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SED PRESIDENT

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT - MARILYN BEVERLEY

Greetings to all the membership of SED/MAHA! Spring is here and we are looking forward to the 2015 Annual SED/MAHA meeting and Installation of Officers on May 21, 2015 at Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills. Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend! We look forward to seeing all of you!

This past year my theme was "Leadership-Lead with Love, Laughter and Life Lessons! Plant seeds of volunteerism!" I would like to thank each of you for accomplishing great steps in leadership each day as you serve in your hospitals and for planting seeds of volunteerism! Thank you for the difference you make! Thank you for the opportunity to represent you, the membership of SED/MAHA, at the state level on the MAHA Board and serving on the Council of District Presidents.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events and make your plans to attend:

May 21, 2015 SED/MAHA Annual Meeting
Glen Oaks, Farmington Hills

June 9-11, 2015 MAHA Annual Meeting
Mackinac Island
Sept. 16, 2015 SED Fall Meeting
TBD
Oct. 12-14, 2015 MAHA Fall Conference
Crystal Mountain
May 17, 2016 SED/MAHA Annual Meeting
TBD

Thank you for your commitment to you local hospital and local organizations. Thank you for your commitment to SED/MAHA and to MAHA. YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR WORLD!

It has been my joy to travel around the district this year, visit with many of you and learn about your organizations. Thank you for including me in many of your meetings, recognition dinners and even some of your fundraising events.

Most of all— THANK YOU FOR GIVING FROM YOUR HEARTS!

Marilyn

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR**

**SED
ANNUAL
MEETING**

**THURSDAY
MAY 21ST**

**GLEN OAKS
COUNTRY
CLUB**

**FARMINGTON
HILLS**

**REGISTRATION
FORMS ONLINE
at
mahaonline.org
AND MAILED
UNDER
SEPARATE
COVER**

OFFICIAL CALL TO THE 2015 SED/MAHA ANNUAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The Board of Directors of the Southeast District of the Michigan Association of Healthcare Advocates does hereby issue to all members, the official call to the 2015 SED/MAHA Annual Meeting May 21, 2015 with the election and installation of officers for 2015-2016 at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

**Registration will begin at 9:30am. Registration forms have been mailed under separate cover or can be obtained online at mahaonline.org
Refer to Southeast District news.**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

From Pat Esselman, Legislative Chair

Children’s Hospital’s Epilepsy Center Earns Top Recognition



The Children’s Hospital of Michigan has gained the highest certification (Level 4) available for its Epilepsy Center as determined by the National Association of Epilepsy Centers.

“Level 4 epilepsy centers have the professional expertise and facilities to provide the highest level medical and surgical evaluation and treatment for patients with complex epilepsy,” the organization wrote in the notification letter to Dr. Henry T. Chugani, Chief Neurologist at Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

Children’s Hospital of Michigan’s multidisciplinary pediatric team comprehensively diagnoses and treats children with all types of seizures.

MEDICAID AT RISK FOR 600K IN MICHIGAN

The federal government is balking at Michigan’s approval request to continue health care coverage for nearly 600,000 low-income residents. Under state law, Michigan must, by December 31, receive a waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the health care cost-sharing requirements in the Medicaid expansion law or the state’s program will end. The agency is part of the U.S. Department Health and Human Services which oversees the federal Affordable Care Act. The program could continue if federal officials find a way to approve the waiver or if the Legislature changes the state’s Medicaid expansion law to meet federal concerns. The Legislature approved the expansion contingent on federal approval of two waivers. One, already approved, allows residents to share in the costs of their Medicaid coverage. Republican lawmakers insisted on the cost-sharing requirements because the federal government will gradually

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stop paying for all of the cost of the health coverage after 2017. The first waiver allowing Michigan to charge from 3-5% of their income for coverage, depending on their earnings. The second waiver requirement would be to have people make a choice after 48 months on the program. They could purchase a policy on the health insurance exchange at Health-care.gov or start contributing up to 7% of their income to remain on the Healthy Michigan Plan.

MAHA PRAYER

We now have Auxiliaries, Guilds and Volunteer Groups in the MAHA . As a result, the MAHA Auxiliary Prayer has been renamed

“The MAHA Prayer”.

Almighty God and heavenly Father of Mankind, bless we pray Thee, our various endeavors in the respective hospitals in which we strive to bring comfort and hope to all who are in pain of distress of mind or body.

Guide us so that we may use the privilege given us to help the aged, the ill and the very young with generosity, with discretion and with gentleness.

Give us the strength to labor diligently, the courage to think and to speak with clarity and conviction, but without prejudice or pride.

Grant us, we beseech Thee, both wisdom and humility in directing our united efforts to do for others only as Thou would have us do.

Amen





What's Happening Around the District..

We would love to hear from every Hospital in SED

Crittenton Hospital Medical Center Volunteers.....

DMC Huron Valley Sinai Hospital volunteers were saddened to learn of the death of their former Volunteer Services Manager, Deb Moraitis. She died suddenly in her sleep and leaves a void in all their hearts. The CEO, Karen Fordham, spoke to the volunteers about the importance of the 22,469 hours they donated this past year. The volunteers will be getting more involved with patient surveying, an increasing critical part of ascertaining patient quality of service.

DMC Sinai Grace Hospital Guild Garden City Hospital.....

Henry Ford Macomb Hospital volunteers are celebrating the installation of their new Point of Sale terminal in the Gift Shop. There definitely is a learning curve but they are excited about the many new capabilities the new system brings. Special Lobby Sales continue to enhance the revenue they generate for the hospital.

Henry Ford Wyandotte Auxiliary recently announced that Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital has been recognized as one of America's 100 Best Hospitals in Healthgrades in 2015. Only 100 of the nation's more than 4,400 hospitals received this distinction for clinical quality. Their volunteer uniforms will now be embroidered with "Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital Auxiliary" in large blue letters which will stand out against their cherry red color. The also donated funding for the Emergency Room to purchase their 4th Accuvein reader to assist in reading the veins of patients whose veins are difficult to find.

McLaren-Macomb Guild

McLaren Port Huron Hospital Auxiliary is planning for their Volunteer Recognition Dinner, their Flower Sale and an Ice Cream Social. The social is the Auxiliary's way to thank the hospital employees for the great work they do. With the hospital's name change, the members voted to change the Auxiliary's name and bylaws to include the McLaren name. Their top three officers will be attending the MAHA Annual Meeting in June on Mackinac Island.

Mercy Memorial Guild, Monroe is in transition of changing their name to **ProMedica Regional Hospital Auxiliary** to coincide with the new name of their hospital. They have meetings planned with their CEO, Annette Philips and Patti Hathaway, a national speaker about change. Since the staff will be changing uniforms, to assist, the Auxiliary will sponsor three sales during the next three months. They are also looking forward to their annual recognition banquet held at the Monroe Golf and Country Club.

Our Lady of Providence League, Southfield

is celebrating it's 50th anniversary. To mark the historic event, they kicked things off at their Volunteer Recognition Luncheon with banners that will be displayed around the hospital, along with scrapbooks that chronicle their 50 year history and recognizing all the past OLPL presidents, including one who was present when the hospital opened in 1965. Another 50th anniversary activity will include Flower Day on May 27th, the actual day of OLPL's incorporation. Every patient will receive a flower delivered by a volunteer and cake will be served in the cafeteria..

Providence Park—Novi outstanding volunteers, lead by Fund Raising Chair Louise Heyza, are busy developing new ideas to raise money. Their upcoming flower sale May 20th will feature flats of flowers, hanging baskets and many other summer varieties. They are also looking forward to a silent auction, Fall fashion show, a casino trip and a possible golf outing.

St. John Macomb-Oakland , Macomb Center

St. John River District Hospital Auxiliary recently hosted a \$5.00 Jewelry Sale and soon will have a 50% off Gift Shop Tent Sale in the hospital lobby. They are also planning a right-brain painting event and a picnic for the volunteers & their families in June. Their second annual craft show, bake sale and raffle is being planned for the Fall.

St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Auxiliary recently celebrated their 45th anniversary and their Volunteer Appreciation, Recognition & Awards Dinner. Their theme was "Volunteers-A Helping Hand". 20 past presidents of the auxiliary were invited to attend the event.

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland—Pontiac volunteer fund raising activities have included a \$6 Sale, a Gold Sale and Leather Sale. This year they donated money to Faith Community Nursing, Compassion Fund, Mercy Dental Center, Mercy Pain Clinic and the Cancer Image Enhancement Center. Their Annual Meeting will be in June at the Iroquois Club in Bloomfield Hills.

St. Joseph Mercy - Port Huron.....

University of Michigan Health System.....



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SED AND MAHA.....**

PLEASE BE SURE TO INFORM THE

**SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
MEMBERSHIP CHAIR**

OF ALL CHANGES TO YOUR OFFICERS
AS THEY OCCUR DURING THE
YEAR. **Please email:**

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MAHA ANNUAL MTG & EDUC. INSTITUTE

June 10—12, 2014

Grand Hotel—Mackinac Island

**Reservations must be received by
May 12th See mahaonline.org for forms**



LET US KNOW WHAT YOUR AUXILIARY IS
DOING IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE
SOUTHEAST DISTRICT DIGEST....

**The next SED Digest
deadline is August 21, 2015**

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