



March 5, 2016

Dear Leaders,

Firstly, I must again commend those of you who submitted articles for the upcoming Highlights. I'm always amazed to learn of the degree of your selfless giving to your respective hospitals.

I'm sure you agree, it appears the snow is not going to leave us and that brings to my thoughts; if there will really be an early spring as predicted. But as you all know living in Michigan; winter is one day, spring the next and there are time in the midst of it all, a summer day. However, through all of the different seasons, we have been blessed to have not experienced the extreme weather conditions as with a few of the other states.

Hopefully, you're as excited as I am with the transformation of the Membership Listing. Margaret Ohryn, MAHA's Membership Director has done an excellent job. Other changes from MAHA are forthcoming. These changes are not only beneficial but they bring a refreshing view to the organization and its function.

Leaders it is important for you to read all communications sent to you thus making certain you are aware of changes, updates as well as dates of upcoming events. Such information should be shared with your board members immediately via email or phone if that member does not have access to email. Also, dates of upcoming events should be shared with the volunteers at large. In addition, visit MAHA's website (mahaonline.org). If you receive a communication or an updated calendar from me and you've had a board meeting prior to my communication, please do not wait for your next meeting to inform your board; pass that information onto your board members as soon as it is received and encourage them to check their email messages frequently.

Volunteers within your hospitals should be made aware of upcoming events and dates. This information should be placed in an area designated for the volunteers and/or where each sign-in.

SED's Spring Workshop is Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at Greater Grace Temple. We closed registration for the workshop on Friday, March 4, 2016. Healthcare Advocacy Day is Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at the Radisson Hotel in Lansing. Registration deadline is Thursday, March 31, 2016. Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at Glenn Oaks Country Club, Farmington Hills; new officers for the SED board will be installed for 2016-2017. June 7-9, 2016 is MAHA's Annual Meeting at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island.

Should you have questions relative to anything in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. As always, I welcome positive and/or constructively negative comments.

Sincerely,

Pat Esselman, SED President

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