



July 2015

Dear Presidents and Presidents-Elect,

Here we are in mid-July already, and I'm wondering how in the world that happened! Your ECD Board has been hard at work this summer finalizing plans for the **ECD Fall Conference**. It will be held on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at the Horizon Center in Saginaw. Covenant Healthcare of Saginaw will co-host this year. We're looking forward to a good day filled with informative speakers and the opportunity to visit with your peers and exchange some great ideas. As we will be having a basket giveaway, please bring one from your organization if possible. An invitation and registration information will be sent to you shortly. I would encourage each hospital to send at least one representative and hopefully more, as there will be a good deal of information packed into the day that can be taken back and shared with your volunteer/auxiliary organization!

The MAHA Board has also been diligently working this summer, planning the MAHA Fall Conference and working on a new plan to carry us well into the future, with your needs and concerns first and foremost. The MAHA Retreat offered me the opportunity to meet with the other MAHA District Presidents to discuss the opportunities and challenges facing our hospitals. We have a wonderful group of folks onboard and will be reaching out to you throughout the year.

The **MAHA Fall Conference**, October 12-14th, at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville, is on the horizon. I do hope that your hospital will be represented there and I'm confident that you will be more than pleased by the information brought back by your representatives. The invitations have gone out and registrations are due by September 11, 2015. We will be participating in the Michigan Harvest Gathering at this year's conference. We will also have many vendors in attendance with excellent products and ideas to assist you with your fundraising efforts. We will also have a gift basket giveaway again, so please plan on bringing one along to share in the fun!

On that note, I would also like to extend an invitation to consider co-hosting the ECD Spring Conference, which we will begin planning later this fall. It is scheduled for May 25, 2016 at Horizon Center in Saginaw. If interested, please contact me. I know you will find the experience to be rewarding!

A reminder that a request has gone out for **informative articles** about your hospital **for the fall edition of the Chronicle**, which will be distributed at the ECD Fall Conference. Please be sure to return your information to Sheryllynn Russo as soon as possible. I know she will appreciate it!

I have some good news. It has been determined that **50/50 raffles are allowed** at your events. There are a few simple rules. The tickets must be sold at the event only, not before or after. In addition, the amount collected cannot be greater than \$200 (\$100 to the winner and \$100 to the organization). If a greater amount is collected, it must be split into one or more payouts, again adhering to the \$200 rule. Good news indeed, as 50/50 raffles have always been a way to raise funds that is enjoyed by all.

I hope to see you at the ECD Fall Conference! Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2015	ECD FALL MEETING	HORIZON CENTER, SAGINAW
OCTOBER 12-14, 2015	MAHA FALL CONFERENCE	CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN, THOMPSONVILLE
MAY 25, 2016	ECD SPRING MEETING	HORIZON CENTER, SAGINAW
JUNE 7-9, 2016	MAHA ANNUAL MEETING	GRAND HOTEL, MACKINAC ISLAND