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Note from President

I would like to invite you to attend the Summer session and celebration held on **August 9th at the IMS headquarters in West Des Moines**. It promises to be an informative and fun-filled day. We will cover legislative issues, and health promotion projects to share in your community, as well as giving you the chance to enjoy lunch and socialize with other interesting Alliance leaders. You will also have the opportunity to win some exciting gifts from the AMA Foundation raffle, proceeds of which go towards scholarships for medical students.

So, I encourage you to come and develop **your** leadership potential!

We have also been working on developing our website. Please check it out at www.ims-alliance.org. You can obtain the most current information re our health projects, the AMA Foundation, legislative issues that concern physicians, and the services that we provide to **you** as a member of the family of medicine through the S.O.S (Spouses Offering Support) program.

If you provide us with your email address, you will be receiving a monthly e-newsletter that will be easy to read, short and informative. In today's busy world, we are constantly looking for ways to be more effective with our time management.

Thank you, and have a great summer!

Darshini Jayawardena

President, IMSA

(Mason City)



National Annual Meeting Highlights

The highlight of the meeting was the installation of the AMAA President 2007-2008, Dianne Fenyk, from Minnesota. Three of the eight AMA Alliance Directors installed were from Iowa! They are: Barb Hanas (DeWitt), Kathy Lariviere, (Coralville), and Barb Savage (Johnston). We will be well represented at the National level.

Our new Medical Student Spouse representative for Iowa, Amy Ostendorf (North Liberty), was appointed to the newly formed Young Member Connection Task Force.

Congratulations to all!

Spouses Offering Support
(All calls are confidential)

Breast cancer
Jeannine Schulze
(515) 276-8370

Death of a child
Barb Hanas
(563) 659-8440

Death of a loved one
Patricia Minchin
(712) 323-0292

Death of a spouse
Barbara Bell
(515) 277-4860

Domestic abuse
Barbara Bell
(515) 277-4860

General/networking
Dorothy Carpenter
(641) 792-3961

General /parenting challenges
Loretta Sieman
(515) 225-3475

Handicapped Child
Barb Hanas
(563) 659-8440

Parenting Challenges
Jan Bannister
(515) 274-0191

Reproductive issues/adoption
Michelle Bennett
(319) 354-0666

Substance abuse/Mental health
Mary Conway
(480) 474-0598

Why Join the Alliance?

Let's look at some reasons to want to become a part of this Alliance:

- ✚ a chance to build lasting friendships
- ✚ new members moving into a community are welcomed
- ✚ great leadership development sessions
- ✚ making a difference in your community
- ✚ helping medical students
- ✚ funding medical research
- ✚ lobbying on legislative issues affecting physicians
- ✚ finding support through Alliance services
- ✚ and many more....

The IMSA is here to help you in all of the above ways.

If you are not in an organized Alliance county, then join us as a member-at-large. We can help you find other members living in your area to meet and get to know.

And always remember, the Alliance is here for **YOU!**

Alliance Leader of the Month

Maureen Lyons has been involved with her County Alliance ever since moving to Marshalltown 25 years ago. She has served as County President, State Treasurer, State Secretary, Health Projects Chair and District Councilor. Her most rewarding aspect of the Alliance has been getting to know other Alliance members, and sharing similar problems and solutions. She loves to run, walk and bike for exercise, and reading and cooking for pleasure. She has a degree in Biology from Iowa State, and worked in clinical labs before her children were born.



Maureen and her husband, Ken, have 4 children (Katie, 26, Nick, 24, Peter and Ben, 22).