



# TMAA NEWSLINE

“Working together for a healthier Tennessee”

## President's Message

Summertime is here . . .

Summertime is here. The summer season brings different things for each of us. For some, school is out and the kids are home and summer camps and family vacations are underway. For others, moving college age children home and readjusting to having them back in the house. Some of us may be tending our summer gardens or planning a special trip with our family. The Alliance doesn't shut down for the summer. Instead the summer months are sometimes the busiest. The AMA Convention will start off the summer June 12-15 in Chicago. Our delegates for convention this year are: Robin Hutchins, Sarah Higgins, Gail Brabson (Knoxville), Barbara Trautman (Memphis), and Mary Ann Lovelace (Kingsport). Jo Terry and Sue Vegors will also be in attendance as Directors for AMAA. We are looking forward to our time in Chicago, trying some new restaurants, and having time for fellowship with other Alliance members from across the nation.

Many of our Alliance members across the state are working hard this summer. Emily Shore our AMAF VP is busy working on the **AMAF Sharing Card** for the fall. In July we will have our **finance meeting** in Nashville with our Treasurer, Beth Kasper (MAL Clarksville) and Madeline Becker (WUJ Co.) along with the other representatives on the finance committee. As your President, I will attend the TMA Board Retreat in July in Kingsport, TN.

Planning for **UPDATE in September** will require some work during the summer. We are pleased that West TN Consolidated and Members at Large will be our host this year. Of course we welcome any other volunteers who would like to jump on board to help us make this the **best UPDATE** ever. You may contact me if you are just itching to help us.

**Membership** never gets the summer off. Each of us as an Alliance member needs to keep our ears and eyes open for potential new members year round. Summer offers lots of new opportunities as new physicians join practices in your area. Be

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**Dates to Remember:**

JUNE 12-15 AMAA Convention  
Chicago Marriott  
JULY Finance Meeting - TBA  
\*SEPT.12-13 TMAA UPDATE  
**\*tentative**  
2010-11 TMAA LEADERSHIP

- Gail Brabson
- Barbara Blanton
- Vicki Eastham
- Beth Kasper
- Madeline Becker
- Emily Shore
- Dottie Pennington
- Mona Copeland
- Kalpana Gowda
- Debra Liening
- Deborah Hilgenhurst
- Amy Sowell
- Mary Ann Lovelace
- Robin Hutchins
- Darlene Vickers
- Parliamentarian**
- Sharon Gerkin
- Archives**
- Bylaws**
- Leanna Wright
- (Jamie Singer)**
- (Amber Cesare)**
- Annelle Bond
- Barbara Trautman
- Marcia Young
- Tad Lisella
- Robert D. Kirkpatrick, MD

sure and ask your spouse if he/she has met any new physicians around the hospitals. Make that phone call to get an address and phone number to contact that spouse to invite them to an Alliance meeting in the fall and to join your Alliance.

**Legislation** may not be active on Capitol Hill during the summer, but elections are. Our gubernatorial race is gearing up fast. If your community has a town hall meeting or event you can attend to meet a candidate, do your best to attend. Better yet, find out who is running for state Senator or Representative from your area and attend any fundraising events you can. Volunteer to help get your candidate elected. If you have any questions about which candidates are "Friends of Medicine", contact IMPACT at [www.tnimpact.com](http://www.tnimpact.com). Donate to IMPACT. The Primary Election is in August. Are you registered to vote? One of the best ways to be involved in legislation and medicine is to exercise your right to vote.

Well, I wish each of you a great summer, filled with whatever you enjoy doing in the summer months. Just remember, Alliance business doesn't really get a summer vacation, so if your schedule allows it, give a little time to your Alliance. Help in whatever way you can.

In the meantime, stay cool, enjoy life, and be proud to be an Alliance member and part of the family of medicine.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Brabson, TMAA President

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**AMA Alliance 2010 Annual Meeting  
Chicago. IL**

The American Medical Association Alliance will hold it 2010 Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL in June. The events begin on Friday, June 11 with the AMA Foundation Donor Reception. Once again Tennessee leads the nation in giving. Well done Ellen Evancho and Emily Shore! We will be represented at that event by Jo Terry, Sue Vegors, and Sarah Higgins. On Saturday, June 12 educational sessions that focus on members and their families will be held throughout the day followed by Board and committee meetings. The House opens on Sunday, June 13 and continues through early afternoon on Tuesday, June 15. Directors from Tennessee, Jo Terry and Sue Vegors, will serve as national delegates. Tennessee state delegates are as follows:

- Robin Hutchins – Chairman
- Sarah Higgins
- Barbara Trautman
- Gail Brabson - President
- Mary Ann Lovelace

A detailed report of annual meeting activities will follow in July.  
Robin Hutchins, TMAA President 2009-2010

# IMPACT CHALLENGE

(Independent Medicine's Political Action Committee  
Tennessee)

By Babara Trautman, TMAA Representative

At our TMAA Convention in Nashville, April 9-10, we issued a challenge to our county alliances to help us raise \$20,000 for IMPACT. Six members from different county alliances took brochures back to their alliances to recruit members to IMPACT and thus help us raise the money. So far, no new alliance members have joined IMPACT.

We really need you! We need to build up our funds to elect candidates who understand our concerns and who will be our voice at the table when key decisions are made in the State Legislature.

It is so easy to join IMPACT. Send your check for \$100 to: IMPACT, PO Box 120909, Nashville, TN 37212-0909. Alliance Capitol Hill membership is \$250.

If you have questions, contact Barbara Trautman, 901-262-6821, or **bbtbabs@aol.com**

## Got Members?

In April when I gave my acceptance speech as your new President, I gave you a challenge to recruit new members. The challenge went like this, *"I want to challenge each of you here today to recruit two new members to the Alliance. Then go back to your county Alliance and encourage each member there to recruit two new members. They can be new to your area, or an Alliance member that just needs to renew their membership. We must encourage those who want to just be dues paying members as well as those who want to be more involved. Imagine the growth we would have if every TMAA member recruited just two new members."* So how are you doing? Well, let me tell you how I am doing. I have two new members. One person joined as a federated member, the other joined as a special member (retired spouse) to the Knoxville Academy of Medicine Alliance (KAMA). I have two more new members in the works. So again, I give you the challenge. Just think how our membership could grow if each TMAA member recruited just two new members!

## TMAA Philanthropic Fund

By Beth Kasper and Madeline Becker,  
2010-11TMAA Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer respectively

We are proud to announce that the Silent Auction from TMAA Convention brought in \$462.00. Donations to the Philanthropic Fund have totaled \$360. The grand total to the Philanthropic Fund is \$812.00. Thank you to those who bought some really nice things at the auction and to those who made a donation. Let's keep up the good work!

### **Local Medical Alliance Installs New Officers, Honors Past Presidents**

The Washington-Unicoi-Johnson County Medical Alliance announced and installed its new slate of officers for the 2010-2011 year at its annual May luncheon, this year hosted at The Ridges Golf & Country Club.

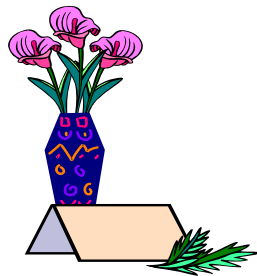
New officers are Heidi Dulebohn, president; Rae Grosserode, president-elect; Tammy Hodge and Annette Clemons, co-vice presidents; Julie Gardner, treasurer; Kristi Cummings, assistant treasurer; Konni Minter, recording secretary; Caryl Fletcher, corresponding secretary; and Cathy Chang, parliamentarian.

At the luncheon, outgoing President Melody Counts recognized past Alliance presidents, who were given rose corsages. The annual meeting also featured a silent auction that raised more than \$3,000 for donation to the Children's Advocacy Center in Johnson City.

The WUJ County Medical Alliance is a volunteer group committed to helping the community with health-related projects such as involvement with the Downtown Clinic, Children's Advocacy Center, Girls on the Run fitness program, and Doctors' Day at the Johnson City Medical Center.

Alliance Members Share Your Businesses  
Hello Alliance Members

Do you have a business you own or work at that you would like to share with the Alliance? Everyone always likes connections, I know I do. Maybe you sell Mary Kay, Tupperware, Thirty One, Longaberger baskets, or have a business you want others to know about. Let's share those with all our State Alliance Members. Let's put our thinking caps on. Are you in Real Estate, Interior Design, or an artist? If we share this information, we might boost someone's sales, or give referrals that help in a lot of ways. Please send me your information so we can put it on Newline. It's free advertisement for you and a great way to learn of others talents!



**IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY?**

Who doesn't like feeling special on their birthday? I don't know of anyone who doesn't want to be acknowledged on their birthday. It's a very special day for a very special person. That's why I am asking for the county presidents and county membership chairs to send us a list of your member's birthdates if you have them. If you don't have a birthday list, it is time to make one. We only want the month and day, who is counting years anyway? You can email it to me at [ggrabson@bellsouth.net](mailto:ggrabson@bellsouth.net) and Judy Ginsberg our administrative assistant at [TMAA@tnmed.org](mailto:TMAA@tnmed.org) or snail mail is still accepted at:

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P O Box 120909  
Nashville, TN 37212-0909

This way we can send email or snail mail BIRTHDAY WISHES to all our TMA Alliance members. We want all our Alliance members to be wished a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** on your special day.

# Share and Care - The Family of Medicine

## **TMAA would like to Congratulate:**

- Daniel Kasper, son of Dr. and Mrs. Bob Kasper (Beth) for graduating Salutatorian from Montgomery Central High School, Cunningham, TN. Daniel plans to attend Purdue University in the fall. WAY TO GO DANIEL!
- Melissa Higgins, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Tom Higgins (Sarah) for graduating Magna Cum Laude from University of South Carolina. Melissa graduated with a double major in English and Anthropology. WAY TO GO MELISSA!
- Mari Brooks (Mrs. Chris Brooks) on receiving the "Teacher of the Year" Award at West High School, Knoxville, TN.
- Dr. and Mrs. Matthew Becker (Chandra) welcomed their new baby girl, Maleny Carolyn Becker into the world April 25th, 2010. Maleny was 8 lbs 14 oz and 20.5 inches long. Chandra is a KAMA member, her husband is a plastic surgeon. They have been in Knoxville about a year.

## *Our Heartfelt Sympathy to:*

Dr. and Mrs. George Zirkle (Louise) on the death of their daughter, Marilyn Zirkle Mize. Louise is a KAMA member, her husband George is retired. Louise was TMAA President 1976-1977.

Dr. and Mrs. Lee Dittrich (Shawna) on the death of Lee's father Norman Dittrich. Shawna is a KAMA member and Lee is a dermatologist at UT hospital in Knoxville.

If you have family news to share, please let us know. We have included the information we have to date since the last E-Newsline. We need to be there for one another to share and care about our medical families. Just e-mail articles, pictures to Judy at [tmaa@tnmed.org](mailto:tmaa@tnmed.org)

## HELP 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!

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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.

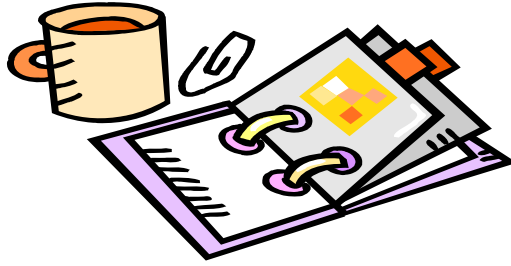
Please include the following information:

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. Madeline Becker, Asst. Treasurer  
TMAA Philanthropic Fund  
123 Chestnut Ridge Drive  
Jonesborough TN 37659

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



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**May 31 Memorial Day**

**June 12-15 AMAA Convention - Chicago Marriott**

**June 18 Deadline for articles for TMAA *Newsline***

**July Finance Meeting – TBA**

**\*Sept 12-13 TMAA UPDATE – Place TBD**

**Sept. 28 KAMA (Knoxville Academy of Medicine Alliance)  
FASHIONDRAMA**

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