



TMAA NEWSLINE

THE ALLIANCE
SERVING ON BEHALF OF MEDICINE

February Issue

- **President's Message**
- **Guest Contributor**
- **Health Promotions**
- **Cheers and Tears**
- **Historian Request**
- **Philanthropic Fund**
- **Mark Your Calendar**

Contact Us

TMAA Website:
www.TMAAlliance.org

E-Mail:
TMAA@tnmed.org

Phone: 615-385-2100

Direct Line: 615-460-1651
1-800-659-1862

AMA Alliance Website:
www.amaalliance.org

Phone: 312-464-4470

President's Message

With our Annual Meeting just six weeks away, it is time to get the word out to our leaders, delegates and ALL interested members! Fellowship and fun await you in Nashville. Take a trip to our capital city and sight see along the way. Come with Alliance friends and make the trip a truly great getaway! Bring your spouse to attend the TMA Annual meeting, which is at the same time as the Alliance meeting.

Let us come together as we celebrate 82 years of making a difference in Tennessee. Our annual meeting will be held at the Nashville Airport Marriott on Friday and Saturday, April 9th and 10th. This year's convention offers opportunities to renew old friendships and make new friends, to celebrate our accomplishments, and to plan for the year ahead with President Robin Hutchins and President-elect Gail Brabson.

We are very pleased to announce that two AMAA Directors will be with us. Jo Terry and Sue Vegors will present an interactive presentation entitled "Membership A to Z". County Alliances statewide have shared their concerns about membership. Join us for innovative ideas to help with this area of concern. Our annual meeting will have you inspired and ready to begin a successful year. Our joint Saturday lunch with TMA will feature gubernatorial candidate forum. Make sure you attend the special fun and memorable Saturday evening event TMA/TMAA Medicine Ball: Battle of the Bands and Dinner. It will be very enjoyable and well worth your time.

So, come along to have fun, share fellowship, and attend to our state alliance business. You'll leave refreshed and full of ideas to make the coming alliance year a good one. By coming together we truly demonstrate our commitment to support each other in promoting the health of Tennesseans and in supporting our family of medicine.

Robin

Dates to Remember:

FEB. 24 PITCH- East TN(except SE TN) & Middle TN
MARCH 1 Deadline for submitting Health Grant requests
MARCH1-3 AMA Alliance Conf. & AMA National Advocacy Conf. (NAC) – Winter Session, Washington, DC
MARCH 15 Deadline for Dolores Chandra Award Nomination
MARCH 15 Final Membership dues to TMAA Office
MARCH17 PITCH-Southeast TN
MARCH 30 Doctors' Day
MARCH 31 Final membership dues to AMA Alliance to determine state delegate count for AMAA Annual Session
APRIL 9-10 TMA/TMAA ANNUAL MEETING, AIRPORT MARRIOTT,NASHVILLE

2009-10 TMAA LEADERSHIP

Robin Hutchins
Gail Brabson
Dottie Pennington
Mary Ann Lovelace
Beth Kasper
Ellen Evancho
Shawna Dittrich
Sarah Higgins
Darlene Vickers
Andrea Gaume
Madeline Becker
Emily Shore
Mona Copeland
Debra Liening
Amy Sowell
Kellee Bryant
Milli Yium
Leanna Wright
Jamie Singer
Amber Cesare
Annelle Bond
Barbara Trautman
Marcia Young
Tad Lisella
Robert D. Kirkpatrick, MD

Health Promotions

It is time to begin the process of health grant applications for the 2010 year. If you are interested in doing a project to improve the health of your community, there are funds available to meet your goals. You can download health grant applications from the TMAA website. If you need ideas for possible projects, you can go to the AMAA website and click onto Project Bank. After you have completed the application forms, send them to me at Shawna Dittrich, 9112 Bolton Lane, Knoxville, TN, 37922. **The deadline is March 1, 2010.** Grant monies will be awarded April 10, 2010 at the TMAA Convention and monies will be available for request and use after July 1, 2010. I hope chapter will participate, and I look forward to receiving your applications.

If you have a 2009-10 project that was awarded but not yet completed or implemented, you can download the payment request form from the TMAA website, fill it out and send it to Judy Ginsberg and Beth Kasper.

The state Health Promotions project, Screen Out!, will be completed in April. I will pass along details of the project's progress as soon as I receive them from Melissa Walthers at AMAA.

Thank you for your tireless work to promote better health for your communities, and I look forward to receiving your health grant applications.

Shawna Dittrich
VP Health Promotions
Sld4@comcast.net

SAVE THE DATE!!!

The remaining date for PITCH (formerly Doctor's Day on the Hill) for 2010 is the following:

· March 17, 2010 - Southeast TN

The Doctor of the Day on Legislative Plaza --- Thursdays -- beginning January 14, 2010.

Cheers and Tears...

Please let us know of any births, weddings, deaths or other noteworthy events that we may add to Cheers and Tears. Just e-mail articles, pictures to Judy at tmaa@tnmed.org

From the Historian

Please remember to send me any photos or interesting articles about your local alliance and its members that you would like included in this year's TMAA scrapbook!

Madeline Becker
123 Chestnut Ridge Dr
Jonesborough 37659

TMAA PHILANTHROPIC FUND

The Board of Directors of the TMAA established this fund in January, 2006. The fund may receive tax-deductible contributions for the qualifying projects of the Fund and for sponsoring activities to raise monies to be used exclusively for charitable, scientific, safety and literary or educational purposes.

The fund oversees the consideration and distribution of Health Promotions Grants and AMA Foundation funds.

Memorial or Honorary Gifts may be made to the TMAA Philanthropic Fund.

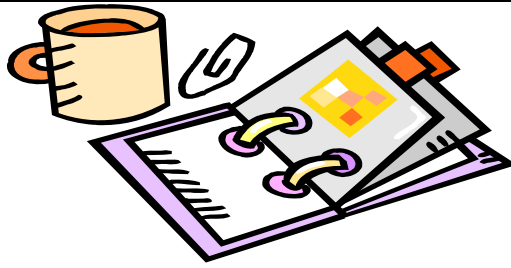
Please include the following information:

1. Name of the deceased or honoree.
2. Name and address of the family receiving the acknowledgement.
3. Your (donor) name and address.

Send your check to:

Mrs. Beth Kasper, Asst. Treasurer
TMAA Philanthropic Fund
3307 Seven Mile Ferry Road
Clarksville, TN 37040

Acknowledgments will be sent to the family of the deceased or honoree



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAR. 1-3 AMAA National Advocacy Conference-
Washington, DC

MAR. 17 PITCH – Southeast TN

APRIL 9-10 TMA/TMAA Annual Convention-SAVE THE DATE
Nashville Airport Marriott (more info. to come)