



June 2016

Overall, what beautiful weather we have been having! The trip to the 67th Annual Meeting and Educational Institute on Mackinac Island was turbulent for me. The waves were very expressive and the special needs elementary class on board the ferry was not prepared for the ride they will, more than likely, talk about for a long time.

A couple of new agenda items were presented to the General Membership for consideration. A name change was introduced. It is -Auxiliaries and Volunteers Serving Michigan Healthcare-AVSMH. We will be talking about that over the next few months and will appreciate your thoughts and comments.

Secondly, due to the many discussions about the increasing cost of attending our State Board planned training and conferences and the declining attendance, your MAHA board is exploring other sites for our two yearly meetings. Again, your comments and discussions are welcome and appreciated. You will hear more about this over the next few months.

With the great speakers, legislative updates, and beautiful installation ceremony the Annual meeting was a great experience. Please plan now to attend the 68th Annual meeting where our own Carol D'Alberto will be installed as the State President.

In May, Escanaba hosted the UPD meeting. The speakers were passionate about their topics and so very interesting. We had our installation of the new Board. We were presented with a fund raising option to provide for increased attendance at the installation of Carol D'Alberto. From Aspirus Ironwood, Chris Ainslie gave an overview of the products which are deer resistant flowering bulbs. We will be participating as a District to purchase/sell these deer resistant bulbs. Profits from this fundraiser will be used to help our local members attend the Annual meeting. If you have not received your information about this awesome opportunity contact Chris Ainslie at 906 932-0014 or greenkneesdesign@gmail.com

We have a couple of remaining items which need attention for 2015-2016. We are fast approaching our deadline for articles for the Highlights magazine. Our new MAHA Communications Director has reminded us that these articles are due July 1st. If you have any difficulty completing your article just call and we will work with you to get your article included.

Aspirus Ironwood will be the spotlighted hospital for the month of July. Check out the other spotlighted hospitals at mahaonline.org

Our Fall UPD meeting will be hosted by War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, MI

It will certainly be a great meeting and I look forward to seeing you all there.

Thank you for allowing me to serve the UPD this past year. I have met so many wonderful people. I have learned so much from the leaders of our great organization and look forward to serving you on the State Board.

Please be certain to contact me with any of your needs or concerns.

Going forward, let us support our new Board with all the kindness and generosity we can muster. They need you, your ideas and talents and gifts to have a successful and productive year.

Have a wonderful summer and I'll see you in the Soo come September!

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Northrop, UPD



Photo provided by Chris Ainslie

Left to right, Deb Bussone-Treasurer, Deborah Northrop-Counselor,
Bob D'Alberto- President, Chris Ainslie-President Elect, Julie Lukes- Secretary, Carol Kocsis-
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