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Join us for the Fall Board meeting!

Thursday, October 23

9 AM to 3 PM

at the Royal Amsterdam Hotel
705 East First Street, Pella

Click [here](#) for a map to the meeting site.

Need a room? Call the Royal Amsterdam at 641.620.8400; mention IMS Alliance.
Block of rooms at \$79 released on October 6 - don't delay!

Featured presentation
How to Develop Followers Who Will Lead by AMA Alliance Secretary Kathy Lariviere.

Lunch is \$10; RSVP to [Tess Young](#) by October 15.

Card Shower for Elaine Olsen

Elaine Olsen, parliamentarian of the IMS Alliance Board, past state president and 1986 IMS Auxiliary Member of the Year has recently returned home after a hospital stay. She has been battling



illness (with incredibly good grace and a particularly dry sense of humor!) for nearly a year. Elaine's daughter, Maureen, notes that her mother enjoys cards and encourages her friends from the Alliance to drop her a note. Please send cards for Elaine to P.O. Box 128, Minden, Iowa 51553-0128.

— Advocate for America's Health —

Make plans to attend the National Advocacy Conference (NAC) in Washington D.C., March 9-11, 2009. Show unity with the advocacy agenda of the American Medical Association (AMA) on behalf of your spouse and gain leadership skills benefiting Alliance goals for the family of medicine. Details in future *FOCI*.

— [Make a Difference](#) —

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IMS Reading Retreat

[Register by Sept. 26](#)

IMS will host a weekend reading retreat October 3-5 at The Royal Amsterdam Hotel in Pella. Participants will discuss patient/doctor communications, relationships, obligations and other issues in biomedical ethics, all arising from situations depicted in works of literature. Participants will read selected short works and discuss the issues they present.

The retreat is limited to 24 participants. Registration deadline is September 26. The cost is \$200 per IMS member or guest; \$400 for non-members or guests. Please note that an IMS Alliance member whose spouse is NOT a member of IMS would attend at the \$400 rate. The registration fee covers meals. Please reserve your own hotel accommodations; rooms at the Royal Amsterdam (877.620.8400) are \$98+tax.

To view brochure, register and download a map to the hotel, visit www.iowamedical.org/reading.

LEADER'S DIGEST

This AMA Alliance leadership resource is just for you, our national, state, and county leaders, as a way to recognize your volunteer efforts and allow you to share your experience and knowledge with your fellow leaders across the country. The bi-monthly publication is designed to help you excel in your leadership role. It offers the resources and support you need to be a success-to help you plan and implement projects of real value for the family of medicine and for your community.

Sign up for this useful resource by contacting [Leia Vincent](#) at the AMA Alliance.

Cerro Gordo County welcomes new physician families

Members of the Cerro Gordo County Medical Society Alliance celebrated the end of summer with a coffee for spouses and families new to their medical community. In all, 17 adults and 31 children converged on a local park; new faces included two whose husbands recently entered the Family Medicine Residency program.

The sun shone bright, the healthy snacks were plentiful and the Alliance materials were on display. Adults chatted while the kids played. East Park boasts a newly restored steam locomotive; everyone was invited to climb aboard and ring the bell or blow the whistle. Volunteers with the train gave away key chains and coloring books.

Immediately after the coffee, notes were sent to reinforce how pleased CGCMSA members were to welcome the new spouses/families and encouraging them to contact members with questions about the community. The CGCMSA looks forward to inviting these new folks to their Family Fall Potluck to be held at the home of Membership Chair, Joan Pennington.



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