

To Keep In Touch

Ohio State Medical Association Alliance

President's Letter



Looking Forward to a Year of "Expanding Understanding"

With summer in full swing "Fall Focus" is just around the corner. Plans are in place for interesting, informative and inspiring speakers, and workshops to enhance Alliance efficacy in functioning and fundraising. We will also share some fun, camaraderie and great meals, so please plan to attend. As your new president for the OSMA-A and a proud member of the wonderful Summit County Medical Alliance, I am excited to

welcome all of you to Akron for this year's Fall Focus.

Our Annual meeting/convention on May 13th and 14th was a successful culmination to a year of hard work and dedication on the part of our immediate Past President, Cindy Batie. We all owe her a debt of gratitude for her passion and leadership which kept us moving in a positive direction. I am personally grateful for her example and guidance and for her constant encouragement.

Special thanks to all who attended or played a part in a memorable installation evening. I was touched and honored to have Dr. Richard Ellison, OSMA President, perform my cere-

mony, with the help of his wife, Mary Beth Ellison, President of SCMA and President Elect of OSMA-A, to install this year's officers: Carol Sankovic, Vice President, Kris Firth, Secretary and Suzanne Costandi, treasurer.

Good luck and best wishes to all of our county Alliances as you kick off your year. Keep us informed of your events, activities and accomplishments. Call or contact me or any of our state and AMA Alliance officers for assistance in any way or to request speakers for your events. (Visit the AMA Alliance website, especially the Project Bank for ideas and support) I look forward to the year and to visiting

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"EXPANDING UNDERSTANDING"

HR 3962 Passed by the House

The House passed H.R. 3962 a few weeks ago, which provides a 2.2 percent Medicare fee schedule update for physician services through November 2010.

The bill passed by a bipartisan vote of 417 to

1. Since the same legislation passed the Senate, the bill will be sent promptly to President Obama's desk to be signed into law.

The 2.2 percent update provided by H.R. 3962 would replace the 21 per-

cent Medicare cut currently in effect, and be applied retroactively to claims for services provided on or after June 1.

(Taken from an email sent on June 25, 2010 from D. Brent Mulgrew, Executive Director, OSMA)

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as many of you in person as I possibly can.

These are turbulent times for the family of medicine. I firmly believe that, as Alliance members, we do have the credibility and the responsibility to affect public opinion on health care delivery. With a "unified voice" (county, state and national) for the family of medicine our message will be heard...that we intend to protect the integrity of our spouses' lifelong dedication to their profession. Together we do make a difference..."a burden shared is half a burden".

Patty Kamienski

President,



Ohio Delegation with Nancy Kyler, outgoing President, AMA Alliance

Message from Cindy Batie, OSMAA Past President



Dear Alliance Members,

Thank you so very much for my beautiful Pandora bracelet that you presented me with at our 70th Convention. I was so very touched and will treasure it always just as I will the memories and experiences I have had being your State President. It truly was an honor and a privilege to serve as the Ohio State President of the Alliance for 2009-2010. It was a great year because of you and all the wonderful support, spirit, and cooperation I received from each of you. We are so blessed to have such a vibrant and enthusiastic membership. Let us continue boldly towards the future with Patty Kamienski as our new leader of the Alliance because we have so much in common, we all love a Doctor! Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at Fall Focus up in Akron in Patty's neck of the woods!!



CONGRATULATIONS



Here are the awards that were handed out at our 70th Annual Convention

Health Promotions Awards

Category I: Community Service
Columbus Medical Association Alliance
Franklin County

Category II: Education and Awareness
Clark County Medical Society Alliance

Category III: Fund Raising
Summit County Medical Alliance

Category IV: No entries

Category V: Save-A-Shelter
The Academy of Medicine of Toledo
and Lucas County Alliance

Category VI: Joint Program with Your Medical Society

The Academy of Medicine of Toledo
and Lucas County Alliance

Category VII: On-Going Project
Columbus Medical Association Alliance
Franklin County

Category VIII: Medical and Allied Health Scholarship

The Academy of Medicine of Toledo
and Lucas County Alliance



Directory/Yearbook

First Place
Academy of Medicine Alliance of Cincinnati

Second Place
The Academy of Medicine of Toledo and
Lucas County Alliance

Third Place
Summit County Medical Alliance

Honorable Mention
Lake County Medical Alliance

Newsletter - Hard Copy

Best
Columbus Medical Association
Alliance Franklin County

Newsworthy
Academy of Medicine Alliance of Cincinnati
Summit County Medical Alliance

Honorable Mention
Clark County Medical Society Alliance

Newsletter - Online Communication

Best
The Academy of Medicine of Toledo and
Lucas County Alliance

Columbus Medical Association Alliance
Franklin County

Honorable Mention
Clark County Medical Society Alliance

Membership Brochure

Best: Summit County Medical Alliance
Honorable Mention: Lake County

Invitation or Program Brochure

First Place
Montgomery County Medical Society
Alliance

Second Place
Summit County Medical Alliance

Third Place
Academy of Medicine Alliance of Cincinnati

Doctors Day Award Recipients

Columbus Medical Association Alliance
Franklin County

The Academy of Medicine of Toledo
and Lucas County Alliance

Clark County Medical Society Alliance

Mahoning County Medical Society
Alliance

AMA Foundation Awards

Largest Contributor
Lima-Allen County Medical Alliance

Second Largest Contributor
Montgomery County Medical
Society Alliance

Third Largest Contributor
Trumbull County Medical
Society Alliance





AMA Alliance Annual Meeting Report

A delegation of four OSMA Alliance members joined more than 170 delegates from more than 30 states during the June 13-15, 2010 AMA Alliance House of Delegates session in Chicago. Those attending were Cindy Batie (Clark Co.), Mary Beth Ellison (Summit Co.), Patty Kamienski (Summit Co.), and Tom Swan (Muskingum Co.).

The Ohio delegation was especially proud of our own Tom Swan, who was this year's chosen vocalist for the singing of the national anthem! We were also happy and proud that the Summit County Medical Alliance received an honorable mention HAP award for their "Totally Wicked Evening" spring fundraiser event. We are proud to announce that both Tom and Cindy Batie have accepted positions on the 2010-11 AMA Alliance board.

Among the achievements at this year's meeting were:

****AMA Alliance Bylaws amendment** permitting the organization to broaden its scope of membership and move from a House of Delegates to an Annual Meeting, where each registered member is entitled to vote on the issues facing medical families.

****A Bylaws amendment** stating that a regular member of this organization may be any member of a physician or medical student couple, present or former, at least one of whom is a physi-

cian or medical student who is eligible to be a member of the AMA; or an individual physician or medical student who is eligible to be a member of the AMA.

****The delegates also adopted a policy statement** in support of efforts to raise awareness of PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and stresses involved with military personnel and their families. States were asked to endorse this policy statement with an action at their Annual Meetings and to support it with their state legislators and local newspapers to raise public awareness.

This year's membership recruitment will target "medical couples", in hopes of reaching male physician spouses. The bylaws amendment in the membership category is a means to that end.

Most impressive and inspiring at this year's meeting were the HAP and LEAP award winning projects. All 15 of the entries submitted can be viewed on line at the AMA Alliance website under "project bank"

(www.amaalliance.org). Especially noteworthy were the HAP awards to Indiana State Medical Association Alliance for their "Treat the Troops: Mental Health Matters", which led to the HOD adoption of the above mentioned policy statement, and the Mecklenburg Medical Alliance and Endowment, N.C., for their "Lucky Hearts Cam-

paign" for the purchase and placement of AEDs (automatic external defibrillators). LEAP awards of special interest were the Michigan State Medical Society Alliance's "White Coat Rally", which drew 1,000 physicians, their staff, and Alliance members from across the state, who gathered on the steps of the state capitol to oppose a physician tax bill. They successfully affected the senate rejection of the proposed tax. The 2010 county LEAP award went to Central Medical Society Alliance in Mississippi for their "Fit 4 Change-Fitness Challenge", which engaged State Legislators, the Governor's office and civilians in a weight loss challenge that culminated with a March 30th, Doctors Day 5K run. An incredible amount of work, creativity and effort went into these projects, all of which proved what an incredible impact our Alliances can have on our communities.

This year the AMA Alliance also instituted a dues incentive for the State Alliances of a \$10 rebate for any new or re-recruited members and also member benefits including Sears and Bally Fitness discounts and 20% discount on Keurig office coffee makers. As always, it was an intense three days, well worth the time and travel!

Respectfully Submitted,
Patty Kamienski, Delegation Chair

"Installation Thank You Notes from Patty"

Besides the big thank you to the Ellisons and Cindy Batie in the President's Letter, I would like to thank Sue Dingle for her "logistical" help, Marlene Irvin for her encouragement and gift of the Willow Tree "courage angel", Joy Myers for her wisdom, Tom Swan for his lovely, musical invocation, and Cindy Wolfe, Administrative Assistant extraordinaire, for her patience and hard work on behalf of all of us! I am also grateful, beyond words, to the members of my "home" Alliance, the Summit County Medical Alliance... especially to Bev Devine, Alice Dickey, Mary Beth Ellison and Jennifer We-gryn for joining and supporting me by taking leadership roles on the OSMA-A 2010-11 Board.

And thanks to so many amazing Past Presidents of the SCMA and the OSMA Alliance who served as my role models with their hard work and dedication to the goals of the Alliance. The wonderful notes, emails, phone calls and letters I have received have served as fuel for my journey. I especially appreciated the letters from people in my own SCMA who worked so diligently on State issues in the 1990's, determined to remain connected to the State Alliance and the global family of medicine. It "does my heart good" to know that they are happy to see us back in full force. We all owe them a debt of gratitude for their passion and dedication... their determination will always be remembered and cherished. Their hard work, on behalf of our Alliance mission

as a whole, validates my decision to accept this challenge.

Love and thanks to Dr. Zou and Carol Yassine, SCMA Past President 2002-03, for the lovely champagne toast. The evening was made complete by the presence of my husband, Rob, daughter, Dena and her husband, Jamie Hunt, and my little grandson, Colin... my daily companion! Rob delivered a lovely toast (with Yassine's donated champagne); Dena did a sentimental reading, followed by the reading of email messages from my children who could not attend...that touched my heart and got the tear ducts flowing!

My love and thanks to all of you!!



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Calendar of Events

Publication	Deadline for articles
TKIT Aug/Sept Issue	August 20, 2010
TKIT Oct/Nov Issue	October 18, 2010
TKIT Dec/Jan Issue	December 8, 2010
TKIT Feb/Mar Issue	February 8, 2011
TKIT Apr/May Issue	March 28, 2011
Special Meetings	
AMA Alliance LDC in Chicago	September 25-28, 2010
North Central Alliance Meeting Minneapolis, MN	March 4 & 5, 2011
All Executive Board Meetings start at 10 am followed by the regular Board Meeting starting at 10:30 am Location specified below	
Thursday September 23, 2010	Fall Focus Hilton Akron/Fairlawn Akron, Ohio
Tuesday November 16, 2010	OSMA Headquarters
Tuesday January 11, 2011	OSMA Headquarters
Tuesday March 8, 2011	OSMA Headquarters
May 12-13, 2011	OSMAA Convention OSMAA Headquarters
Headquarters/Finance Meetings at OSMA Headquarters — Headquarters Meeting starts at 10 am with Finance Meeting to follow Location: OSMA Alliance Headquarters	
Thursday September 16, 2010	OSMA Headquarters
Tuesday April 26, 2011	OSMA Headquarters

2010-11 OSMA Alliance Board

President	Patty Kamienski, Summit County
President Elect	Mary Beth Ellison, Summit County
Vice President	Carol Sankovic, Mahoning County
Secretary	Kris Firth, Lake County
Treasurer	Suzanne Costandi, Hamilton County
Immediate Past President	Cindy Batie, Clark County
Parliamentarian	Joy Myers, Franklin County
Historian/Photographers	Jennifer Wegryn, Summit County and Shirley Nicholson, Montgomery County
	Jennell Brown, Lucas County
	Cindy Wolfe
Alliance Journal	Cindy Batie, Clark County
Headquarters Chair	

District Directors

District 1	Marlene Irvin, Hamilton County
District 2	Shirley Nicholson, Montgomery County
District 3	Stephanie Patick, Allen County
District 4	Anna Seiwert, Lucas County
District 5	Jennifer Scerbo, Lake County
District 6	Kathleen Prasnal, Stark County
District 7	Genevieve Germaniuk, Trumbull County
District 8	Sue Johnson, Fairfield County
District 9	Julia Randaisi, Scioto County
District 10	Kathy Harter, Franklin County
District 11	Mina Behi, Richland County
District 12	Jennifer Wegryn, Summit County

Standing Committees

AMA Foundation	Kathleen Prasnal, Stark County
Bylaws	Retta Spreen, Hamilton County
Communications	Nancy Burton, Lucas County
Fall Focus	Bev Devine, Summit County and Jennifer Wegryn, Summit County
Finance	Tom Swan, Muskingum County
Health Promotions	Bev Devine, Summit County
Legislation	Dee Talmage, Lucas County and Penny Combs, Lake County
Legislative Liaison	Kathy Harter, Franklin County
Strategic Planning	Sue Dingle, Franklin County
Membership	Mariam Sandhu, Stark County
OSMAPAC	Dee Talmage, Lucas County and Kathy Harter, Franklin County

Special Committees

Doctors Day	Alice Dickey, Summit County
Convention 2011	Mariam Sandhu, Stark County and Genevieve Germaniuk, Trumbull County
Spirit & Marketing	Jennell Brown, Lucas County

North Central Alliance Meeting Information

North Central Alliance Meeting— March 4-5, 2011 to be held at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN. The cost will be \$89/night and \$150-registration which includes 3 meals. AMA Alliance President, Susan Todd, will attend all regional meetings as a means to the most exposure to the most Alliance members. It makes good sense for us to become “re-invigorated” and involved with the Regional Alliance in view of our state members, Tom Swan (Health Promotion) and Cindy Batie (Membership Marketing), commitment to the National level activities.

Headquarters News

DON'T FORGET TO... Check out the enclosed brochure and registration form for:

**Fall Focus, Hilton, Akron/Fairlawn, Akron, Ohio
September 23-24, 2010.**

REMINDER... The AMA Alliance has changed their dues effective July 1, 2010, the new dues amount is: **\$50.00 instead of \$40.00.**