



August 31, 2015

Dear Presidents and President-Elects,
I hope you're enjoying the last days of summer. It is hard to believe we are at that point but as I take in the beauty of nature and its creatures, it is obvious they are preparing for the winter months.

I cannot thank each of you enough for the timeliness of your Highlight reports as well as the great things you are doing. My day heightened when I read each of your reports. Although some of you did not submit a report, I know this does not mean you are not sacrificing your time to give from the depths of your hearts to your respective hospitals. Last year when I was president-elect, I along with Marilyn Beverley visited a number of hospitals and was truly touched by some of the groups that consisted of very mature volunteers. Despite this fact, I could see their main focus was "to give" and after they had given their desire was to go home, rest and prepare for their next volunteer day. After meeting such groups, I knew "some volunteers do not necessarily have the stamina they just have the heart."

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 is our board meeting. Henry Ford Wyandotte is the host hospital. The following day Wednesday, September 16, 2015, is our Fall Meeting at Silver Shores Waterfront Banquet Facility. The keynote speakers are from Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. Our board is excited about this two day event in Wyandotte moreover our overnight stay. We are truly appreciative to Cindy Jones, auxiliary president and Carol Bridges her DVS.

Please don't forget September 11, 2015 is the deadline for Chrystal Mountain. MAHA has taken into consideration the concerns some of you expressed last year. Along with the attention those concerns have been given, a few fun events have been added. Don't forget to bring a wrapped white elephant gift.

Always keep me informed of the happenings within your hospitals, auxiliary/guilds/volunteer groups. And please do not forget to send in all updates and changes to our Membership Director, Carol Ann Towne via getcatbears@gmail.com.



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As I proofed the Digest, I again was delighted to see your various activities and the happenings at your hospitals. Keep up the great work and as always, let me know if you would like Connie Ullrich, President-Elect and me to attend any of your meetings or functions.

I look forward to seeing you at Chrystal Mountain! **Don't forget the deadline is September 11, 2015.**

*Sincerely,
Pat Esselman, SED District President.*