



January 2016

Dear ECD Presidents and Presidents-Elect,

I hope that each of you enjoyed a wonderful Holiday season. Now it's time to get back to work, right? The beginning of a new year always brings with it a sense of adventure (what exciting developments will this year bring) as well as challenges (well goodness, I didn't expect THAT to happen)! Either way, the months ahead will be busy, often enjoyable and occasionally frustrating. In the end, our attitude will determine the outcome. I'm planning to keep a positive outlook and forge ahead as "life" unfolds day by day!

A big thank you to each ECD President who responded to my personal email with updated information and an invitation to visit with you. I look forward to doing exactly that in the next few months!

The Registration Forms for **Healthcare Advocacy Day** (Tuesday, April 19th) have been mailed and you should have received one by now. I urge everyone to plan on attending. There is so much going on in the healthcare field that we need to be aware of. MHA does an excellent job of presenting this vital information during this event. Please note that there is a firm **March 31st registration deadline**. All registrations **MUST** be received by this date. No exceptions can be made as they are not accepting late registrations this year, so please plan accordingly.

Plans are underway for the ECD Spring Conference and Installation. Memorial Healthcare, Owosso, has graciously offered to be our co-hosts. We are most excited to bring you an enjoyable and informative event. Please reserve May 25th, 2016 on your calendars!

On another note, Sheryllynn Russo has resigned as ECD President-Elect. She indicated that she made this decision with regret but felt unable to fulfill the duties required by the position at this time. We are very fortunate that a highly qualified candidate stepped up to take her place. I'm most excited to announce that Pam Starkweather, Memorial Healthcare, Owosso, is our new President-Elect. Pam brings a wealth of experience (she has served as ECD President-Elect and ECD President before) and a great work ethic to the position. The ECD Board is thrilled to welcome her!

Sincerely,

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

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