

Missouri State Medical Association Alliance



Report from the MSMA Alliance to the MSMA Council

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The Alliance was busy over the holidays celebrating the festive season with family gatherings and hosting many charity and fundraising events. These were held to provide support for food banks, a mobile food drive, women's shelters, school programs and other local charities.

In November, **the SLMMS Alliance** hosted an evening at The Vault, a luxury resale boutique where a percentage of sales benefited the local Alliance health projects.

In December, a holiday sharing party was hosted by Sue Ann Greco and checks were donated by individuals and the Alliance to St. Martha's Hall, Loyola Academy and the St. Louis Area Food Bank. St. Martha's Hall also received toiletries for the women and books and toys for the children in the shelter. We are also supported by SLMMS in making these donations.

Kansas City Metro Med Alliance's holiday luncheon in December raised over \$500 for charitable donations. They also provided hats, scarves and blankets to Hope Lodge, the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Buchanan County Medical Society Alliance held a holiday luncheon and fundraiser, with half the proceeds benefitting the MSMF/Alliance Scholarship Fund and the other half directed to pay for the anti-bullying books they provide to the St. Joseph School District.

Cape Girardeau Medical Society Alliance set up and volunteered at a mobile food drive for families at Franklin School. They also held a holiday luncheon for alliance members.

Thanks to all who contributed to the **Alliance Holiday Sharing Card**. It was published with donor names in December in *Missouri Medicine*, *Show Me Alliance News*, by eBlast to the Alliance members and on the MSMA website. Proceeds from donations benefit the Foundations. There were 38 participants. We raised over \$3000 for MSMF, the majority designating the Alliance Scholarship Fund. There were 5 donations to AMAF. Two donors gave to MSMF and AMAF; two others gave to both MSMF funds.

Current Alliance Issues: The biggest problem facing the Alliance is maintaining its membership numbers and also identifying current members to take on leadership positions. We are still working to increase membership, round up former members and recruit new ones. Efforts are being made to retain the dissolved Boone County Medical Association Alliance members, at least as direct members of the MSMA Alliance.

Future Alliance Meetings:

The Alliance **Day at the Legislature** will be held Feb 19-20 in Jefferson City organized by our legislative Vice President Kirk Doan. The lobbying team at MSMA will prime us for our legislative visits and provide oppose/support information for the various bills affecting medicine. Our winter board meeting will take place the following day at the Baymont Inn.

The **MSMA Alliance Annual Meeting** will be held in conjunction with the MSMA convention in Kansas City April 4-6. Please mark your calendars for the **Alliance Foundation Fundraiser Dinner** to be held on Friday April 5 at the Westin. In honor of my theme for this year *Look on the Bright Side*, it is called *The British Invasion!* Kathy Weigand is chairing the event. Please look for details and the registration forms on the MSMA website and in *Show Me Alliance News*. Note that the hotel will not allow any on-site reservations.

We are also holding a **Cabi Fashion Show** (another small fundraiser) in a room to be assigned close to the Council meeting after dinner on Thursday night. This was very popular last year at convention. Proceeds from both events will benefit the MSMF.

Future Alliance board meetings are scheduled for February 20, and April 5 and 6. I plan to attend the **MSMA Council meeting** at convention on April 4.

Feel free to contact me with questions or comments.

Respectfully yours,

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