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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT - PAT ESSELMAN



Pat Esselman

This is my final Digest letter to you since my term will be ending very soon. Please allow me to take this time to “thank you” for your cooperation and overall team effort. During my tenure I have met people whom I will call “friend” for life.

As President of SED, I have worked hard to represent SED/MAHA in a positive and professional manner as well as all volunteers. I made certain each volunteer was always priority. My journey has in no way been easy or a turn-key venture. However, as a result of my faith, leadership training and experience, I persevered as I have never allowed the words “give-up” to enter my thoughts or my vocabulary.

My heartbeat continues to increase with joy and excitement as I read your Highlights and Digest articles, knowing you have given of yourselves, your time moreover the very best to your hospitals. As I prepared to retire from my workplace, one of my VP’s said to me “a worker is as good as the person he/she reports to.” To this day I have always remembered those words as his best wishes and words of encouragement were extended to me, to let me know my leadership was excellent.

When I see great work, I believe in letting it be known. Therefore at SED’s meeting on May 17, 2016, I will recognize hospitals and/or individuals. I have titled these recognitions/awards “President’s Choice.” From the inception of my presidency I have very closely looked at the heartfelt works of the volunteers and their respective hospitals.

As my presidency comes to a close, it is my hope you took my theme, **TOGETHER....WE CAN**, into consideration throughout my term. “Teamwork” is the key to success.

TOGETHER...WE CAN!

Pat Esselman, SED President

Welcome

*Henry Ford Hospital—Detroit
As the newest member
of Southeast District*

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**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR**

**SED
ANNUAL
MEETING**

**TUESDAY
May 17, 2016**

**GLEN OAKS
COUNTRY
CLUB**

**FARMINGTON
HILLS**

**REGISTRATION
FORMS
ARE
DISTRIBUTED
UNDER
SEPARATE
COVER**

NEWS FROM OUR SED PRESIDENT ELECT/LEGISLATIVE CHAIR - Connie Ulrich

National Hospital Week is slated for May 8-14, 2016. This annual event celebrates the history, technology and dedicated professionals that make hospitals the caring facilities they are for their communities. This week-long commemoration can enhance staff retention, recruitment, departmental interaction and satisfaction in the workplace and awareness throughout their communities.

The National Patient Safety Awareness Week occurred on March 13-19. It helped to support the hospitals commitment to becoming high-reliability organizations. MHA has announced the 2016 Safety and Quality Leadership winners. They are John Hoyden, the Compliance and Safety Officer from McLaren Greater Lansing and Hettinger S. Germ, MD, Associate Professor of Internal Medicine from the University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor. Dr. Germ is the Director of Inpatient Services of the Cardiovascular Medicine Unit.

For the first time in several years there is no proposed cut in the state general funding for graduate medical education, the small and rural access pool and the obstetrics stabilization fund. Other changes include: increased spending for children with autism-26 million Dollars, expand the Healthy Kids Dental Expansion to Wayne, Oakland and Kent Counties-9 million dollars, and address testing, nutrition, food inspection, school



Nurses, mental health coordination and lead investigators needed to respond to the Flint Water Crisis—one million dollars.

The fiscal year 2017 budget recommendation protects the general fund dollars for graduate medical education (GME) which is crucial to the 58 teaching hospitals in Michigan. Michigan retains 67% of those physicians who complete both undergraduate and graduate medical education within the state. States that fail to provide access to affordable, high-quality healthcare are at a disadvantage for attracting new businesses. Investment in GME is a critical part of delivering high-quality healthcare.

Information about the Zika virus has been added to the MHA Infectious Disease Resources Pages. The Zika virus has been linked to birth defects and poor pregnancy outcomes in women who were infected by the virus while pregnant. More information about the Zika virus will be released as more is learned.

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced the establishment of a call center to help resolve billing and payment issues in the Veterans Choice Program. Providers are no longer required to submit medical records as a condition for receiving payments for services provided to our veterans.



OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 2015 SED/MAHA ANNUAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

**The Board of Directors of the
Southeast District of the Michigan Association of Healthcare Advocates
does hereby issue to all members, the
official call to the 2016 SED/MAHA Annual Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2016**

**Election and Installation of Officers for 2016-2017
Glen Oaks Country Club, Farmington Hills, Michigan.
Registration begins at 9:15am. Program begins at 10:00am**

**Our speaker,
Dawn Beindit, Director of Administration and Support Services
St. John River District Hospital**

**Topic is:
“Understanding Different Personalities Can Avoid Conflict”**



What's Happening Around the District..

Did we hear from your Hospital?

Henry Ford Hospital-Detroit hospital staff really shined a light on a variety of volunteers as they were highlighted on the main website. Hearing those personal testimonials really touched everyone as it exhibited what generous people they have in the community. Some comments were: they helped lift the spirits of those concerned about their loved ones....and, I meet wonderful people that I can provide some comfort to.

Henry Ford Macomb Hospital staff is raising funds and participating in the National Kidney Foundation Walk and the American Heart Walk. Their summer fund raisers include the \$5.00 Jewelry Sale, Outside the Box Shoe sale, Books Are Fun sale and a Uniform Sale.

Henry Ford Wyandotte Auxiliary is participating in the 2016 Volunteer Recruitment Fair on May 20th at the Wayne County Community College Downriver Campus in Taylor. The event is sponsored through the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. They are also working on their annual ASK campaign. They replaced dues requirements with annual donation solicitations. It has been a great success generating more funds for the auxiliary than through dues alone.

McLaren Port Huron Auxiliary is looking forward to the Karmanos Cancer Center opening in June. The hospital will begin construction on their new emergency tower in May with completion due in late 2016 or early 2017. Future fund raisers include a May 17-18 flower sale, an Outside the Box shoe sale July 25-26 and a Silvique Silver sale September 20-21. Their successful Little Black Dress event netted \$12,500 each for McLaren Port Huron and Lake Huron Medical Center.

Pro Medica Monroe Regional Hospital volunteers are busy planning a celebration for their 35th anniversary. Special guests will join them to share memories at their party in September. Congratulations to the hospital as they received the 2016 Healthgrades Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence. It places them in the top 5% of hospitals in the nation for clinical outcomes. Their gift shop has undergone a floor change and has a new look along with new fixtures. They will also carry ice cream again for the season.

Providence Park League—Novi recently celebrated its volunteer service and philanthropy, installed new officers and recognized special volunteers at their Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition luncheon. The four volunteers honored have a combined total of over 83 years of volunteer service to PPL. The League donated \$94,000 to the hospital as part of their \$ 1.5 million pledge.

St. John Macomb-Oakland, Auxiliary will add a new appointed position called the Madison Heights Campus Liaison to the Auxiliary Board effective June 1, 2016. This will assist them to complete the merger into one Auxiliary for the two hospital campuses. They expect to once again have a sell-out of flowers at their geranium sale scheduled for late May. Their voluntary donation in lieu of dues initiative is currently in progress with contributions slowly coming in. The Auxiliary will also continue with vendor sales throughout the summer.

St. John River District Hospital Auxiliary held their annual volunteer recognition luncheon at the Golden Hawk Country Club. The scholarship committee recommended four students from St. Clair County to receive \$1,000 each to pursue his/her degree in a medically related field. The Gift Shop is holding a \$5.00 Jewelry sale in May.

St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea recently assisted the Red Cross Organization with their blood drive.. SJMC will honor volunteers at the Awards Banquet on May 3rd. Medallions to be worn on uniform lapels are given for each 1000 hours of service. The Sewing Group meets each Wednesday to sew head scarves for cancer patients, heart shaped pillows to hug for comfort after surgery and small toys for children who come to the ER or are experiencing other stressful/uncomfortable situations.

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Pontiac will hold their Annual Meeting on June 15, 2015 at the prestigious Iroquois Club. They will install new officers, present the award recipients of the Outstanding Service Award and Honorary Award. They will begin their mandatory annual volunteer retraining program in August. The program is designed to educate and share information to the volunteers. They invite staff from several departments as speakers, such as the Director of Infections Prevention and Control. It is an enjoyable and educational program.

**Please share your activities with
the other organizations in our District.
Submissions should be
100 words or less**

**We hope to hear from you
in the next issue!!!!**

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

PLEASE BE SURE TO INFORM THE
SED MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
OF ANY CHANGES TO YOUR OFFICERS
DURING THE YEAR.

Please notify: **CAROL ANN TOWNE** at
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IT WOULD ALSO HELP WITH
COMMUNICATIONS IF THE DISTRICT HAD
AT LEAST ONE E-MAIL ADDRESS
FROM EVERY VOLUNTEER GROUP.

LET US KNOW WHAT YOUR VOLUNTEERS
ARE DOING IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIGEST....

The next SED Digest deadline
is FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2016

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