

SWD President's Letter

January 11, 2016

Dear Presidents,

Happy New Year! I am excited to get started on new projects and to finish with the busyness of the past four months. Today, I will be visiting the Oaklawn Auxiliary Board in Marshall. I look forward to meeting members I have not met before. Cheryl McAuliffe, outgoing co-president has been very helpful in finding a location for our next meeting. She has interviewed Schuler's, Bellavinas and Cornwell Turkey Farm. Each location has responded positively to our needs and requests.

Our spring meeting is scheduled at Bellavinas on March, 17. Registration will begin at 9:30 AM. Pat Sampsel, our Program Chairperson has lined up two speakers and was able to order a very good menu for the meeting. Look for a meeting flyer in the next few weeks with more information. The Installation of officers will take place on Thursday, May 26 at Schuler's in Marshall. More information will come later, but encourage your membership to attend this meeting. The MAHA president and president elect will attend both of these programs.

The MAHA quarterly committee meetings and Board meeting were canceled this week due to the weather on Tuesday. They have been rescheduled for February 2 – 4. I will be in Lansing at that time. This coming week, Wednesday, January 20, I will be visiting the Sparrow Clinton Auxiliary in St. Johns. I am looking forward to that visit and many more in the coming year.

I hope all of you were able to view the Bronson Battle Creek Hospital presentation on the MAHA website in December. I reviewed it again this week and once again found it very informative and well presented. Marlene Pardoe, DVS at BBC did a wonderful job.

As a reminder for each of you who are preparing articles for the SWD Newsletter and the MAHA Highlights, Barb Moran, our counselor, has been putting the articles together for at least two years now. She will send out notices when the articles are to be submitted to her. Each article needs to be typed in New Times Roman in size 12. She will use the articles as is for the SWD Newsletter, but has to re-write and shorten them for the Highlights, which requires a very simplified article.

Be sure to review the SWD Newsletter for the Bylaws Amendments that will be voted on at the March 17 meeting. Have 2 delegates to vote from each of your auxiliaries. The president is automatically a voting delegate and you may have one other voting delegate. We are trying to do each task "by the book".

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Sincerely,

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