New Legislators in the Capitol for Alliance Advocates for Health Care Annual Day at the Legislature Feb 19 & 20
by Kirk Doan / VP Legislation

Alliance Advocates for Health Care Annual Day at the Legislature/Winter Board Meeting will be held on February 19-20, 2019, in Jefferson City. Alliance headquarters will be the Baymont Inn.

We'll start the two-day event on Tuesday at Baymont with lunch and an afternoon board meeting. Our Dutch treat dinner Tuesday night will be at Madison’s Cafe, in downtown Jefferson City, where we will hear from our MSMA lobbyists and receiving talking points for the march on the Capitol.

On Wednesday morning, we'll meet at the Capitol and then visit as many lawmakers as we can. Mark your calendars now and send in the registration form found inside by February 12. Visit www.msma.org/alliance to download the form.

Just a reminder, you don't have to wait until Advocacy Day to get things done. On March 5, MSMA is hosting a White Coat Rally Day at the Legislature. Visit www.msma.org/advocacy for more information. For this year’s election cycle, we had some awesome wins as far as “friends of medicine.” Please encourage your representatives and senators to support the issues facing medicine, patients and physicians in the coming session.

Remember they are your voting voice! Contacting your legislators is a way for them to know what is important to you. Call, write, email, and visit them.

Let MSMA’s lobbying team Jeff Howell and Heidi Geisbuhler know what is happening in your area. Be the eyes and ears for medicine. Your involvement gives us timely communications on legislative matters when the Missouri General Assembly (and the U.S. Congress) is in session. Visit www.msma.org/advocacy.

Opioid Epidemic Highlights Fall Conference
by Gill Waltman / Alliance President
& Diana Corzine / Alliance President-Elect

Your MSMA Alliance has been educating and encouraging physicians and communities about the sweeping opioid epidemic. At our October Fall Conference, we hosted several excellent speakers on the topic.

Held at Westminster College in Fulton, we received a warm welcome from David Roebuck, PhD, the Dean of Academic Affairs, who was excited to welcome the Alliance. He shared some personal background on his interest in opiate abuse. About a dozen undergraduate students were invited to participate in the program as well.

Two different sessions comprised our afternoon presentations: Identifying the Challenges Facing Missouri’s Criminal Justice System and The Addiction Epidemic: A Community Problem with a Community Solution. Invited speaker Isaac Amon, JD, LLM, is an adjunct professor at Washington University Law School. Until recently he worked as Director of Legislative and Constituent Services at the Missouri Department of Corrections (DOC) in Jefferson City, but was unable to attend. Two of his former colleagues from the Re-Entry program at the Director Ken Chapman and former parole officer Danielle Bellamy spoke on the difficulties facing individuals re-entering society after being both convicted and addicted. The speaker for the second session, Lauren Zehnle, MA, LPC, is a licensed professional counselor who runs a private practice for addiction counseling in St. Louis. MSMA Alliance Health VP Kelly O’Leary joined the three speakers for an animated panel discussion with great audience interaction, especially from the students. Donna Corrado did an excellent job as conference coordinator. See photo above.
Fall Conference, continued

Afterwards we had a repurposed jewelry/scarf/purse sale. Several members helped organize the sale, including Barb Hover, Sandra Murdock, and Sana Saleh. We had very little time for the sale, but several items were sold, totaling around $250. (The MSMAA Board decided that this income will be used for MSMA Alliance programs).

The guide for our private tour of the Marylebone Church and Churchill Museum following the program was well-versed in British history and it was an informative and worthwhile visit. MSMA President Joe Corrado, MD, joined us for dinner at the Buckshot Saloon and gave us an update on what he has learned from his visits to medical societies within Missouri and all its contiguous states.

The Alliance board meeting was held at the hotel the following morning. Pertinent board issues discussed were the disbanding of the Boone Medical Society Alliance and the concept of creating a new Alliance by reviving three now defunct mid-state Alliances.

More Notes from the President

Members and their spouses have been generous with their donations to the Alliance Holiday Sharing Card to support the Missouri State Medical Foundation and the AMA Foundation. Donors’ names will be published in the upcoming issues of Missouri Medicine, in this issue of the Show Me Alliance News, and on the MSMA website.

The Alliance Day at the Legislature will be held February 19-20, 2019, in Jefferson City. Our Legislative Vice President Kirk Doan is the organizer. Our winter board meeting will be held the following day. See registration form on page 7.

The Alliance Annual Meeting will be held in conjunction with the MSMA Annual Convention in Kansas City at the Westin Crown Center on April 5-7. Please mark your calendars for the Alliance Foundation Fundraiser Dinner to be held on Friday, April 5. In honor of my heritage, and also my (Monty Python) theme for this year “Look on the Bright Side,” it is called “The British Invasion!” Kathy Weigand is chairing the event.

We are also holding a Cabi Fashion Show (another small fundraiser) after dinner on Thursday night. This was very popular last year at convention. Proceeds from both events will benefit the MSM Foundation.
Alliance Past President Passes Away

MSMA Alliance friend, mentor, and past president, Carol Jean DeFeo, 72, Kansas City, Missouri, passed away suddenly on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at Truman Medical Center.

Carol Jean was born May 12, 1946 to John and Kathryn (Radocaj) Stipetich, on Strawberry Hill in Kansas City, Ks. She was a 1964 graduate of the Loretto Academy, of Avila College (1968), and of UMKC (Masters, 1974). Carol Jean married Dr. Fred Defeo in 1975, who precedes her in death. The couple lived and worked tirelessly to make a positive difference within the Kansas City area. Carol Jean taught mathematics at Rockhurst High school, and was involved with the Heart of America Council, BSA, and Boy Scout troop 1030 for over 43 years. She was involved with the MSMAA (state and local) in numerous roles, most recently being the Auxiliary President for Truman Medical Center.

Carol never met a stranger, tirelessly thought of ways to help individuals, and loved her family, friends and others around her with a beautiful smile on her face. She will be greatly missed. She will forever remain unforgettable to us, her friends, and always remembered fondly and with love. You were a treasure and a blessing, Carol Jean.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to any of the following in Carol Jean’s name: Avila University, Fred G. DeFeo, M.D. Memorial Award, UMKC, Rockhurst College or the Strawberry Hill Museum.

Alliance Presents Check to Physicians Health Program, which helps physicians with substance abuse

From left, Alliance immediate past president Marsha Conant presents a check for $1,000 to Lisa Thomas, MD, Medical Director of Missouri Physicians Health Program at a recent MSMA Council Meeting. Alliance President Gill Waltman announced that the check represented donations made at the end of Marsha’s term as president, in honor of her service in 2017-2018.

2019 WHITE COAT RALLY

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019

VISIT WWW.MSMA.ORG/WHITE-COAT-RALLY
93rd Alliance Meeting Preliminary Schedule

All Alliance meetings are at the Westin Kansas City at Crown Center unless otherwise indicated. Schedule subject to change.
Please check official program for exact times and locations.

**Thursday, April 4**
7:00 pm  Alliance Dutch Treat Dinner
Cabi Fashion Show Foundation Fundraiser

**Friday, April 5**
8:30 am  Alliance Board Meeting
10:00 am  Alliance General Assembly - Session I
12:30 pm  “Spirit of the Alliance” Awards Luncheon
3:30 pm  Alliance Past Presidents’ Reception
4:00 pm  Set-Up for Alliance Foundation Fundraiser
7:00 pm  “The British Invasion” Alliance Foundation Fundraiser & Dinner

**Saturday, April 6**
8:30 am  Alliance General Assembly - Session II
12:30 pm  Alliance Installation Luncheon
2:30 pm  Alliance Board Meeting
5:30 pm  Reception: 50-Year Pin Recipients & MSMA & Alliance Past Presidents
6:30 pm  MSMA Presidential Inauguration
7:30 pm  MSMA Presidential Reception

Alliance Registration
Coming in January

More information at
www.msma.org/annual-convention

Honor Your County Members Through Awards Program

“No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave.” - Calvin Coolidge

Recognize your outstanding individual members, as well as members-at-large, for nomination for one of two annual MSMAA awards.

The Sandra Mitchell Alliance Member of the Year Award honors an Alliance member who has shown a significant contribution to her/his community through an Alliance project, program, or responsibility which must have taken place in the Alliance year immediately preceding the Annual Meeting. Only one candidate per county is eligible.

The Jean Wankum “Spirit of the Alliance” Award honors an Alliance member who has shown significant contributions to her/his community through programs or responsibilities OUTSIDE the Alliance. Also, a candidate may be nominated for being a loyal and faithful member and for continuing to support and take part in Alliance activities and responsibilities over a number of years at the state or local level. Candidates may be nominated by any Alliance member or a county Alliance.

Deadline is March 1, 2019. Download nomination forms at www.msma.org/alliance

Contact Anne Turnbaugh at heintz2085@aol.com; Eileen Chalk at dubeiscreefarm@gmail.com; or Joan H’Doubler at 417-887-7474.

Convention is EARLY!
Make Hotel Reservations Now!

www.msma.org/annual-convention
Rates start at $151 per night plus charges and taxes.
Missouri State Medical Association Alliance

Holiday Sharing Card

From the following who most generously gave to the Missouri State Medical Foundation, to its Alliance Scholarship Fund, and to the American Medical Association Foundation.

We bring you tidings of good cheer, & wish you a happy, healthy & peaceful New Year.

Guiseppe Aliperti, MD & Debbie Aliperti
Sandra Ahlum, MD & Lent Johnson, MD
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Gregg J. Berdy, MD & Ranjan P. Malhotra, MD
(Ophthalmology Associates)
Mrs. Millie Bever
Jim Braibish & Diane Hammill, OD
Edmond Cabbabe, MD & Rima Cabbabe
Samer Cabbabe, MD & Amy Cabbabe, MD
David Chalk, MD & Eileen Chalk
Jim Conant, MD & Marsha Conant
Joe Corrado, MD & Donna Corrado
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Mrs. Angela Zylka
Greet Your Physician Legislators

Senator Bob Onder, MD (R)
State Senate District 2 (St. Charles)
- Hometown: Lake St. Louis
- Specialty: Allergy and Immunology
- MSMA Member since 1992
- Contact: bob.onder@senate.mo.gov

Beginning with his second term as Senator, Dr. Onder has been a tremendous friend to Missouri physicians throughout his tenure in the Senate. Last year, he offered heaps of support while we duked it out with Anthem. Dr. Onder just might end up as the Health Committee chair in 2019, and that would be a great place for an ally like him.

Representative Jim Neely, DO (R)
House District 8 (Cameron)
- Hometown: Cameron
- Specialty: Family Medicine
- MSMA Member since 2013
- Contact: jim.neely@house.mo.gov

Dr. Neely is starting his fourth term and has had a seat on the House Health and Professional Registration committees for several years now. He’s consistently been a friend to MSMA and we’re excited to have him back for another term.

Representative Elect Jon Patterson, MD (R)
House District 30 (Lee’s Summit, Blue Springs, Independence, Unity Village)
- Hometown: Lee’s Summit
- Specialty: General Surgery
- MSMA Member since 2011
- Contact: jon.patterson.md@gmail.com

Dr. Patterson, beginning his first term, is a tireless physician advocate and MSMA is looking forward to working with him on the MSMA agenda in 2019.

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Contributions or gifts to MMPAC are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal income tax purposes. MMPAC is a separate segregated fund established by the MSMA. Contributions to MMPAC can be made on either personal or corporate checks. Your corporation must have a corporate resolution regarding PAC donations if your contribution is made from a corporate account. Contributions are not limited to the suggested amount. MSMA will not favor or disadvantage anyone based upon the amounts of or failure to make PAC contributions.
Tuesday, Feb. 19
11:00 A.M.  Registration/Baymont Inn Meeting Room - Lunch catered by Panera
12:30-4:30 P.M.  Winter Board Meeting - Coffee and dessert during meeting
3:00 P.M.  Check-In at Baymont Inn
5:30 P.M.  Dinner/Dutch Treat Dinner - Madison’s Café in downtown Jefferson City
Briefing by MSMA lobbyists at dinner before going to Capitol on Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 20
6:30-8:00 A.M.  Complimentary Continental Breakfast at Hotel
8:45 A.M.  Meet at the Capitol - visit with Legislators
Noon  Check out of hotel
Luncheon  Dutch Treat Luncheon - Arris Bistro, 409 West Miller Street/next to Baymont Inn

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City/State/Zip ___________________________ County/Alliance____________________________
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Attendance & Fees - Check all you will be attending
___Advocates Day Registration (required for all participants)  $30*  X  # attending____ = $_____
___Advocates Day Late Registration (rec’d after Feb. 12)  $35*  X  # attending____ = $_____
___Tuesday Catered Lunch Dutch Treat  X  # attending____ = $_____
___Tuesday Dinner @ Madison’s Cafe Dutch Treat  X  # attending____ = $_____
___Wednesday Continental Breakfast @ Baymont Inn Complimentary of Baymont Inn
___Wednesday Dutch Treat Lunch @ Arris Bistro Dutch Treat  X  # attending____ = $_____

TOTAL  = $_____

Fee Payment & Registration
Make check payable to MSMAA and send by Feb. 12 to: Kirk Doan, Stinson Leonard Street, LLP, 1201 Walnut, Suite 2900, Kansas City, MO 64106.
Call/text with questions 816-691-2739 or email kirk.doan@stinson.com

Hotel Information
Baymont Inn - 319 W. Miller Street, Jefferson City. Room cost is $79.00/night.
Call the Baymont Inn at 573-636-5231 and ask for the MSMAA or Missouri Alliance Room Block.
Deadline for hotel reservations is Feb 12, after which availability and rate cannot be guaranteed.

Dietary or Faith Restrictions
No arrangements will be made unless notified. Please contact Kirk Doan.

Refund/Attendance Policy
Full refunds will be made if notification of cancellation is received by the event chair SEVEN DAYS prior to the opening event.

*The meeting/event registration fee will be paid by any Alliance member attending any or all events on the agenda.
Your registration fee covers paper materials, speakers’ fees, meeting room rental, and audio/visual equipment.
“The road to an Alliance meeting is never long.”