

April, 2016 SWD President's Letter

Presidents,

The year has flown by and I should be winding down my presidency, but woe is me, no one stepped up to the plate this past year as President Elect. I was silly enough to say that I would lead you one more year, so on May 26, again I will be President, Cheryl Simonetti will continue as Secretary and the following officers will be installed; President Elect, Connie Garlitz; and Treasurer, Wendy.

This year has been very busy for all district presidents. Our MAHA president challenged us with several tasks that made the time fly and kept things interesting. Another task is being completed by all of you at this time. MAHA is updating the hospital list and the auxiliary/volunteer list. Lots of hospital names have changed in the past few years, so we are asking each of you to tell us the correct and current name of your hospitals. Also, we are asking you to tell us whether you have an auxiliary with a board or volunteer services or both. Many of you are lead by a hospital DVS and we need to know that as well. If you haven't responded to my email yet, please let me know your answers as soon as possible.

It is a beautiful spring day and I have been doing paper work almost all day. However, just having nice weather for a change makes it all worth while. Hopefully, I will see some of you at the Annual Meeting on Mackinac Island in June. The date is June 7 – 9 and the speakers who have been engaged look very interesting.

I hope to make one more visit to an auxiliary or board meeting before the summer months begin. I will contact one of you soon to set up a date. Hopefully, some of you still meet in May.

Our spring installation meeting is May 26 at Shuler's in Marshall. The price is \$20 per person which includes sticky buns or scones and coffee in the morning and lunch will be ½ turkey sandwich with tomato basil soup followed by dessert (pecan ice cream ball with chocolate) and beverage. Sounds mouth watering. Our speaker is Ken Toll, President/CEO and Executive Director of United Way of Jackson County. He will be speaking on volunteerism and leadership. Your meeting invitation is attached to this letter. Please let your membership know about the meeting. I believe this should be a rewarding day. Also, our MAHA President and President Elect will be there to install the officers of SWD for the 2016 2017 year.

See you in Marshall.

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