



## Summer 2015

On a local news program it was announced we are in the 'dog days of summer'. I am not sure what that means, but I can imagine it means we are laying about doing mostly nothing. I am convinced you are enjoying the warmer weather and working as hard as ever at the things which need to be done.

In June, following the Annual meeting and Educational Institute, I attempted to reach each of our member volunteer groups by phone and email. If you did not get my messages, please call me. I enjoyed talking with each of those I reached. Initially, I was calling to request your contribution for the upcoming Highlights. I'd like to thank those of you who sent updates on all the good work your volunteer groups are doing. I also talked about upcoming fund raising opportunities. During the month of September several volunteer groups will be hosting Geneva Distributing. Their product line includes sheet sets, blankets, throws and bamboo covered memory foam pillows. This vendor will be in the UP during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of September. There may still be days open to hold a sale. If you would like to try this fund raiser and did not receive their contact information give me a call.

As your representative, I have attended meetings with the state MAHA board. This board includes hard working individuals who come together to make one dynamic team. Our state President, Nancy Viele, is a highly organized and motivated leader. She has directed her board to Communicate, Educate and Motivate their districts. There are educational resources to help encourage and increase your membership. There are leadership opportunities at the Local, District and State levels. Please consider sharing your skills, experience and talents for the good of the future of Upper Peninsula hospital's volunteer groups. Please let me or any of your local or State board know if we can assist you in any way.

Our Fall District meeting, which is hosted by Aspirus Keweenaw, will be held on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. This will be a great time for us all to get together and encourage one another in our volunteer efforts. We ask that you bring cookbooks for us to sell to raise money to help send our District Legislative Representative to Advocacy Day in the spring.

A new addition to the MAHA website is a section which features our Michigan hospitals. War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie is highlighted for the month of July. Check it out ~

Finally, remember to mark your calendar for the Fall Conference at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville, Michigan. The dates are October 12-14, 2015. Registration must be made by September 11, 2015.

See you in the Keweenaw Peninsula!

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