

September 1, 2015

SWD Presidents,

If your summer passed as quickly as mine you probably feel as if you are in last place in the race against time. The evenings are cooler and the mornings are filled with fog that bring back pleasant memories of childhood summers. My schedule has suddenly super sized.

Please remember that the deadline for registration for the MAHA Fall Conference at Crystal Mountain is September 18 and the deadline for registering for the SWD Fall Conference is September 4.

With the District deadline looming so close, contact myself or David Gawlak if you need a few days extension and we will do what we can. Hopefully, each of you received the meeting invitation. I did have to resend several as the email addresses were incorrect.

I am interested to know when each of your auxiliaries/volunteer groups have your officer installations. Please email me the dates of these events or give them to me at the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

I will be attending the MAHA Committee Meetings and Board Meeting September 9 – 11 in Lansing. I will also be out of town September 3 – 7 for a family member memorial service in Arkansas. I am hoping to keep up with emails during both of these periods but not sure if it will work out on the trip to Arkansas.

No one has come forward yet concerning the three available places on the nominating committee. The board and myself would really appreciate these slots being filled this month and we need participation from the east, south and west part of our district. I would like to hear from St. Joseph, Hillsdale, Adrian, Techumseh, Hastings, Coldwater, Marshall, Paw Paw, anyone in the SWD. Please give me an answer by the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Remember that this is an appointed position and only lasts during the fall for one or possibly two meetings with the counselor, Barb Moran.

The MAHA is looking for gift baskets (good advertisement for your hospital) for the drawing at the Fall Conference and Harvest Gathering donations of food items or personal hygiene supplies as well as monetary donations. A charitable group, the Benzie Area Christian Neighbors group was selected by the Crystal Mountain representative. They would appreciate our contributions. These items should be brought to the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and I will transport them to the Fall Conference.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our meeting in Jackson on September 17.

Sincerely,

Marlene Sebastian  
SWD President