



# TMAA NEWSLINE

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## President's Message

Our Annual Meeting is almost here. 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 pleased to announce that three AMAA Directors and the current SMAA President will be with us. Emma Borders, AMAA Director and the recently nominated AMAA President-Elect for 2010-11, will join us. (Congratulations Emma!!) Jo Terry and Sue Vegors will present an interactive presentation entitled "Love 'Em or Lose 'Em: 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. Also, we are pleased to be joined by the 2010 SMAA President, Barbara Jett, an UPDATE 2009 attendee, who will bring greetings from the Southern Medical Association Alliance.



Jo Terry



Sue Vegors



Emma Borders



Barbara Jett

## Dates to Remember:

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

Our joint Saturday lunch with TMA will feature a 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.

On another note, I was privileged to take part in a conference call on March 19 with AMAA President Nancy Kyler, President-Elect Susan Todd, AMAA staff, and state leaders from around the country. We discussed how we communicate within our state. I shared our monthly *Newsline*, twice yearly *Volunteer Voice*, website, personal e-mails, and phone calls to stay connected with our county alliances. I learned something I didn't know – our national leaders are available to us to attend board meetings, etc. in Tennessee through conference calls and SKYPE!! We will make use of this opportunity in the year to come. Thank you to the AMAA for this service.

*Robin*

### Health Promotions

I have received 4 requests for health grants for the year 2010-11. Those are from KAMA, Beth Kasper-MAL, NAMA, and Washington-Unicoi-Johnson County Medical Alliance. The deadline has been extended to March 31. If you would still like to request a health grant fund from TMAA, you have time! Please mail to me at 9112 Bolton Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922, postmarked by March 31, 2010. Thank you so much for your participation.

Shawna Dittrich  
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# Cheers and Tears...

We are sad to announce the death of Margaret Ann Powell Lowe (Anne Lowe), Past TMAA President 1973-74. The funeral was held on January 18, 2010 in Cookeville.

Condolences may be sent to her family –  
Whitson Lowe, MD  
2110 Hampton Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37215

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](mailto:tmaa@tnmed.org)

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### **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  
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Jonesborough 37659

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### **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.

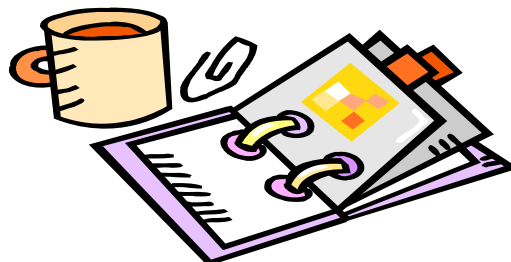
Please include the following information:

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



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Nashville Airport Marriott**

