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Mark your calendar!

Thursday,
July 17, 2008

Plan to attend the Summer Board Meeting at the Iowa Medical Society with Wed Pre-board at the home of [Tess Young](#), IMS Alliance Coordinator.

Contact Tess for address/directions



2008 Alliance Member of the Year: Ann Crouch

Ann is a longstanding, dedicated member of the Alliance. She was instrumental in organizing a new county Alliance in Clay County when Charlie began private practice in Spencer. She has served on the state Board for 15 years and inspires others with her positive attitude. In addition to being District III Councilor, Ann served as IMS Alliance President (2000-01) and has been a tireless champion of the AMA Foundation, chairing or co-chairing the state level efforts since 2002 and on the AMA Foundation Board of Directors 2002-04.

In addition to her Alliance activities, Ann is an active fundraiser for several local organizations, has been a member of PEO and chair of the Campaign for Growth. Ann attended the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa, where she earned certification as a nursing assistant and activities director. She is currently studying to be an EMT. Ann is married to Charlie Crouch, a Radiologist. They are parents of four daughters and one son - Meghan (22), Shea (19), Amy (18), Emma (16) and Bo (12).

2008 Alliance Outstanding Achievement Award: Stacie Fry

A member since 2003, Stacie has served at the county level as Polk-Warren County Health Promotion Chair, *Screen Out!* Chair, Chair of Playgroup Association of Medical Families and editor of Pulsebeat, the county Alliance newsletter.

In the fall of 2007, Stacie organized a booth at the Blank Park Zoo's Night Eyes event, resulting in 2000 signatures in support of the AMA Alliance's *Screen Out!* project. Currently she is working on a

partnership with JELiowa (Just Eliminate Lies), with the goal of gathering 1000 new signatures. She has solicited endorsements from six major hospitals and health care organizations in the Des Moines area for the Screen Out! campaign.

For her efforts to this cause, the AMA Alliance awarded her a \$1000 scholarship to attend the 2008 National Advocacy Conference held in Washington, DC this past spring.

In addition to her Alliance service, Stacie has served three years as a volunteer for the Iowa Clinic Health Foundation and is a Parent Volunteer at Sacred Heart School. Her husband, Dennis, is a Vascular Surgeon with the Iowa Clinic; Stacie and Dennis have three children: five-year-old twins Zack and Zoe and eighteen-month-old Turner.



6th Annual Physicians Golf Challenge to Benefit IMS Education Fund

The Iowa Medical Society Education Fund invites you to an afternoon of fun and golf. The entry fee is \$250 per player and all proceeds will benefit the IMS Education Fund, which provides scholarships to medical students and funding for public health activities. Since its inception in 2002, the IMS Education Fund golf tournament has raised \$259,066.

Mark your calendar for Monday, September 22, 2008. The brochure for the Golf Challenge will be posted on the [Iowa Medical Society website](#) within the next few weeks.

In 2007 three Spirit of Hermina Award finalists were recognized for the extraordinary measures they had taken to improve the health of Iowans: Tammy Bryant of Mason City, Ric Jurgens of West Des Moines and Sharon Yearous of Cedar Rapids. For the first time in the life of the award, there was an absolute tie (between finalists Bryant and Jurgens), resulting in two awards being bestowed.

Visit the IMS Alliance website (link below) for a nomination form.

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Call for Nominations: The Spirit of Hermina Award

Do you know of an Iowan or a group of Iowans who:

- Is involved in making a difference in the health of Iowans;
- Demonstrates the ability to collaborate with other groups to form an effective coalition to address community health concerns; and
- Can show effectiveness, creativity and commitment in efforts to improve the well-being of his/her community and/or Iowa?

Consider nominating this individual or group for the 2008 Spirit of Hermina Award!

Begun in 2003 in partnership with the Iowa Department of Public Health and sustained by the generosity of Dr. Philip Habak of Bettendorf, the The Spirit of Hermina Award is named in memory of IMS Alliance member and past state president Hermina Habak, whose commitment to an active and healthy lifestyle transformed her life and inspired all who knew her.

The ultimate purpose of the Spirit of Hermina Award is to honor special people or groups who have impacted the health of Iowans and to encourage others to make similar efforts. Send a one-page description of the efforts and person(s) involved. Include all contact information for the nominee. Materials in support of the nomination should not exceed five pages.

The Spirit of Hermina Award nomination form is available on the [IMS Alliance](#) web page.

Please submit nominations by July 15, 2008, to Dorothy Carpenter, 7 Larchwood Court, Newton, IA 50208
Questions? Call 641.792.3961 or email [Dorothy](#).

The 2008 Spirit of Hermina Award will be presented during the month of August 2008 in Des Moines (date and location to be determined). Finalists will be invited to attend and be recognized for their outstanding contributions to Iowa.

SAVE MEDICARE ACT of 2008 – Your Voice Needed!

AMA champion Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., has submitted her bill, [S. 2785](#), otherwise known as the Save Medicare Act of 2008, which has received bipartisan support and acclaim.

But we need your help encouraging your senators to get involved with this issue.

We need you to call or e-mail Sen. Charles E. Grassley and Sen. Tom Harkin. Urge them to co-sponsor S. 2785. Use the AMA Grassroots Hotline at (800) 833-6354.

The Save Medicare Act would stop the Medicare physician payment cuts for 18 months without increasing the cost of permanently fixing the fatally flawed Medicare physician payment system. The 18 month timeframe will inject some stability into the program for seniors and for physicians who may be forced to make difficult practice decisions because of the scheduled payment cuts. The timeframe will also provide time for Congress and the AMA to begin working on a long-term solution to the broken payment system, rather than devoting their efforts to stopping irrational payment cuts twice in one year.

Please, take five minutes and make the calls or [send the e-mails](#). **Urge Sen. Charles E. Grassley and Sen. Tom Harkin to co-sponsor S. 2785.** Your spouse's patients and practice are depending on it.