



TMAA NEWSLINE

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President's Message

The Nashville Airport Marriott was the site of the 81st Annual Convention for the Tennessee Medical Association Alliance (TMAA) held on April 3 and 4. The convention this year was a joint endeavor with the Tennessee Medical Association (TMA). TMAA meetings held on Friday, April 3 were as follows: Finance Committee, Philanthropic Committee/Health Promotions Committee, and Executive Committee Meeting. That evening we joined the TMA for a reception and the TMA Media Theater Presentation. The annual meeting opening session began on Saturday. Several guest speakers were present. American Medical Association Alliance (AMAA) President Sandi Frost spoke on working with our medical alliance. Her talk ("Working With Your Medical Association: A Winning Partnership") was well received. Susan McKissick from the Knoxville Academy of Medicine Alliance (KAMA) spoke on fundraising -"Fundraising: Recharge, Reexamine, and Reevaluate." Alliance members from around the state took information from this presentation back to their county alliances. Nancy Brant, the Southern Medical Association Alliance (SMAA) President, presented a fun meeting/membership warm up entitled "Membership Is Such A Sweet Prospect." We were honored to have Emma Borders, AMAA Director for Tennessee, attend our annual meeting. She shared her expertise with the county leaders, as did every speaker.

A joint TMA/TMAA awards luncheon followed the morning meeting. The TMAA presented the 2009 Dolores Chandra Award to Nancy Prater (widow of Dr. Charles Prater) from Knoxville, TN. Nancy was nominated for her continued service on behalf of the alliance, most recently serving as both director of and teacher in the abstinence based Teen Aids Prevention Program. Knox County middle school students have been the recipients of this program for 15 years. Nancy was nominated by fellow KAMA member Renee Cook (Mrs. Nick Cook). In addition to her many activities with her county alliance, Nancy is a past TMAA President (1972-73).

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Dates to Remember:

APRIL 28 Garden Luncheon with speaker on gardening and how to grow fruit trees (West TN Consolidated)



**TMAA Past Presidents at Joint TMA/TMAA Awards Luncheon*

Left to right (back row) *Jo Terry, *Barbara Trautman, 2008-09 President Darlene Vickers, *Kathi Hall, *Milli Yium, *Sarah Higgins, *Annelle Bond and *Sue Vegors
Seated (front row)*Gayanne Burns, *Dewdrop Rule and *Nancy Prater.

The afternoon meeting included the following speakers: Gary Zelizer, Director of Government Affairs (Legislative Update), Dr. Ken Moore, Chairman (IMPACT/AMPAC Report), and Mike Todd, TMF Administrator (Tennessee Medical Foundation Report).

Awards/Grants awarded at the afternoon session are as follows:

AMAF

Membership - West Tennessee Consolidated Medical Assembly Alliance received the award for the most membership growth. Counties recognized for having a Resident/Medical Student Spouse program are Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society Alliance, Knoxville Academy of Medicine Alliance, Nashville Academy of Medicine Alliance, and Washington-Unicoi-Johnson County Medical Alliance. Health Promotion Grants: *Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society Alliance - supplies to start a pilot program in area preschools that will teach nonviolence.

*Kingsport Medical Alliance - to provide a mobile (can be moved in case of emergency/evacuation) supply closet for school nurses.

*Knoxville Academy of Medicine Alliance - provide "Summer Health Bags" that will be distributed at the TENNderCare Family Health Fair.

*Nashville Academy of Medicine Alliance - distribute packets containing home health needs to the Faith Family Clinic. This clinic serves the working uninsured in the community.

*Washington-Unicoi-Johnson County Medical Alliance - provide supplies for two community events co-sponsored by the Northeast Tennessee Minority Rescue Resource Network. *Elizabeth A. Kasper, Member-at-Large - provide meals to at-risk youth who work at the Brandon Hill Youth Heritage Garden.*Tennessee Medical Association Alliance - to purchase e-newspaper ads across the state of Tennessee to promote Screen Out!! Ads will link to Screen Out!! site and petition.

Leadership Round Tables followed. Discussion topics included health promotions, legislation, membership, and AMAFoundation. The meeting concluded with the election of the TMAA officers for 2009-2010 and their installation by AMAA President Sandi Frost.

Highlights from the Post Convention Board Meeting: *UPDATE 2009 will be held in Murfreesboro, TN on September 13 and 14. UPDATE hosts will be Rutherford County/Stones River Alliance and Nashville Academy of Medicine Alliance. *Convention 2010 will be held April 9 -11 at the Nashville Airport Marriott. The Annual Convention host will be Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society Alliance.

The TMA/TMAA Annual Convention concluded as members gathered for the TMA President's Reception and the Medicine Ball.

The weekend was informative and fun. A raffle, silent auction, and door prizes added to our event. Mark your calendar. Join us next year.

THANK YOU to 2008-2009 Convention Chairs Dottie Pennington and Melody Counts and the W-U-J and Kingsport Alliances. THANK YOU to Don Alexander, TMA Chief Executive Officer, and Russ Miller, TMAA Senior Vice President and the TMA staff. THANK YOU to TMAA Executive Judy Ginsberg. Your efforts made this joint convention a success.

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from the 2008-09 TMAA Philanthropic Board

Thank you for your participation in the Silent Auction and Raffle at our April, 2009 Annual Meeting held in Nashville. We raised\$1,164.50 for Fund.

Sue Vegors, Chair, Philanthropic Board 2008-09

ANNOUNCING

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2009-10

President	Robin Hutchins (Knoxville)
President-Elect	Gail Brabson (Knoxville)
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Assistant Health Promotions)	Mona Copeland (Member-At-Large)
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Assistant Legislation	Debra Liening (Chattanooga-Hamilton)
Membership	Sarah Higgins (Knoxville)
Assistant Membership	Amy Sowell (Chattanooga-Hamilton)

MESSAGE FROM RUTHERFORD COUNTY/STONES RIVER ALLIANCE

“On Friday, April 10 many families in our community were affected by the tornado. The medical alliance wants to support any physician families impacted by this tragedy. We know of two families – George and Betty Hester and Vara Ruth Williams who live on Riverview Drive and whose homes suffered significant damage. These two families need your prayers at this time and we will update you if further assistance is necessary.”

Update on medial families impacted by the tornado (received on April 19, 2009).... “Sarah (Joe) Scott’s parent’s home and Brad and Shannon Medling’s home suffered significant damage. We want to keep them as well as all the families in Murfreesboro affected by the storm in our thoughts and prayers.”

(from e-mails received from Kalpana Gowda (kalpchand65@yahoo.com)).



Super Spring Savings!

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Questions? Feel free to email Josh Wintersteen at:
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MORE DETAILS FROM.....

Stephanie Masterson, TMAA Historian, would like to begin a scrapbook to showcase all the wonderful, fun things we do to support our medical communities. Photos can either be e-mailed to her at jpmasterson7@yahoo.com or mailed to her at 890 Grayson Lake, Jackson, TN 38305. For more info, call Stephanie Masterson (731) 660-3573.

Everyone (especially those in West Tennessee) is invited to a garden luncheon with a plant swap/sale on April 28 in Jackson, TN. At this lunch, the speaker's topic will be on gardening and how to grow fruit trees. Fruits are so healthy but growing them can be tricky. Each participant will get to take home a plant. A local nursery will bring some fruit trees and bushes to be offered for purchase. The cost for the event will be \$15 and proceeds will benefit Relay for Life (cancer research). Contact Christa Stoscheck at (731) 668 9562 if you plan to attend.

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