



October 2015

Dear ECD Presidents and Presidents-Elect,

October is rapidly drawing to a close and soon the streets will be filled with trick-or-treaters, always fun for parents and children alike. It's a beautiful time of year. The crisp weather, however, reminds us that winter is not too far behind.

I'm happy to report that the MAHA Fall Conference at Crystal Mountain was very successful. The speakers were interesting and engaging and their topics were very well presented. There was much that was inspirational and a healthy dose of humor was thrown in for good measure! The vendor setup was excellent, with coffee and ice water available and a place to sit down as needed while visiting the vendor tables. Many have said that it was the best conference they have ever attended. High praise, indeed!

A request for information for the yearly **Dollars and Hours Report** will soon be coming your way. Just thought I'd offer a "heads up" now so that you can begin to prepare for it. This document showcases your very valuable service hours and donations to the hospitals you serve. Please be sure to be accurate and complete in your reporting.

MHA has announced that effective in 2016, **Healthcare Advocacy Day** will have a registration cut-off date that will be strictly adhered to and late registrations *will not* be accepted. MHA has found this to be necessary in order to more accurately plan for the event. Please be on the lookout for your registration form and return it promptly. Your timely response will be appreciated!

Please accept my sincere wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving. I do hope that you can enjoy the day with those near and dear to 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