



December 2015

Dear ECD Presidents and Presidents-Elect,

How hard it is to believe that Christmas is fast approaching. As the hours of daylight get shorter and the nights grow longer, I'm reminded of how most of us are filled with a desire to stay inside, keeping warm and nestling in for the evening. It's the perfect time of year to spend some good family time, playing games, reading, relaxing or doing whatever brings you pleasure. Of course, not until the gifts are purchased and wrapped, the cookies made, the house decorated and the tree put up! Ah...then we get a chance to do that "relaxing"!

The snow storm in November was absolutely beautiful! Here in Linden we received 10 inches of the white stuff and it was really gorgeous. As I watched it fall from the sky I couldn't help feeling grateful for the beautiful landscape surrounding me. It did help, though, that I had no reason to have to drive while the roads were nasty!

I hope that all of you enjoyed a pleasant Thanksgiving. This time of year, when we have the opportunity to share many festive, seasonal celebrations with our loved ones, is very special. My only concern is that I will enjoy the yummy ham and turkey with all the trimmings, and the pies and the cookies that accompany said occasions, just a bit too much. The results may be apparent when my clothes no longer fit. (They seem to shrink every year come December or January. I just can't figure that out)!

I'd like to remind you again that the yearly **Hours and Dollars Report** will soon be sent to your Volunteer/Auxiliary Group. This is a very important report as it showcases the number of service hours the Volunteers/Auxiliaries have provided as well as the monetary donations made to the hospitals you serve. Please be sure to be accurate and complete in your reporting.

In closing, please accept my very sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah or Kwanzaa celebration with your friends and loved ones. And of course, a very Happy New Year to each of you!

Sincerely,

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APRIL 19, 2016	HEALTHCARE ADVOCACY DAY	LANSING, MICHIGAN
MAY 25, 2016	ECD SPRING MEETING	HORIZON CENTER, SAGINAW
JUNE 7-9, 2016	MAHA ANNUAL MEETING	GRAND HOTEL, MACKINAC ISLAND