**



What's Happening Around the District..

Did we hear from your Hospital?

Ascension St. John Providence Southfield Campus began their new year in February and they are focused on recruiting volunteers for an enhanced nursing unit as well as general placement. They are anticipating the arrival of a new Volunteer Services Leader soon. No fund raising activities are currently planned but anticipate having a couple prior to summer. The gift shop continues to be a vital part of their volunteer efforts as well as a source of revenue to the Foundation.

Henry Ford Hospital (Detroit)

volunteers hold vendor fundraisers every month. Upcoming events include Books Are Fun on March 15th & 16th. A \$5 Jewelry Sale April 2-4, a Creations by Cindy Sale on April 7th and their \$6 Sale on April 25th & 26th.

They are also excited about having ten 16-year-old students from the Science and Medicine program at Ben Carson High School receiving hands-on experiences at their hospital until May 10th.



Henry Ford Macomb Hospital volunteers are excited that their gift shop is undergoing a complete renovation. It is closed for approximately 6 weeks while the work is being completed. Unfortunately they are unable to have any fund raisers during that time as their computer system has also been disabled. Their next anticipated sale will be a \$5 Jewelry sale March 8 & 9 followed by a Baubles & Bags sale April 5-6 and an Outside the Box shoe sale May 7-8



Pro Medica Monroe Regional Hospital Auxiliary

has a full roster of fundraisers planned for 2018. In February they had Suzie's Goodies which sold candy, cakes and salsa. On March 20th In His Hand fundraiser will be held. It sells religious articles in time for Easter.



They are accepting applications from college students for the purpose of awarding three \$1000 scholarships. They must be accepted in a College or University with a Health Care major and carry a GPA of 3.0. They must also have volunteered a minimum of 50 hours at the hospital during 2017.

St. John Macomb-Oakland Hospital Auxiliary

recently had a Goodies Chocolate sale that included Coffee Cakes from Jeff Eldridge. They also sponsored an Angels of Grace sale. Their hospital is currently going through a massive renovation project and many departments have been moved. The structural steel is in place for widening the current East Tower to bring it in line with the rest of the hospital. Its completion will bring room availability into this century.



St. John River District Hospital Auxiliary

recently held a stenciling on wood fundraising event. They are also planning a fashion show and will hold a \$5 jewelry fundraising event in the spring and fall. The fidget blankets were a great success. The auxiliary will be knitting or crocheting mini prayer shawls for the patients and guests. Their Spirituality department continues to expand with several new volunteers.



St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Chelsea Auxiliary

has several events planned in the upcoming months. March 29th they will have a yummy Suzie's Goodies sale. April 11th will host an American Red Cross blood drive followed by a Books Are Fun sale on April 19 & 20. Their Annual Awards Banquet will be May 1st followed by a Nye Uniform Sale on May 9 & 10. Their Behavioral Health Unit construction is in its final stage. New construction is also pending for other hospital areas.



St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Mercy Volunteers

will set up a recruitment table during Volunteer Appreciation Week. Their inspiration is asking how many hours are in one week (168 hours) and asking if the guests may know any one that might have 4 hours to make a difference. The table will be decorated with balloons, candy and hand sanitizers and will be staffed by bright and cheerful volunteers to meet and greet. Their Hospitality Cart visits all the patient floors and helps bring "hospitality" back to the hospital. It is supplied with throw blankets, chapstick, hair brushes and combs, word puzzles, adult coloring books, playing cards, pens & paper, children's books and games, Teddy Bears and many other items.



HELP US KEEP YOU CONNECTED TO SED AND MAHA...

PLEASE BE SURE TO INFORM THE **SOUTHEAST DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIR PAM DEMEULENAERE AT:**

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OF ANY CHANGES TO YOUR OFFICERS DURING THE YEAR.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.....

After 114 days without a long-term budget, the federal funding crisis facing the **Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)** has ended. As part of a federal short-term budget extension to Feb. 8 that passed following the recent government shutdown, Congress approved a \$124 billion funding plan to keep CHIP operating through 2023. While the MHA applauds the long-term funding plan for CHIP, the association remains concerned about the lack of a long-term funding plan for the federal budget and its impact on other healthcare programs in Michigan, including federal funding for community health centers.

CHIP provides low-cost healthcare coverage to nearly 9 million children from low- and middle-income families across the nation, including approximately 120,000 in Michigan. The program, which helps children whose families don’t qualify for traditional Medicaid but are unable to afford healthcare coverage, provides an affordable insurance option that helps cover expenses ranging from check-ups and immunizations to cancer care. Michigan’s popular MICHild program is funded through CHIP.

Since its inception 20 years ago, CHIP has been attributed with helping cut the number of uninsured children in the nation by half. According to a 2014 study from the Kaiser Family Foundation, **CHIP and Medicaid combined now provide healthcare coverage for one in every three children in the U.S.** CHIP has traditionally received wide support from Republicans and Democrats alike, but federal funding for the program came into play in 2017 during political wrangling over more controversial policies, including the Affordable Care Act and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, which is commonly referred to as the DACA program.

Given the success of CHIP in Michigan and the number of children who rely on the program for healthcare coverage, the MHA joined member hospitals and national healthcare organizations in advocating for a long-term funding solution during the 114 days CHIP was without a budget. It included participation in a national social media event Jan. 10 to bring attention to the issue. The MHA encourages members to thank U.S. Sens. Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters and Michigan members of the U.S. House of Representatives who supported the program. Members with questions should contact [Laura Appel](#) at the MHA.



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**SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
MARCH WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018**

at

**The Gazebo Banquet Center
31104 Mound Road
at 13 Mile Road
In Warren, MI**



**Speaker: Detective Lieutenant Scott Rohr
Fraud/Senior Citizen Scams/I.D. Theft**

**Speaker: Officer Jason Cook
Naloxone (Narcan) Training**

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for more MAHA state news and district
news from all of the Six Michigan Districts.**

**The next SED Digest deadline
is APRIL 20, 2018**

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