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Carolyn Elaine Olsen, 83, died at home in Minden on September 20, 2008, following an extended struggle with lung cancer.

She was born on August 15, 1925, in Omaha, Nebraska, and grew up on her parents' farm near Treynor, Iowa. Elaine graduated from Treynor High School in 1943 and completed her junior year in college before teaching seven years. She married Max E. Olsen, also of Treynor, on December 27, 1945. After he completed medical school in 1950, they moved to Minden, Iowa. Elaine was active in the Minden United Church of Christ; 4-H; Republican politics; Red Cross; Jennie Edmundson Hospital Board, Auxiliary and Foundation; mission trips to Yucatan; and the Medical Alliance (Auxiliary).

Max died in 1992. Elaine is survived by her children, Maureen Olsen of Neola; Teresa Olsen, M.D. of Springfield, Missouri; and Van and Craig Olsen of Minden; grandchildren Keith Olsen of Creston and Dawn Olsen of Treynor. Memorials are suggested to the Minden United Church of Christ, St. Paul Lutheran Church in Treynor, American Medical Association Education and Research Fund (AMA-ERF) or Jennie Edmundson Hospital Foundation.

This article is a reduction of Elaine's obituary, which appeared September 22 in *The Des Moines Register*.

You are invited to join the IMS Alliance board members in a collective gift to be presented to Elaine's family at her memorial service at Fall Board. Write your check to AMA Foundation; Tess will collect checks that arrive at the IMSA office (1001 Grand Ave., West Des Moines, IA 50265) by Fri., Oct. 20. You may also bring a check for the AMAF to Fall Board if you plan to join us for lunch and the memorial service. RSVP to Tess for lunch by Oct. 15.



Elaine Olsen

Fall Board Thursday, October 23

9 AM to 3 PM

at the Royal Amsterdam Hotel
705 East First Street, Pella

*Join us for lunch with Elaine Olsen's family
and a memorial service in her honor.*

Lunch (including tax & gratuity) is \$10;
RSVP to **Tess Young** by October 15.

Young Member Connection

The Iowa Medical Society and IMSA are working to produce three programs designed to provide resources to resident physicians, medical students and their spouses. The programs meld inspiration from Kathy Lariviere, IMSA member and AMAA Secretary, with those from the IMS.

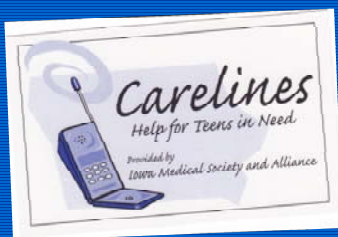
Two of the programs are designed to prepare resident physicians and their spouses for interviews for practice opportunities and life after the training years. Two web-based seminars (webinars) will be produced. The first, tentatively planned for late October, will cover topics ranging from determining the health of a medical practice to money management and licensing issues. The second webinar, tentatively planned for mid-January, will focus on the resources available from organized medicine, i.e., medical societies and alliances.

The third program, designed to assist medical students with information about lifestyles of various specialties, is tentatively planned for mid-November. This program features a panel format and will be held in Iowa City and Des Moines.

In addition to providing resources to assist physicians-in-training and their spouses with practice decisions, the IMS and IMS Alliance hope to see greater connections between the groups through these programs.

Carelines cards

36,000 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 IMS Alliance. Since 2002, these crisis cards have been given each autumn to all Iowa seventh grade public school students. The cards provide 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 IMS Alliance membership that the availability of free, anonymous and professional resources will provide Iowa youth with needed support in difficult situations. Contact **Jane Patten**, Carelines Chair, for more info.





Book Club / Author Event

Book Club / Author Event in Polk County

On September 11 the PCMSA Book Club met for its kick-off meeting with special guest Iowa author, Mary Gottschalk. We discussed her recent book, *Sailing Down a Moonbeam*, which tells of her travels on a three-year sailing adventure and of her self-discovery along the way. Mary now lives in Des Moines where she works as a financial consultant and increasingly focuses her professional energies on assisting nonprofit agencies that serve the homeless and the mentally ill. Jane Patten, who submitted this article and photo, notes that it was a very interesting meeting with great discussion.

Screen Out! petition signing at Go Red For Women luncheons

In effort to further the Screen Out! message, a petition-signing sponsored by the IMS Alliance will be held at the Go Red For Women luncheons in Iowa City on December 4 and in Sioux City December 5, 2008. Both events are part of the Go Red For Women movement, a program of the American Heart Association designed to promote awareness of and educate women about the deadly cardiovascular diseases that affect them.

The luncheons provide a unique opportunity to support two very important health issues while allowing exposure of the IMS Alliance in a public setting. Screen Out is a program sponsored by the AMA Alliance; for more information go to screenout.org. For more information about the Go Red For Women movement go to goredforwomen.com.



"No parent in America wants to pay for a movie that pushes smoking on kids."



IMS Alliance members attend national meeting

Eight members of the Iowa Medical Society Alliance attended the June 2008 annual meeting of the AMA Alliance. Delegates (from left to right) Darshini Jayawardena (Cerro Gordo) Maureen Lyons (Marshall), Stacie Fry (Polk), Deb McCalla (Woodbury), Sharon Andresen (Scott), Kathy Lariviere (Johnson) and Barb Hanas (Member at Large from Clinton) participated as members of the AMA Alliance House of Delegates. Barb Savage (Johnson) also attended as a delegate, but was unavailable for this photo.

In addition to their roles as delegates, Barb Hanas was reappointed as an AMA Alliance Director and Kathy Lariviere was installed as AMA Alliance Secretary.

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Focus on Membership

October Member of the Month – **Sheila Drevyanko**

Sheila and her husband Tim have been married for 36 years. They lived in Iowa City for 10 years for medical school, residency and fellowship. Sheila's been a member of the Iowa Medical Society Alliance since 1986; she joined to get to know other families who share the medical family experience. She's served on the IMS Alliance board as co-president of the Polk County Medical Society Alliance and is currently chair of Public Health and serving as co-chair of Membership.

Sheila is and has been an active member in many Des Moines community organizations; her passions are two health related causes. One is The Children's Tumor Foundation—Ending Neurofibromatosis (NF) Through Research. Sheila herself lives with this genetic disorder. It causes tumors to grow everywhere in and on the body; there is no cure. She serves as the Iowa contact for The Children's Tumor Foundation and finds it rewarding to provide support, raise funds for research and serve as an educational resource for Iowa families affected by NF. Sheila's second passion is Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa, where she serves on the board of directors. The wide range of health services this organization provides for underprivileged families is important to Sheila and her husband; they believe strongly in Planned Parenthood's mission. On August 12, 2008, Sheila received a Des Moines Business Record Women of Influence Award in recognition of her volunteer services to the Des Moines community.

Sheila's husband Tim is a surgical pathologist with Iowa Pathology Associates and is a lab director for Iowa Health-Des Moines. Sheila loves to travel and is a huge fan of Blues music.

