



Dear Leader,

Thank you for the articles and photos you submitted for the January 2018 issue of the MAHA *Highlights* magazine. Congratulations to all of you on your successful fundraising efforts.

I received many emails from SED members who attended the MAHA Fall Conference praising the selection of speakers. You may visit mahaonline.org under “MAHA Fall Conference Presentations 2017” for the MHA Advocacy Update. Handouts from the “Creative Fundraising Ideas” workshop and the “Opiate Epidemic” presentation are found under “Handouts for the Fall Conference”.

SED Membership Chairperson, Pam Demeulenaere, emailed a request for your 2017 Hours and Dollars Report. Please return your totals to Pam prior to the deadline date, January 7, 2018. If you did not receive an email from Pam, please contact either of us to email a copy to you.

Following are a few look-ahead dates for your calendar. I have a lot more but prefer to nag you on a periodic basis:

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| SED Spring Workshop | March 21, 2018 | The Gazebo Banquet Center |
| SED Annual Meeting | May 15, 2018 | Villa Penna |

As Thanksgiving approaches, there are many opportunities to reflect on the richness of life. My aunt used to tell me that there is always something to be grateful for – even in the darkest hours of our lives.

I thank each of you for the opportunity to serve you as SED President. May you enjoy a blessed, delicious Thanksgiving holiday.

As always, if I can help in any way, please let me know.

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