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MEMBERSHIP

Welcoming New Members

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Welcome to the Medical Community!

Under the guise (ha!) of a costume party, the members of the Johnson County Medical Society & Alliance welcomed new members to their medical community with a Halloween party (costumes optional). It certainly looks as though a good time was had by all.



How does your county alliance welcome new members to the medical community? Send pictures! *Photo courtesy of Kathy Lariviere (black kimono).*

Memory Book still accepting submissions

Notice of erratum: Contrary to the info in last month's FOCUS, Sandy Nichols actually worked with the IMS Alliance **36 years**; prior to that she worked for the IMS for five years – a total of 41 years of service to the Iowa medical community. **Dorothy Carpenter** and **Martha Holzworth** are compiling a memory book of Sandy's years. Send a note or letter to Sandy via Dorothy and Martha; the deadline for submissions is February 1, 2008.



Submissions are best sent through mail to Dorothy at 7 Larchwood Court, Newton, IA 50208 or to Martha at 4661 N. 47th Place, Des Moines, IA 50310.

Our condolences to Dorothy Carpenter

Dr. Fred Carpenter, husband of IMS Alliance Past President (1985) Dorothy Carpenter, passed away October 17. A 1957 University of Iowa Graduate, Fred was an avid fan and supporter of the University. Returning to Iowa in 1965 after completing his training, Dr. Carpenter served his patients until a tragic fall only a few weeks before his death. Those wishing to honor Dr. Carpenter are encouraged to donate to the Dr. Fred Carpenter, Jr. Memorial Fund at the U of I Foundation, P.O. Box 4550, Iowa City, IA 52244-4550.

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Have an IMPAC(t) on legislation

What is IMPAC? The Iowa Medical Political Action Committee (IMPAC) is the political arm of the Iowa Medical Society, which represents over 4,600 physician members. IMPAC is a voluntary, non-profit organization that uses personal donations by physicians and their families to help elect pro-medicine candidates in Iowa. IMPAC makes campaign contributions to both state and federal candidates running for office in Iowa and is affiliated with AMPAC, the political action committee of the American Medical Association.

Why should you join IMPAC? Policymakers need to hear from physicians and physician families about how medicine should be practiced in Iowa now and into the future. IMPAC campaign contributions increase the visibility of physician issues, such as tort reform and scope-of-practice and strengthen the voice of medicine in the Iowa Legislature. By supporting pro-medicine candidates, IMPAC makes a strong statement about what issues are important to physicians and their patients in Iowa.

How do you join IMPAC? Watch your mail! As a member of the Iowa Medical Society Alliance, you will get a letter with a membership form from the IMPAC Physician Chair and the IMSA President asking for your support. You can also sign up on the IMS website (iowamedical.org) and click on the IMPAC icon on the right. Or simply email [Tess Young](mailto:Tess.Young@iowamedical.org) to have a form sent to you. Take the time to join! Together, we can make a difference.

Participate: January 3, 2008

The 2008 Iowa Caucus will be held January 3, 2008, at precincts across Iowa. To find your caucus, contact the [Iowa Democratic Party](#) or the [Republican Party of Iowa](#). General info about the caucuses can be found at <http://www.iowacaucus.org/iacaucus.html>

Happy Holidays, IMS Alliance!

The Board of Directors and past Presidents of the IMS Alliance extend best wishes to you and your family for a happy and blessed holiday season.

A donation has been given in your honor to the AMA Foundation.
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