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Dates to Remember:
2012*Jan. 13 – 15 Southern Regional
Alliance Annual Meeting---
Greenville SC*

President's Message

It's hard to believe that the Annual Meeting of the TMA Alliance is only two and one half months away! We have a large number of professional volunteers that have worked diligently in their respective communities to improve health care and enhance the image of the medical family but there is much to be done!

In keeping with my theme for the year, "Communicate, Educate, and Participate," a conference call was held, Friday, January 20th. Those participating were: Stephanie Adams, Madeline Becker, Barbara Blanton, Annelle Bond, Judy Ginsberg, Debbie Hilgenhurst, Robin Hutchins, and Beth Kasper. Each person participated. The following updates you on all that was accomplished.

Debbie reported on **PITCH** which is scheduled for **March 7th** at Legislative Plaza. She reported that plans are being made but not finalized. Lunch will not include legislators but will be for participants only with a dessert reception for legislators around 2:30. Buses will be provided for physicians and spouses from east and west Tennessee. Debbie stressed that physicians should wear white coats so they will be easily recognized. Barbara will check on arranging a meeting or perhaps coffee with one of the women legislators prior to the luncheon.

March 1st is the deadline for submitting **Health Grant Requests**. Kalpana Gowda chairs this committee and presidents should contact her if you need information.

March 15th is the deadline for the **Dolores Chandra Excellence in Leadership Award** nominations. Applications may be found on the TMAA website and are to be completed and mailed to Judy at the TMAA office.

March 15th is the deadline for **membership dues** to be sent to the TMAA office. Robin Hutchins is membership chair and reported that she is in the process of mailing letters to members-at-large. Stephanie Adams had positive comments about the members-at-large in the Memphis area. She will provide information to Robin.

Gail Brabson was unable to attend the conference meeting so Robin Hutchins gave the report of the nominating committee. She reported that Gail sent an email to members of the nominating committee a week or so ago and she said that she and Gail have been working on officers and should have a final report soon.

Madeline Becker gave a positive Treasurer's report. Our finances are excellent.



2011-12 TMAA LEADERSHIP

- Barbara Blanton
- Beth Kasper
- Vicki Eastham
- Madeline Becker
- Ellen Evancho
- Dottie Pennington
- Susan Brown
- Kalpana Gowda
- Heidi Dulebohn
- Deborah Hilgenhurst
- Gail Brabson
- Robin Hutchins
- Emily Shore
- Sheila Herring
- Sue Vegors
- Sarah Higgins
- Beth Thomas
- Connie Stohler
- Annelle Bond
- Stephanie Adams
- Sharon Gerkin
- Debra Liening
- Kathy Patten
- Andrea Gaume
- Jo Terry
- Winfred Ruffner, Jr., MD

2011-12 AMAA LEADERSHIP

- Emma Borders
- Pat Hyer
- Jo Terry
- Sarah Sanders
- Rosemary Xavier, Director



April 13-15th is the **TMA/TMAA Annual Meeting** at the Airport Marriott, Nashville. Those on the conference call discussed possible activities. It was the consensus of those present that we need to do something different. Plans have not been finalized, however, Judy is checking with Whole Foods, Salud's in Nashville who will provide a cooking class plus dinner. Another suggestion in addition to the cooking class was to find time for a NASH TRASH TOUR. On this tour the "Jug Sisters" tell jokes and fill you in on all the Trash in Music City. Annelle Bond said that she had taken this tour with NAMA and it was enjoyable. During the tour, participants dine on Cheez Whiz and Ritz Crackers. Judy will give us a report on this in the February NEWSLINE. During the Annual Meeting, Jo Terry, will serve as the AMA Alliance representative and Rose Kuplesky, SMA Alliance president will serve as the SMA Alliance representative.

Dottie Pennington, AMA Foundation Vice President, was unable to attend the meeting but she sent her report. Donations from the Holiday Sharing Card totaled around \$40,000.

Sue Vegors, IMPACT Chairman, was not present but reported that collections are encouraging. She also reported that two physicians are running for the state senate and possibly a third, putting even more pressure on IMPACT to provide significant financial support to their campaigns.

Five TMAA members attended The Southern Regional Alliance Annual Meeting in Greenville, SC -- Beth Kasper, Jo Terry, Sheila Barnett, Sarah Higgins, and Sue Vegors.

March 30th is **Doctors' Day**, and several charitable as well as social events are being planned to honor physicians. Remember to take pictures and write a report to be sent to the Southern Medical Association Alliance. First place winner receives \$500. Barbara Blanton and Robin Hutchins serve as SMAA Councilors and can provide you with information. Also, it is time to order Doctors' Day supplies such as tray cards, cups, etc. More information may be found on the SMAA website.

We are so proud of our website. Take a visit sometime at www.TMAAlliance.org (You will be pleased you did!!)

As many of you know, Stu Ginsberg had major surgery and was in Vanderbilt Hospital before being transferred to Stallworth. If you would like to send a card or note of encouragement to Stu, his address is as follows: Vanderbilt Stallworth Rehabilitation Hospital, 2201 Children's Way, Nashville, TN 37212. IPT Stu Ginsberg, 2204 B. You can also follow Stu's progress on Caring Bridge at www.caringbridge.org/visit/stuginsberg

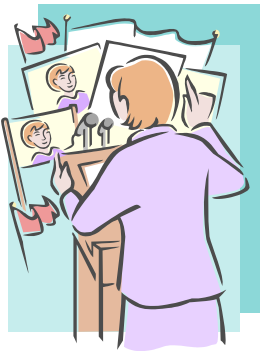
Judy has been right by his side throughout this long process. Please remember them in your prayers.

Barbara



**Get your membership forms and dues in now.
If you have any questions on this, please
don't hesitate to contact Robin Hutchins
our VP of Membership.**

**You can reach her at rhutch1029@gmail.com
(865)693-5997. We need to get those
dues in by early March to make our
deadline!**



The Dolores Chandra Award

The Dolores Chandra Excellence in Leadership Award was established in memory of Dolores Chandra, TMAA President 1998-99. Dolores was a native of Ireland. A registered nurse by education, she made her home in Chattanooga as the wife of Channappa Chandra, MD, and she was the mother of three sons. An outstanding community leader, she devoted her time to many worthwhile causes. At the time of her death, she had served on the AMA Alliance Board of Directors as AMA Foundation Chair and as a Director. The Dolores Chandra Excellence in Leadership Award is presented annually by the members of the TMAA House of Delegates to a TMAA member who demonstrates outstanding leadership in the alliance, their family and their community.

If you have a candidate who you feel demonstrates these leadership skills in your county alliance please complete and submit the application by March 15, 2012. If you have questions please contact Judy Ginsberg at the TMAA office at 615-460-1651 or TMAA@tnmed.org.



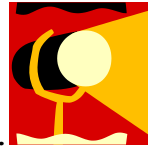
***A Night of Love & Charity:
A Benefit for Children's Advocacy Center
Thursday, February 9
6:30 pm – 8:30
W-U-J***

***More information
Contact Konni Minter –423-330-7725***

Learn more:
www.TMAAlliance.org
[www.ama-
assn.org/alliance](http://www.ama-assn.org/alliance)



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBER.....



This month we want to spotlight **all** of you whose mission of the Tennessee Medical Association Alliance is to partner with physicians to promote the health of Tennessee and to support the Family of Medicine. **You** pledge your loyalty and devotion to the American Medical Association Alliance. **You** support its activities, protect its reputation and ever sustain its high ideals.

We salute **all** of you as **TMAA members !!!!**



Now is the time for you and your spouse to join **IMPACT!** Your membership will allow IMPACT, the TMA's Political Action Committee to support those in elected positions who share our views and support independent medicine.

Please visit the IMPACT Website at www.tnimpact.com to make a contribution or send a check for \$300 sustaining or \$1,000 for Capitol Hill Club today.

Sue Vegors, TMAA Representative to IMPACT Board of Directors

Get ready for a powerful show of “good medicine” on Capitol Hill! PITCH (Physicians Involved at Tennessee’s Capitol Hill--formerly Doctor’s Day on the Hill)

All regions of the state are coming together this year for one strong, coordinated visit to the halls of the General Assembly on **Wednesday, March 7, 2012**. Physicians, spouses and practice managers are needed to descend on the Legislature as a united “white coat” show of support for the issues that affect our patients and our practices. TMA will be providing a casual lunch for participants and then hosting a mid-afternoon “social” where you will be able to meet-and-greet legislators and their staffs. The rest of the day, participants will attend committee meetings and meet personally with legislators to discuss the issues important to organized medicine. **So reserve this date on your calendar.**



Share and Care - The Family of Medicine



We are sad to announce the following deaths:

- Carlos Bledsoe, father of Beth Thomas
- Mother of Dottie Pennington

If you would like to send a condolence message ~~

Dottie Pennington 9 Dove Tree Lane Jonesborough TN 37659	Beth Thomas 9100 Hemingway Grove Circle Knoxville TN 37922
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Once again if you have family news to share, please let us know. 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.

IS IT YOUR BIRTHDAY?



The TMAA wants to wish our Alliance members a HAPPY Birthday when it's your special day. 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 barbarablanton@aol.com and Judy Ginsberg our executive assistant at HTMAA@tnmed.org or snail mail is still accepted at:

TMAA 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.

January birthdays: Laura McKinney (7th), Alida Ross (14th), Sandra Fish (15th), Lea Anne Wiles (26th), and Patricia Cosby (30th).





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. This is a great way to honor someone in a special way.

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. Ellen Evancho, Asst. Treasurer
2330 Craig Cove Road
Knoxville, TN 37919

Log on to the AMAA website <http://www.amaalliance.org> and take advantage of the benefits for your membership as an AMAA member. Those companies that AMAA has partnered with are: Sears Commercial, Bally Fitness, Consultants Paul Amundsen & Associates,



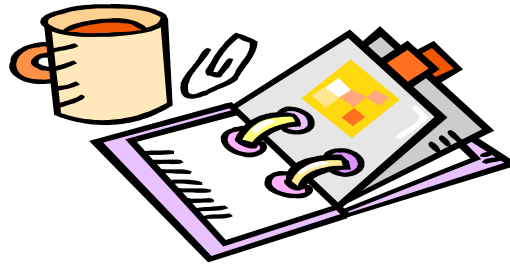
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Greenville SC***



ALSO LOOKING AHEAD...

March 1 Deadline for Dolores Chandra Award Nomination

March 15 Final Membership Dues to TMAA Office

March 7 PITCH DAY (see above for more information)

March 30 Doctors' Day