

To Keep In Touch

President's Letter.....



March is a month full of celebrations. It is my hope that soon we can all celebrate Spring in the air! On the day of our most recent Board meeting in Columbus, March 8th, we had the opportunity to add some Mardi Gras color to the room. It was also International Women's Day. On



March 13th, we will "spring forward" with daylight savings time, and, on March 17th, celebrate St. Patrick's Day, even if we are not Irish! And, hopefully, on March 20th, we will actually be able to usher in Spring (and celebrate Purim) with sunshine to dry up the floods and warm our weary bones! It seems that every time



March is also National Red Cross Month, National Nutrition Month, National Music in Our Schools Month, Foot Health Month, National Noodle Month and National Sauce Month...couldn't we combine those?!

the air starts to smell of earth-worms and, the lilies-of-the-valley poke through in the hope of Spring, we get hit with another load of snow!

Certainly, we can all find a reason to acknowledge our favorite causes and celebrate something. All of the events on our calendars give us an excuse to do so. It is always good to find as many reasons X to be **philanthropic** and **happy** as possible. We need simply to watch the news everyday to realize that we can feel lucky compared to so many...and let us keep the people of New Zealand, China, and *now*, Japan in our thoughts as they face incredible loss of precious lives, massive devastation and overwhelming challenges at the mighty hands of mother nature (not to mention all of the people in the world suffering at the hands of evil people!). These disasters make our own daily concerns and frustrations pale by

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comparison. We wonder where our lives are taking us, with protests in our State Houses and talk in Washington of government shutdown! I have been watching my hometown of Madison, Wisconsin on the news for weeks and seeing the sentiment spread here to Ohio as well! No matter where any of us stand on any given issue, we all feel concern for the state of our hometowns and our nation.

As I read Alliance newsletters from around the State, it gives me hope that good deeds and the people who perform them are alive and well...and living in the form of medical Alliance members! I never cease to be amazed at the determination and fortitude of our members. In these hard economic times the fundraising continues, individuals in need of assistance receive it, wonderful community service programs are still being founded and funded by caring selfless Alliance members...like all of you. The camaraderie, friendship and support that we can all claim as members of the "medical family" are frosting on the cake. The



perks and personal satisfaction we all get from being part of a community dedicated to the greater good is the real reason for belonging to this or any group whose lofty goals are to serve those in need.

Our Annual Convention will be May 12-13, 2011, at the OSMA Office. It was decided at the March Board meeting that we will deviate a bit from our usual format on day one to hold a mini-seminar on 'Governance and Bylaws'. We felt this would be a much needed session to help so many of our Counties to transition from governing by Board to governing by committee. The room accommodations and our installation reception and dinner will once again be held at the Columbus Marriott Northwest. ***Please fill out the enclosed registration form*** and plan to be with us to celebrate the Installation of our 71st OSMA Alliance President, **Mary Beth Ellison!**



I want to congratulate all of you for jobs well done in the face of difficult times. You should be so proud of yourselves and your fellow members....smile at each other to spread the sunshine we all so desperately need right now. With a proud heart for all that you accomplish...and warmest regards,



Your President,

Patty

Patty Kamienski
2010-2011 OSMA Alliance President

“Laughter....the Best Medicine”



The Washington Post has published winning submissions to a yearly contest in which readers were asked to supply alternate meanings for common words. And the winners are:

- ☺ Coffee, n. The person upon whom one coughs.
- ☺ Flabbergasted, adj. Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.
- ☺ Abdicate, v. To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
- ☺ Esplanade, v. To attempt an explanation while drunk.
- ☺ Willy-nilly, adj. Impotent.
- ☺ Negligent, adj. Absentmindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown.
- ☺ Lymph, v. To walk with a lisp.
- ☺ Flatulence, n. Emergency vehicle that picks someone up who has been run over by a steam roller.
- ☺ Balderdash, n. A rapidly receding hairline.
- ☺ Testicle, n. A humorous question on an exam.
- ☺ Rectitude, n. The formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
- ☺ Pokeman, n. A Rastafarian proctologist.
- ☺ Oyster, n. A person who sprinkles his conversation yiddishisms.
- ☺ Frisbeetarianism, n. The belief that, after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
- ☺ Circumvent, n. An opening in the front of the boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.



OSMA News.....

Report on the OSMA Council Meeting

Once again I had the privilege of observing the OSMA Council in action at their January 21-22, 2011 meeting. Their agenda is always packed to the hilt and exhausting. I am always amazed by the amount of work that goes on behind the scenes on behalf of our physicians in Ohio.

On Friday evening, January 21, we had a two hour presentation by Phillip Cass, Executive Director of the Columbus Medical Association, regarding an extensive research project they undertook to examine the changing face of medicine and how the medical societies and associations would need to change, to meet these needs and the issue of declining membership.

Saturday, January 22, was a full day covering everything from — the OSMA 2011 budget, Council resolutions to be covered at the Annual Meeting regarding membership reorganization, a comprehensive review of OSMA Policy, Health System Reform Implementation, a Legislative report, including the 2011 Legislative Agenda, the Focused Task Force on State Legislation and an OSMAPAC update **‘Especially impressive and noteworthy was the discussion on the OSMA Advocacy Agenda’.**

This extensive report covered the following:

- ◆ **Scope of Practice** — opposing harmful scope of practice expansions and require truth in advertising.
- ◆ **Medical Liability Reform** — supporting legislation that gives immunity for physicians giving emergency care or disaster care and, establishing a Minor Statute of repose at 4 years rather than 21 years.
- ◆ **Health Insurance Reform/Administrative Simplification** — limit take backs to six months, improve insurer prior authorization requirements and standardize physician profiling.
- ◆ **Public Health** — smoking cessation efforts, combating prescription drug abuse epidemic, obesity, health insurance coverage for comprehensive cancer screenings, and skin cancer prevention by introducing legislation to protect Ohio’s children from excessive exposure to UV tanning bed radiation.
- ◆ **Ensuring access to high quality medical professionals and facilities.**
- ◆ **Lobbying Ohio’s Congressional Delegation** — lobby for a permanent fix to the Medicare SGR and support positive efforts in the federal health system.

IT IS A FACT THAT - ***TRIAL LAWYERS ARE WORKING TO OVERTURN THE OSMA’S SUCCESSFUL LIABILITY REFORMS*** AND THEY ARE DOING IT BY SUPPORTING POLITICIANS WHO AGREE WITH THEIR AGENDA.

DON’T LET THEM WIN!!

Support the OSMA’S political action efforts and help STOP trial lawyers!

Headquarters News.....



Deadlines for OSMA Alliance Annual Convention



3/31/2011 — Deadline for **Communications Award** — mail all forms of communication (such as directories, newsletters and yearbooks) to: Nancy Burton, Communications Chair, 2736 Edgehill Rd, Ottawa Hills, Ohio 43615, phone: 419-531-7382, or email: nancyk.burton@gmail.com. The AMA Alliance website can be a tool to find information related to newsletters, directories and invitations. Resources are free and can be downloaded from the AMA Alliance website. www.amaalliance.org

3/31/2011 — Deadline for **County Presidents Reports** (*to be published in the Annual Convention packets*) - Reports may be submitted by mail to: Cindy Wolfe, OSMA Alliance, 3401 Mill Run Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026, or email: alliance@osma.org; or fax: 614-527-6763..

3/31/2011 — Deadline for **Doctor's Day Award** — mail your entries to: Alice Dickey, Doctor's Day Chair, 2811 Walnut Ridge Rd, Akron, OH 44333.

3/31/2011 — Deadline for **Health Promotions Awards** — mail your OSMAA entries and completed form to: Hangameh Nassef, Health Promotion Chair, 8690 Hopewell Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45242; phone: (513) 745-0080 or email: hengamehbn@gmail.com.

3/31/2011 — Deadline for **In Memoriam** — Reports may be submitted by mail to: Cindy Wolfe, OSMA Alliance, 3401 Mill Run Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026, or email: alliance@osma.org; or fax: 614-527-6763..

3/31/2011 — Deadline for Annual Reports from **State Officers, District Directors & State Committee Chairs** (*to be published in the Annual Convention packets*) - Reports may be submitted by mail to: Cindy Wolfe, OSMA Alliance, 3401 Mill Run Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026, or email: alliance@osma.org; or fax: 614-527-6763..

All forms can be found on the OSMA Alliance website:
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OSMA Alliance Convention—What you need to know about the process.....

County Delegate and Alternate Information

Every organized county unit is entitled to send Delegates and Alternate Delegates to our House of Delegates. County Presidents and County President-Elects are automatically Delegates. Additional Delegates are determined by County membership numbers. Combined Members-At-Large are entitled to elect a delegate and alternate.

Counties receive one delegate for every 50 members or fraction thereof received in the OSMA-Alliance office by the state dues deadline. For example, if your county has 50 state members you are entitled to one Delegate plus your President and President-Elect as Delegates. If you have 51 members, you are entitled to two Delegates plus your President and President-Elect.

You may also wish to send Alternate Delegates to the Convention to fill in at times when your Delegates are unable to attend. Please send those names to: Cindy Wolfe, OSMA Alliance, 3401 Mill Run Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026, or email: alliance@osma.org; or fax: 614-527-6763 by **March 31, 2011**.

AMA Alliance News.....

Save the Date



The ***AMA Alliance Annual Meeting*** will take place in Chicago on June 19-21, 2011, at the Swissotel in downtown Chicago, next to the AMA meeting hotel (Hyatt Regency). Since the change of format from a formal House of Delegates to an Annual Meeting, **ALL AMA Alliance paid members are welcome to attend, participate and vote on issues.**

Per members' suggestions, the AMA Alliance has streamlined the schedule (1 ½ days instead of 4), decreased the number of nights hotel stay (1-2 rather than 3-4), decreased registration fee with an early bird incentive (\$199-which will include the opening reception on Sunday, breakfast on Monday and Tuesday, and the installation luncheon on Tuesday), and lowered the room rate from last year to—\$245 per night. Please consider attending and being part of the Alliance process. Go to www.amaalliance.org for updated information.



County Corner.....



Franklin County — Congratulations to the Columbus Medical Association Alliance for recognition received on the “Oprah” show for the six passenger stroller they donated to the McGhee sextuplets , born seven months ago at OSU Medical Center!!

Hamilton County reported the passing of a dedicated member of the County and State and Past President for Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati Alliance, Jan Davison. A moment of silence was held in her memory at the OSMA Alliance March 8th Board meeting.

Lucas County — We are keeping Lucas County President, Kiran Rai, in our thoughts and prayers after her successful recovery from neurosurgery surgery. Sincere condolences to Kiran and her family, on the tragic loss of her brother, Dr. Krathik Hegde.

Stark County proudly reports that member (County and State), Pat Fuller, is being honored on April 13th with the Junior League of Stark County “Women of the Year” Community Award!

Summit County — Congratulations on your very successful Spring fundraiser, the “Big Birthday Bash” in honor of SCMA 70th Anniversary, and the 40th Anniversary of your founding of Mobile Meals, Inc.!

Events around the state.....



The Columbus Medical Association Alliance ‘Show House Tour’ is **Tuesday, May 3rd**. Tickets are \$15.00. They will be having lunch at Scioto Country Club afterwards. You will be able to choose your own meal off the menu and can pay Sue Dingle directly for what you order. Contact Sue Dingle if you have any questions.

Lake County is having their Scholarship Dinner, Tuesday, May 24th .



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Calendar of Events

Publication	Deadline for articles
TKIT Apr/May Issue	March 28, 2011
<p>***All Board Meetings start at 10 am*** (Note: this is a change from the original meeting scheduled) Location specified below</p>	
Meeting Date	Location
May 12-13, 2011	OSMAA Convention OSMAA Headquarters
<p>Headquarters/Finance Meetings Meeting starts at 10 am Location: OSMA Alliance Headquarters</p>	
Tuesday April 26, 2011	OSMA Headquarters
<p>OSMA Annual Meeting April 1-3, 2011 Hilton—Easton Columbus, Ohio</p> <p>Stop by and see the OSMA Alliance Booth at the OSMA Annual Meeting!!!</p> <p>(The OSMA Alliance will have a booth at the meeting to try and recruit new members.)</p>	

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	Shirley Nicholson, Montgomery County
Photographers	Jennifer Wegryn, Summit County and Jennell Brown, Lucas County
Alliance Journal	Cindy Wolfe
Headquarters Chair	Cindy Batie, Clark County
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	Jennifer Wegryn, Summit County
Finance	Tom Swan, Muskingum County
Health Promotions	Hangameh Nassef, Hamilton 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