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“COMMUNICATE, EDUCATE, PARTICIPATE”

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Dates to Remember:

Sept 11-12 TMAA UPDATE-

Knoxville

President's Message

OUR TMAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2011-2012
INSTALLED AT ANNUAL MEETING - NASHVILLE
APRIL, 2011



Seated from left..Beth Kasper (President-Elect), Barbara Blanton (President), Vicki Eastham (Recording Secretary)
Standing from left..Gail Brabson (Asst. VP Legislation), Robin Hutchins (VP Membership), Ellen Evancho (Asst. Treasurer), Deborah Hilgenhurst (VP Legislation), Emily Shore (Asst. VP Membership), and Madeline Becker (Treasurer).

Those absent:

Dottie Pennington (VP AMA Foundation), Kalpana Gowda (VP Health Promotions), Susan Brown (Asst. VP AMA Foundation), Heidi Dulebohn (Asst. VP Health Promotions), Sheila Herring (Parliamentarian), Annelle Bond & Stephanie Adams (Personnel Co-Chairs), Connie Stohler (Reading), Sharon Gerkin (Physicians Health Program), Sue Vegors (IMPACT representative & Archives), Sarah Higgins (Archives & Bylaws), Jo Terry (Member-at-Large on Philanthropic Board), Andrea Gaume (Member-at-Large on Philanthropic Board), Debra Liening (Legislation) and Kathy Patten (TMF Board Representative)

“The real leader has no need to lead - he is content to point the way.”

Henry Miller

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

WHAT MAKES A GOOD LEADER?

- Be flexible and open to change
- Learn to listen
- Motivate
- Prioritize
- Delegate
- Communicate
- Work together
- Have fun

From the AMA Alliance....Everything You Need to Know. A Handbook for Alliance Leaders.

Thanks,

Barbara

**Announcing AMAA Officers installed at June 2011
Convention in Chicago.....**

PRESIDENT -- Emma Borders, Bernice, LA
Email: ejborders@bayou.com

PRESIDENT-ELECT -- Pat Hyer, Ft. Worth, TX
Email: Pathyer@att.net

SECRETARY -- Jo Terry, Knoxville, TN (OUR OWN)
Email: jo.terry@comcast.net

TREASURER -- Sarah Sanders, Savoy, IL
Email: sasgoboilers@comcast.net

DIRECTOR
Debbi Ricks, Los Gatos, CA
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FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT



TMAA PRESIDENT BARBARA BLANTON & NAMA PRESIDENT ANDREA GAUME

The Nashville Academy of Medicine Alliance hosted a Special Honorary Tea on May 16th at the home of Dr. Lee and Kellee Bryant, Nashville, TN. Columnist, Dr. Bill Fleet gave a presentation on “Saw Dust and Turnip Greens”!

Philanthropic Awards were presented to three nursing students.

Officers for 2011-12 were announced. Andrea Gaume will serve as president.



BE A MEMBER OF OUR TEAM. BE A TEAM PLAYER.

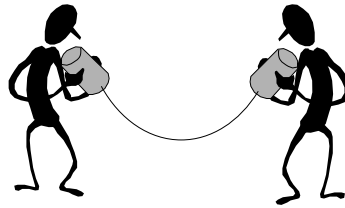
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Dear Alliance Members,

I want to once again say "thank you" for all your support and hard work during my year as your TMAA president. Thank you also for the beautiful potted orchid you had delivered to my hotel room at the Annual Meeting. I will give it all my TLC and keep it as a reminder of you all and your friendships.

With gratitude and smiles,
Gail



Dear Mrs. Blanton:

It was a pleasure to meet you recently at the Nashville Academy of Medicine luncheon. We so appreciate the Academy's generous support of the Tennessee Medical Foundation Physician's Health Program.

I have enclosed a new, updated TMF brochure reflecting our emphasis on **Saving Lives. Saving Careers** for you.

Thank you for your dedication and service. We of the TMF appreciate the support of the Alliance and the TMA.

Best wishes,
Vincent L. Parrish, L.C.S.W.
Development Director

IMPACT

Tort Reformed Has Passed! What can we do to thank our legislators who helped this important piece of legislation to become a reality in TN? 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

The minutes from UPDATE 2010 have been read and approved by the reading committee. A copy of these minutes is on file at the TMAA office.

UPDATE 2011 IS COMING IN THE FALL.....

DON'T MISS IT!

- TRAINING SESSIONS
- MORE INFORMATION TO COME

MARK YOUR CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 11-12 , 2011
KNOXVILLE





AMAA Annual Meeting Chicago, IL

The AMAA Annual Meeting in Chicago took place June 18-21, 2011. The meeting was held at the Swissotel Chicago one block from the Hyatt where the AMA Convention was being held. This was the first year the meeting was considered an annual meeting rather than having a House of Delegates. Any AMAA member could attend and have a vote on changes that needed to be addressed. The only two attendees from Tennessee were Jo Terry and Gail Brabson. The total number of attendees for the meeting was 150 which was very good for our first annual meeting. This was only down about 25 from having the House of Delegates a year ago. We had the privilege of hearing Dr. Cecil Wilson, AMA president. The AMPAC breakfast was well attended. Many of you have met Emma Borders from Louisiana who was installed as the new AMAA President 2011-2012. The luncheon for the installation was lovely, and our own Jo Terry was installed as the AMAA Secretary for 2011-2012. What an honor for Jo! We are very proud of her. I cannot say enough positive things for what the AMAA has to offer our state and county members. Not only from attending these meetings, but from the National Alliance staff and website as well, there is much to be learned. More of our TN Medical Alliance members need to attend these meetings. Please watch for more information about the AMAA LDC meeting in Chicago Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2011. You can go to the AMAA website to watch for details: www.amaalliance.org

I hope you enjoy a few photos from the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M Brabson, TMAA Immediate Past President



Emma Borders, AMAA President 2011-12 & Gail Brabson



Gail and Jo Terry at the Installation Lunch for Emma Borders. Jo was installed as the new Secretary for the AMAA for 2011-12.



Sharon Gerkin with Joe DiMaggio at the AMPAC reception at the AMA Convention 2011.



Elaine Alexander (left) President of the PA Medical Alliance, Gail Brabson, Immediate Past President of TMAA, & Donna Rovito – President Elect of PA Medical Alliance.



Drs. David Gerkin and Leonard Brabson with Marilyn Monroe at the AMPAC reception at the AMA Convention 2011.

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AMA FOUNDATION

Vice-President -American Medical Association Foundation:
Dottie Pennington

Assistant Vice-President American Medical Association Foundation:
Susan Brown

The Mission of the AMA Foundation is to improve the health of Americans through philanthropic support of quality programs in public health and medical education.

Today's medical students and residents face greater financial pressures than ever before. The AMA Foundation provides financial assistance through scholarships, grants and awards to medical students.

Tennessee Physicians and Alliance members give generously each year. For well over 30 years, TMAA has been number one in the nation in fundraising for the AMA Foundation.

Donations this year include:

- Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, Nashville \$6,460.00
- University of Tennessee Health Science Center, College of Medicine, Memphis \$14,436.00
- Meharry Medical College School of Medicine, Nashville \$11,807.25
- East Tenn State University, J.H. Quillen College of Med. Johnson City \$3,400.00
- University of Tennessee Health Sci Center College of Medicine, Chattanooga \$14,513.75
- University of Tennessee Medical Education, Jackson \$220.00
- University of Tennessee Medical Education, Nashville \$364.00
- University of Tennessee Health Sci Center College of Medicine, Knoxville \$6,657.35

AMA FOUNDATION REPORT- End of Year Report-2010-2011

Tennessee, always the Volunteer State has again made a great contribution to the AMA Foundation. During a stretched economy, county alliances have done a superb job of raising funds.

Again, six alliances participated with wonderful participation from the members and very good cooperation from county chairs. Each county participating raised several thousand dollars. Total raised for the year as of March 1, 2011 was \$52,619.00. This was an increase over last year. One alliance in Tennessee raised just short of \$14,000. This is outstanding considering the condition of the nation. Over 378 physicians in Tennessee made this happen.

Thank you to all county chairs who worked so faithfully to accomplish this task. The Sharing Card Fund raiser is an exciting venue for raising our share of funds for the American Medical Foundation which will help many students with monies for schooling, funds for better health as well as the development fund.

I want to express my appreciation to all donors, county chairs and board members for participating in this worthy cause.

Submitted by,

Emily Shore, TMAA Vice-President AMA Foundation 4/15/11

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.

June birthdays: Cathy Chang (14th), Julie Gardner (18th), and Suzy Pinyard (25th).



Share and Care - The Family of Medicine

Good news -----

- **Rachel Vegors**, daughter of Alliance members Bob and Sue Vegors, is a National Park Ranger at the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument in Montana. If you are taking a western road trip this year, stop in.



However, we are sad to announce the following deaths:

- **Glorianne Kritselis**, sister of Andrea Gaume
- **Mary W. Herring**, mother-in-law of Sheila Herring

If you would like to send a condolence message~~

Andrea Gaume
884 Lakemont Drive
Nashville, TN 37220

Sheila Herring
9657 Stanfield Road
Brentwood, TN 37027

This year Andrea serves on our Philanthropic Board as a Member-at-Large and Sheila serves as our Parliamentarian.

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 new 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



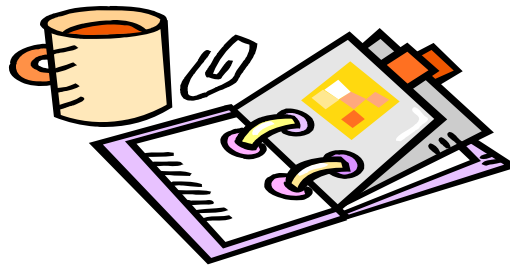
Avalon Waterways



, and Amazon.com



The Amazon.com generates a rebate for the AMAA.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



June 21



begins

July 4

Independence Day



Sept 11-12 TMAA UPDATE-Knoxville (more details to follow)

Sept 30 –

Oct 3 LDC Chicago (tentatively set)