Greetings MSMA Officers, Councilors, Staff, and honored guests! My year will be one of promoting kindness, with an emphasis on the medical family; and that’s where I am today, celebrating the wedding of my niece.

I have been trailblazing across the state installing officers for Your County Medical Alliances. My first stop was St. Louis where I installed Co-Presidents Sandra Murdock and Sue Ann Greco, President-Elect Kelly O’Leary, and Vice Presidents Gail Thomason, Angela Zylka, Dr. JoEllyn Ryall, and Gill Waltman.

My next stop was Springfield, where I installed Co-Presidents Barbara Hover and Jana Wolfe. Christine Rice is Secretary, and Shweta Agarwal is Treasurer.

Next, it was back to Kansas City where I installed Co-Presidents Millie Bever and Sana Saleh. Lissa Young is in charge of health projects, and Kathy Hazuka is the Triad officer of treasurer, membership, and newsletter.

Donna Corrado and Kelly O’Leary have been representing MSMA Alliance educating and influencing young people on the Opioid Crisis. We will be observing Opioid Awareness and Education Day on August 31.

The next major Missouri event for MSMAA will be the Fall Conference hosted by Kathy Weigand in my hometown of St. Joseph, Missouri, on October 4 and 5.

Thank you to all the physicians, staff, and kind folks who have helped the Alliance and me personally this year. I would like to invite all spouses, physicians, or other interested parties to attend our Fall Conference. You will be made welcome. There are no gender, religious, national origin, or political pre-requisites! Come be with us, and make the Alliance a place in your heart.