



TMAA NEWSLINE

“COMMUNICATE, EDUCATE, PARTICIPATE”

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Dates to Remember:

Sept 30-Oct 2 LDC
Chicago

Oct. 12 SAVE Day

President's Message

The TMA Alliance had a very successful UPDATE in Knoxville. The success was entirely due to the expertise and professional presentation of the Four Focus Vice Presidents, Sue Vegors, Strategic Planning, and Debra Lienen, Legislation Representative.

The Four Focus Vice Presidents presented seminars on:

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| • AMA Foundation | Dottie Pennington |
| • Health Promotions | Kalpana Gowda |
| • Legislation | Deborah Hilgenhurst |
| • Membership | Robin Hutchins |

Participation and interest was evident by discussion during and after the presentations and the questions asked afterward.

Everyone felt that this UPDATE was a successful educational event that will benefit alliance programs in the future.

Sue Vegors gave an excellent presentation on Strategic Planning. Her report is an attachment to this *Newsline*.

Beth Kasper gave a very moving 911 memorial and we were reminded once again about the number of lives that were lost and the number of families affected by this tragedy.

Debra Lienen serves as Legislative Representative and participates in meetings with Gary Zelizer, Director, Government Affairs and Julie Griffin, Assistant Director, Government Affairs. She will keep members of the alliance informed about legislative issues in which we need to be involved before the legislative session begins in January.

Physical support by Event Chairman, Robin Hutchins and her co-chairman, Gail Brabson made the meetings most comfortable and enjoyable with the arrangement of meeting spaces, the refreshments and the delicious meals.



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

Beth Thomas deserves special recognition for the items she collected for the “goody bag” which she arranged through donations from local businesses.

Mary Pankiewicz presented a program on “Real Solutions to Becoming Clutter-free & Organized.” Using Mary’s suggestions, I have been busy trying to get my office organized and the clutter “shifted” to another location such as a file cabinet!

As usual, our Executive Assistant, Judy Ginsberg had everything organized and ready and we received many positive comments from the attendees about the success of the meeting.

Barbara

IMPACT

NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN 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

2011-12 AMAA LEADERSHIP

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



**Strategic Planning
Report 2011**

**BUILDING HEALTHY
COMMUNITIES**

**HELPS TO DEFINE
WHAT WE DO
AS AN
ALLIANCE**

AMAF



Legislation Health Promo



Communication



Membership



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



*The 2011 Alliance Leadership Development Conference will begin at **8:00 a.m. Saturday (October 1st)** and end Sunday afternoon by **3:30 p.m. (October 2nd)**.*

Some of our TMAA members plan to attend along with our own Jo Terry, current AMAA Secretary. On their return home, they will share what they learned. Safe travels to the big city.



**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:

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Email: tmaa@tnmed.org

Or you may contact President Barbara Blanton at:

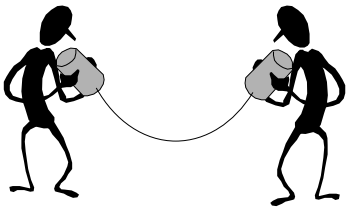
Phone: 931-684-6761 E-mail: barbarablanton@aol.com

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

**Join us. We need
you.**

**If not a member
of an alliance, be
a Member-At-
Large.**

Be heard.



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 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.*

September birthdays: Madeline Becker & Annelle Bond (5th), Lee Anne Duncan & Miriam Fulmer Handorf (11th), Joy Allen, Heidi Dulebohn, & Susan Kirkwood-Koenig (14th), Caryl Fletcher (19th), and Marcia Bechtel (22nd).



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.

Teamwork is the ability to work as a group toward a common vision, even if that vision becomes extremely blurry.



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:

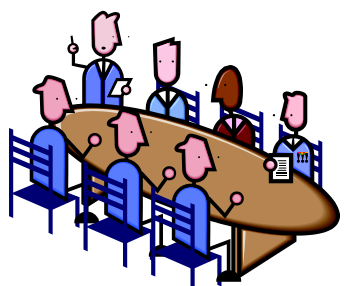
1. Name of the deceased or honoree.
2. Name and address of the family receiving the acknowledgement.
3. Your (donor) name and address.

Send your check to:

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

AMAA Member Benefits!

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,



HEALTHeCareers



Hertz Rental Cars



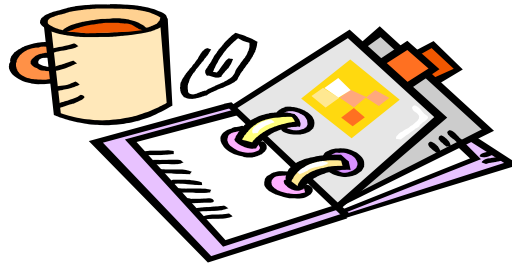
Avalon Waterways, and



Amazon.com



The Amazon.com generates a rebate for the AMAA.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 30 –

Oct 2 LDC – Chicago

Oct. 12 SAVE Day



Fall

The old earth is changing;
The seasons turn round.
The autumn leaves flutter
Their way to the ground.

My own world is changing;
The seasons conspire
To grant me the peace
Of a rest by the fire

~Melissa Pinol~