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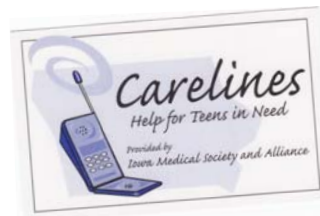
FOCUS on Carelines

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Carelines cards

37,000 Carelines were prepared by the Iowa Medical Society Alliance (IMSA) for Iowa Area Education Agencies for distribution to all seventh grade students in Iowa this fall.

Carelines is a joint health project of the IMS and the IMSA. Since 2002, these cards have been given each autumn to all Iowa seventh grade students, providing the students with a list of toll-free resources that address the many struggles adolescents face each day. It is the hope of both the IMS and the IMSA membership that the hotline numbers included on the cards serve as a lifeline to teens seeking anonymous and reliable help in times of need.

Contact [Jane Patten](#), Carelines Chair, for more information.

AMA Comes to the Iowa State Fair

Thursday, August 16, was the "American Medical Association Voice for the Uninsured Day" at the Iowa State Fair with the AMA hosting a booth. Samantha Rosmar, MD, represented the AMA and had brief meetings with a few Presidential candidates including Senator Barack Obama, D-IL and former Senator John Edwards, D-N.C. Jim Hubbard, MD, President, represented the IMS. The IMS Alliance came out to help in the efforts to raise awareness of uninsured Iowans, provide information on the AMA plan, and circulate petitions in support of this plan. IMSA representatives included Barb Savage, Kathy Lariviere, Barb Hanas (*in photo, courtesy of Kathy Lariviere*) and Richard Savage, MD. Mary Shuman of Missouri also lent a helping hand.



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Leadership Development Conference

Interested in developing your leadership skills? Looking for a network of like-minded individuals with an interest in public health and extensive resources? Excited by the most recent AMAA health projects? Consider attending **Leadership Development Conference I (LDC I) September 30 - October 2 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago**. Funds may be available to help defray transportation, registration and hotel expenses. Contact [Darshini Jayawardena](#), IMSA president to determine whether you qualify for reimbursement. For more information about LDC, [click here](#).

Spirit of Hermina lives on

Three lowans were honored August 2 as finalists for the Spirit of Hermina Award. Named in memory of IMSA member and past state president, Hermina Habak, this award recognizes lowans who take extraordinary measures to impact the health of fellow lowans. **Finalist Sharon Yearous of Cedar Rapids** was nominated for her impact on the health of Iowa students and school nursing. **Award recipient Tammy Bryant of Mason City** was honored for developing heart healthy programs for the youth of Cerro Gordo County. **Award recipient Ric Jurgens of West Des Moines** was honored for



(Left to right) Tom Newton, IA Dept. of Pub. Health Environ. Health Dir.; Tammy Bryant, award recipient; Sharon Yearous, award finalist; and Dorothy Carpenter, IMS Alliance representative. Not pictured: Ric Jurgens, award recipient.

his active leadership in promoting wellness to thousands through the Lighten Up Iowa and Lighten Up America programs. [Click here](#) for more about the finalists of the 2007 Spirit of Hermina Award.

IMSA Member of the Month: *James Entwistle*



September Alliance Member of the Month is Jim Entwistle of Scott County. An Alliance member since 1997, Jim has served as the state's AMA Foundation co-chair since 2003 and his county's membership co-chair for two years. He is a retired petroleum and civil engineer. Jim is married to Dr. Siv Brit Saetre; the couple has two children, daughter Solveig (15) and son James III (12).

Jim enjoys swimming, cycling, volleyball and rock collecting. He feels the most rewarding aspect of the Alliance has been meeting many motivated physicians and spouses from across Iowa and the US. Jim enjoys promoting the Alliance in his community and across the state.