



Dear Leader,

Please join me in welcoming the volunteers from St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor and St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospitals, and Ms. Darlene Wilson, Manager of Volunteer Services. We look forward to meeting you and learning about your patient volunteer services. Please introduce yourself to Darlene at [darlene.wilson@stjoeshealth.org](mailto:darlene.wilson@stjoeshealth.org).

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles for the SED Digest. There are so many awesome programs you shared. These innovative programs put the patient first, do not require a lot of funding and create invaluable good will. Volunteers have always had listening ears, compassionate hearts and an eagerness to help. Now we are blending in our creative talents and skills to make items for our patients.

Would you please bring a sample of some of the items you provide to the patients to our SED Fall Legislative Meeting? There is still time to reserve your place at our forthcoming meeting on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at ProMedica Monroe Regional Hospital. If you are waiting for a check from your hospital, please notify Joyce Nielsen at [jnielsen1126@comcast.net](mailto:jnielsen1126@comcast.net) so that she can include you and your members in the luncheon count. In addition to our speaker and networking session, a non-partisan recap of pending legislation will be presented. The invitation and reservation form are posted on the MAHA website at [mahaonline.org](http://mahaonline.org).

Attached is a copy of the hotel reservation form and the agenda for the MAHA Fall Conference at Bavarian Inn Lodge on October 18, 2017 thru October 20, 2017. Please note that the deadline to obtain the special Conference room rate is September 18, 2017. We are fortunate to have this Conference near our part of the State.

Facebook is now an open group. The title is Michigan Association of Healthcare Advocates. To join you must locate it and ask to join. Find it by putting the name in the Facebook "search bar". MAHA will do the rest.

I will be attending the MAHA Board Meetings and District Presidents Meeting in Lansing on September 12, 2017 thru September 14, 2017 and will give you my report at the Membership Meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Until then...

Enjoy cooler evenings, apple cider mills, football, freshly made donuts and caramel apples, college football and **M GO BLUE!**

Carol Ann Towne

SED President

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