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JOHN BOES
SED President

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT - JOHN BOES

I wish to express my hopes that everyone had a Happy and Blessed Christmas and look forward to all having a prosperous New Year.

I attended the MAHA Fall Conference at the Soaring Eagle Casino. It was a great success. The meetings were very informative, especially the program on Fund Development projects. Participants were from every district. The many ideas presented can be found online at www.mahaonline.org. The vendor show provided many insights and ideas for our hospital fund raising projects. Another highlight of the conference was the Harvest Gathering Project which collected well over 800 pounds of canned goods and several cash donations. I hope that SED can increase our attendance at this very informative meeting.

I also attended the Thanks For Giving Luncheon and would like to congratulate the award winners.

I need to advise you, with misgiving, that our Legislative Chair, Joan Garrett, has resigned and has relocated to Arizona. Joan, over the past several years, has done a magnificent job. We will miss her very much.

The good news is that Sandra MacLeod, from DMC Sinai Grace Hospital has agreed to succeed Joan as the SED Legislative Chair. She will be at our February Executive Board Meeting.

In closing, I would again reemphasize the need to recruit new members and encourage any person who would consider a Board or Committee position on the SED Executive Board.

May the New Year bring you good health and prosperity.

John Boes
SED President

**MARK
YOUR
CALENDAR**

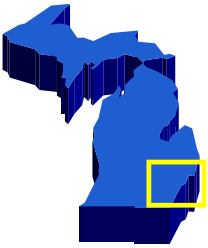
**SED
SPRING
WORKSHOP**

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 17TH

**ASSUMPTION
CULTURAL
CENTER**
St. Clair Shores

**WATCH YOUR
MAILBOX FOR
FURTHER
DETAILS**



What's Happening Around the District..

Has your organization told us about your activities?

Chelsea Community— The successful Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale was held in the hospital's main dining room. Their annual Tree of Love was on display in the entrance lobby prior to Thanksgiving running through Christmas in memory and honor of past relatives and friends of the auxiliary. A Germack Nut Sale was held prior to the holidays and was followed by their Annual Christmas Dinner. They were entertained by an outstanding performance by Chelsea's High School music group. With the new year came their officer installation meeting. They now look forward to another rewarding year with the anticipation that their contributions to the hospital will enable them to continue their great growth.

Henry Ford-Cottage— The culmination of the events celebrating the 90th year of our hospital came to an end in December. We had a "Clambake at the Cottage," our annual Designer Kitchen Tour, a production of a new Cookbook, an Employee Appreciation Day, a Thanksgiving and Christmas Bake Sale, a musical cabaret afternoon with refreshments, a Giving Tree honoring family members and events in the lobby of the hospital. In January, the new officers were installed and we presented our student scholarships and a gift to the hospital

Henry Ford Macomb-Warren Campus Guild is excited about the many new volunteers that have begun volunteer service to our hospital. It is a joy to see so many new faces. We are looking forward to our upcoming fund raising events; a Fudgie Wudgie sale, Uniform Sale and a Fine Jewelry Sale with the option to sell your unwanted gold. The Guild has also pledged \$100,000 in matching funds to upgrade our Breast Biopsy / Mammogram Suite.

Henry Ford-Wyandotte Auxiliary has recently completed our second year of a three year commitment to purchase a digital mammography machine for the Center for Health Services Women's Department. Our year long project to update and revise our policies and procedures has also been completed with a lot of hard work and effort by our committee. We are now looking forward to another outstanding year with the auxiliary volunteers.

Huron Valley Sinai Hospital graced every patients room with a poinsettia at the holiday season. We have a number of fundraisers planned. They include a Gently Used Holiday Ornament Sale, a Jewelry Sale and Gold Buy Back event and our bi-annual Uniform Sale which is always a hit with the staff. Throughout the year we have a group of women that knit baby hats for all the newborns at the hospital. This year we have knitted over 1400 hats. Every baby born at Huron Valley-Sinai has their own personalized baby hat.

Mt. Clemens Regional Medical Center-

A successful 21 table vendor sale proceeds went to the Employee Assistance Fund. They also sponsored a Jewelry Sale, a \$6.00 Sale and a Thanksgiving Bake Sale which is always a big hit. They hung gorgeous hand decorated wreaths in the main hallway of the hospital for the Christmas Wreath Contest. The wreaths gather lots of oohs & aahs from the visitors, employees and the lucky bidders. A new fundraiser, "A Homemade Christmas" was held in December. It featured great homemade jams, jellies, etc. and caramel & chocolate covered granny smith apples. What great hostess gifts for the holiday !! Local elementary school children made Christmas cards for the patients and volunteers delivered them Christmas morning along with a little jar of hand lotion.

Our Lady of Providence League,

Southfield is pleased to welcome our facility dog, "Wilbur," as a new volunteer. Everybody loves Wilbur — patients as well as the Staff. At our December holiday luncheon, a joint celebration along with fellow volunteers from the Providence Park Campus, we presented a check for \$60,000 to Providence Hospital toward our pledge of \$750,000.

Port Huron Hospital Auxiliary had several fund raising events last fall including a General Store Sale, Jewelry Sale and the Tree of Peace. Several members helped with the Fall Teen Orientation. The Festival of Trees project sponsored by the Port Huron Foundation was assisted by many of the auxiliaries who helped with planning and set up. This project touches many lives in the community and raises funds for children's services. They worked throughout the weekend to make the project a huge success. January was highlighted by their Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers as Rosemary Harper became the new president.

St. John Macomb-Oakland , Warren Center

was very involved in the fall doing their part for the hospital. The Tree of Lights campaign was highlighted by the tree lighting ceremony. Donations raised from the project were used to enhance the public areas of the hospital as well as the nursing stations. The auxiliary added an additional \$6,000 to help complete the project. The month of December was highlighted by the Christmas luncheon with great food, favors, prizes and a sing along as well as the annual Christmas visit of Santa and many auxiliaries visiting the patients to express best wishes for the holiday season as well as giving each of them a small treat.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU.....We'd love to know what you are doing.

Share your organizations activities with the other auxiliaries in the district !

DATES TO REMEMBER MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**SED SPRING WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2010
ASSUMPTION CULTURAL CENTER
ST. CLAIR SHORES**



Watch your mailbox !
Reservation information
will follow



**HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY DAY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2010
Lansing Center
Downtown Lansing**



**APRIL 18—24, 2010
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER
WEEK**

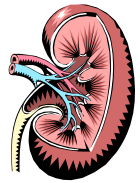
**SED ANNUAL MEETING and
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2010
Plum Hollow Country Club
Southfield**



SPRING WORKSHOP TOPICS

THE KIDNEY BANK
Associated with
**Johns Hopkins & Henry Ford
Hospitals**



**FACILITATING
MEETINGS**

**NUTS & BOLTS
of the Emergency Room**



**GOOD COMMUNICATIONS
between the
DVS and Auxiliary**



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
DR. RICHARD SCHIPPASSE**

**Topic: PREPAREDNESS FOR
BIO WARFARE**

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**SOUTHEAST DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010
St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
Pontiac**



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PRAYER FOR HOSPITAL AUXILIARIES

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 or 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.