



TMAA NEWSLINE

“COMMUNICATE, EDUCATE, PARTICIPATE”

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Dates to Remember:
Sept 11-12 TMAA UPDATE-

Knoxville
Sept 30-Oct 2 LDC
Chicago

President's Message

Hello Everybody! It's hard to believe that it has been three and a half months since State Convention! The summer is flying by and in my area, school children will be starting back to school next Monday.

***UPDATE** will be held in Knoxville again this year, September 11-12th. Robin Hutchins is chairing this event. The meetings will be held again at Mercy West Hospital and the Sunday night event will be held again at the Silk Purse. But lots of things have changed! I am asking everyone who has a position on the board to give a two – three minute report. Also, the VP of the four major focus groups will give a 30 minute workshop. In 2007, Sue Vegors helped develop a strategic plan and she will go over this plan plus share a few new ideas. We had a great time at the Silk Purse last year and I feel sure that this year will be even better! In addition, members of KAMA plan to prepare dinner and I know this will be a special treat!*

*Fall **Leadership Development Conference** will be held in Chicago, September 30-October 2. Sheila Barnett, KAMA has already made her reservations to attend! Judy Ginsberg and I also plan to attend. The last time I visited Chicago, we had lots of beautiful snow! The delegation usually has dinner out at least one evening so bring your snow boots!*

***SAVE** day is always the second Wednesday in October. This year, the date is October 12th. I hope your alliance has already made plans to make everyone aware of the prevalence of violence, in our schools, homes, and work places. Since 1995, the AMAA has encouraged each local alliance to develop a project to Stop America's Violence Everywhere. I will be sending a sample proclamation that you can take to your mayor to have signed. If you can get a picture of the mayor signing the SAVE proclamation, please send me a copy for my president's scrap book. Also, you might wish to collect toilet articles or make a financial contribution to the local woman's shelter in your area.*

I will be sending out an agenda for UPDATE very soon.

Hope to see you at UPDATE next month.

Thanks,

Barbara

UPDATE 2011

KAMA Members who will be preparing our delicious Sunday Evening, September 11 meal at the Silk Purse



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



***UPDATE 2011DON'T MISS IT!
SEPTEMBER 11-12 , 2011---KNOXVILLE***

- ***TRAINING SESSIONS***
- ***4 - FOCUS VPs – 30 MINUTE WORKSHOPS EACH***
- ***SUE VEGORS – SHARE STRATEGIC IDEAS/PLAN WITH GROUP***
- ***SILK PURSE EVENT WITH DELICIOUS MEAL PREPARED BY KAMA LADIES***
- ***PLUS SEEING OLD FRIENDS AND MAKING NEW ONES***

2011-12 AMAA LEADERSHIP

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

Registration Form is attached. Make sure to complete and send in to TMAA Office asap.



Save the Date

Leadership Development Conference (LDC)
September 30 – October 2, 2011

Chicago Marriott Downtown ~
Magnificent Mile

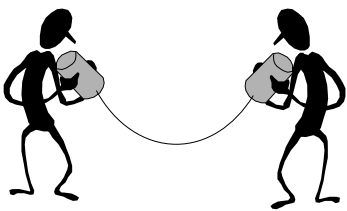


*We are presenting a shorter, more concise meeting schedule. The 2011 Alliance Leadership Development Conference will start at **8:00 a.m. Saturday (October 1st)** and will end Sunday afternoon by **3:30 p.m. (October 2nd)**. We will also have optional educational sessions on Friday afternoon (September 30th) and a welcome reception Friday evening for those who are in town early!*

Discounted, Early Bird registration will open in August on the Alliance website.

*Single and Double rooms at the **Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile** will be available at the discounted rate of **\$239 per night**. Feel free to pair up with a friend to reduce costs! The link to book at the discounted rate will be available in July on the Alliance website.*

More information will be shared as it becomes available. Visit the AMA Alliance website at www.amaalliance.org.





IMPACT

Locally, support the legislators in your district. Statewide you can become a member of IMPACT! What is IMPACT? IMPACT is a non-partisan, independent political action committee established by the Tennessee Medical Association aimed at the election and retention of pro-medicine candidates.

Alliance sustaining membership is \$100 or Alliance Capitol Hill Membership is \$250. You may mail your check to:

IMPACT, 2301 21st Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212 or contact the IMPACT office at 615-460-1656.

The new website for IMPACT is www.tnimpact.com where you can also contribute through a secure Paypal account.

Thank you for joining or renewing!

Sue Vegors, TMAA Representative to IMPACT Board of Directors



BE A MEMBER ON OUR TEAM....

BE A TEAM PLAYER.



**Together
Everyone
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MEMBERSHIP

Vice-President -Membership:
Robin Hutchins

Assistant Vice-President Membership:
Emily Shore

FOCUS

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Memberships in a county Alliance, the TMAA and the AMAA make a difference in the health and well-being of our communities. This federation is the largest organization representing the family of medicine in the United States. Benefits of membership include friendships, volunteer opportunities and leadership development training. In addition, a member becomes part of the legislative grassroots efforts on behalf of medicine.

Share the work of our Alliance with physician spouses who are not members. I believe every physician spouse can benefit from membership in the local, state, and national Alliance. If a Tennessee county has no alliance, we encourage membership at the state and national level (members-at-large). Medicine in America is changing: the Tennessee Medical Association Alliance wants to be a part of that change.

Submitted by,
Robin Hutchins, TMAA Vice-President Membership

**TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION ALLIANCE
Membership-at-Large Form**

Please send this application with your check for \$80.00* payable to **TMAA** to:

TMAA
P.O. Box 120909
2301 21st Avenue South
Nashville, TN 37212-4934

NAME _____
SPOUSE'S NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____
COUNTY _____
PHONE _____ FAX _____
EMAIL _____

* Your \$80.00 pays for dues in AMAA and in TMAA.

Please check any applicable areas:

- I am interested in being a dues-paying member only.
- I am interested in attending state meetings.
- I am interested in starting an organized alliance in my county.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the TMAA office at the following:

Phone: (615) 460-1651
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1-800-659-1862
Email: tmaa@tnmed.org

Or you may contact President Barbara Blanton at:

Phone: 931-684-6761 E-mail: barbarablanton@aol.com

We appreciate your continued membership in the Tn. Medical Association Alliance

For excellent leadership training with an emphasis on membership, Join your fellow TMAA members at the AMAA Leadership Development Conference in Chicago on September 30 – October 2, 2011. You won't be disappointed!

WE NEED A HISTORIAN



Still looking for that special someone with artistic magic in their fingers...Know them who loves to scrapbook?? We need them. She/he gathers our photos or interesting articles about local alliance and its members that would be included in this year's TMAA scrapbook and consolidates it into a wonderful scrapbook for us to view at 2012 Annual Meeting. Give us that special call.

We are waiting to hear from you....Thanks. Barbara and Judy

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 TMAA@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.

July birthdays: Gail Brabson (12th), Patsy Donovan (19th), Lorrie Villeneuve (20th), Rhonda Spady (27th), Bettye Hillman (28th), Dee McQuain (30th) and Anne O. Fleming (31st).

August birthdays: Myrtianne Downs (2nd), Una McCreary & Vicki McGowan (4th).





Share and Care - The Family of Medicine

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.

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 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,

HEALTHeCareers



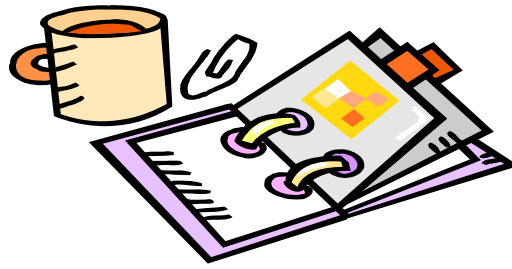
Hertz Rental Cars



Avalon Waterways , and **Amazon.com**



The Amazon.com generates a rebate for the AMAA.



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**TO EVERYONE WORKING ON
UPDATE - IT TAKES MANY PLAYERS
TO PUT TOGETHER A FABULOUS
TEAM AS OUR TMAA GROUP**

THANKS ONE AND ALL.....