



June 2, 2018

Dear Friends,

This is my last official President's Update as ECD President. Beth Greene from McLaren-Caro Region was installed as ECD President during our Spring ECD Conference in May. I will be the ECD Counselor for 2019-2019. But never fear I will still be in contact with representatives from your hospitals. I am the Chair for the Nominating Committee and will need to fill some positions.

Beth and I will be installed this next Tuesday evening as members of the MAHA Board. Beth will serve on the MAHA District Presidents Committee and I will be installed as the MAHA VP of Education.

It has been a great two years serving all of you in whatever capacity you may have needed. Face to face contact at the ECD Conferences and Installations have been a favorite. Phone calls have been a close second especially when you are out doing lots of other volunteer things and I get to talk with a relative about you. They are very supportive of all you do and take great messages to pass on to you.

Please remember as President of your group or as DVS or Volunteer Co-Ordinator to send the changes of your officers to Beth Greene, whether now, in the fall, or in the winter. Updates are done at the district and state level whenever needed. If you are reading this and know there is a new person to fill your position, please pass this on. Her email addresses are dubber56@yahoo.com and/or beth.greene@mclaren.org She will continue sending your new officers updates and other information throughout the next year.

The Michigan Health and Hospital Association-MHA has gone through some reorganizational changes. (Most Michigan hospitals belong to the MHA). As a Standing Committee of that organization, the Michigan Association of Healthcare Advocates-MAHA is working to make changes as well. You will

hear about some of those changes at our MAHA meeting on June 4-6 at Crystal Mountain. Further action will be taken at the Fall MAHA Conference in Frankenmuth. Be watchful of updates as they come.

The *Highlights* newsletter is published in September, 2018. **The deadline is July 1, 2018.** You may think that is a long time between your deadline and publication date. It takes time to gather the information from all the hospitals in the six districts. Each district President then sends it on to the Communications Chair. She then has to organize the articles and send it on to a designated person at MHA to format. There are numerous emails back and forth between the Chair and MHA before there is a final product. There are many people involved in this process and each one plays an important part to the success of the *Highlights*. Be proud that each of you and your hospitals have been a significant contributor to this worthy cause. Start gathering information, no matter how big or small, and be sure to include pictures. Please include names with the photos. You will send them to Beth.

Please do have a great summer and do not let those east winds off the Saginaw Bay disrupt too many plans for your outings. There are lots of places worldwide we can visit, but Michigan has some of the best destinations available. Make it be a great summer having fun and creating memories with family and friends.

Until the next time,
Jeannette Smith

<p><u>Highlights Information Deadlines:</u> July 1, 2018 for Sept., 2018 issue</p>	<p>Sept. 26, 2018 ECD Fall Conf. Saginaw May 22, 2019 ECD Spring Conf. Saginaw</p>
<p>Oct. 17-19, 2018 MAHA Fall Conference Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth</p>	<p>June 11-13, 2019 • MAHA Annual Mtg. & Educational Institute • TBD based on future discussion</p>