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AMAA PRESIDENT

Sandi Frost



SANDI FROST of Somerset, Kentucky is the President of the American Medical Association Alliance for 2008-09. In this capacity, she also serves on the Executive Committee.

Frost previously served as President-elect, Treasurer, Director for two terms, Legislation Chair and as the Alliance representative to the American Medical Association's Council on Legislation and as Chair of the Legislative Education and Awareness Promotion (LEAP) Awards. Previously on the national level, Frost served as a Legislation Committee Member and as a Reference Committee Member.

Frost currently represents the AMA Alliance on the American Medical Association Foundation Board of Directors.

Frost has served the Kentucky Medical Association Alliance in many positions, including president. She remains active on both state and county levels including serving on her state medical association's PAC Board of Directors and as her county legislation chair.

Frost is a physical therapist with a degree from the University of Kentucky and is currently employed at the Dermatology Center of Lake Cumberland. Her husband, Christopher Frost, MD is a dermatologist.

Preliminary Schedule of Events

Thursday - May 28, 2009

- 1:00 - 5:00 pm Registration
1:30 - 3:30 pm MSMA Alliance 09/10 Board Retreat/Orientation
6:00 - 7:30 pm Welcome Reception Ole Miss Inn
7:30 - 9:30 pm UMC Alumni & Friends Reception

Friday - May 29, 2009

- 7:30 am - 4:30 pm Registration
7:30 am - 9:00 am Breakfast with Exhibitors
11:00 am - 2:00 pm Pre-Convention Board Meeting/Luncheon
6:30 - 8:30 pm MSMA President's Reception (Exhibit Hall)
8:30 - 9:30 pm SMA Ice Cream Social

Saturday - May 30, 2009

- 7:30 am - 4:30 pm Registration
7:00 am - 8:00 am Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:00 - 11:00 am MSMA House of Delegates
12:00 - 2:00 pm Installation Luncheon
6:30 - 7:30 pm Dr. Easterling Reception & Wine Auction

7:30 - 11:00 pm Inaugural Gala Dinner/Dance

Sunday - May 31, 2009

- 7:00 - 10:30 am Registration
8:30 - 10:30 am MSMAA Past Presidents Breakfast (*invitation only*)

SMAA PRESIDENT

Nancy Brant



Nancy is the Past President of the Bartow County Medical Alliance (5 times) and the Medical Association of Georgia Alliance, where she currently serves as Dancy Fund Chair. She was also a member of the American Medical Association Membership Committee. She is presently a member of the Floyd Medical Alliance in Rome, Georgia and serves as an advisor to the Board.

Nancy served as the Southern Medical Association Alliance President-elect last year; and has served as Vice-President of Health Education and Doctors' Day, Finance Committee Chair, co-editor of the Southern Connection, and Medical Heritage and Health Councilor for Georgia, as well as being a member of the Nominating Committee and as chair of the Doctors' Day Judging Committee.

In addition to her medical commitments, Nancy is actively involved in her community. She is the President of Temple Rodeph Shalom; Past President of the Darlington School Parent Association and Fine Arts Booster Club as well as a past member of the Board of Trustees. She currently works as a substitute teacher at the Darlington schools. She works with breast cancer awareness; and tobacco cessation advocacy issues, and produced a video, Strike Out Spit Tobacco.

Her husband, Jeffrey, is an ophthalmologist. They have four children: Heather, Melodee, Amanda, and Marlowe; and two grandchildren: Alec and Gracie.



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I must first thank the outstanding MSMA Alliance TEAM for making this year an ALL STAR Season. Mollie Pontius, our VP of AMA Foundation has worked tirelessly to bring in scholarship money for our UMC medical students even though the economy was not cooperating. Because of her efforts, we will still be able to help several 3rd and 4th year medical students this year. Please help Mollie with you wine and wine party items for action at Annual session.

Nancy Leader, VP of Health Promotions, hit a homerun with her Did You Know.....? project. This project teaches Mississippi's children the importance of making healthy food choices in order to lead a healthy productive life. Local Alliances across the state have taken this project into schools and Boys and Girls Clubs with enthusiastic results. If your Alliance has not received their pamphlets and DVDs you can pick them up at the state office or call and we will ship them to you.

Rachel Aultman, VP of Legislation organized a Super Bowl event in CSI 4. The annual event was paired with MSMA's unveiling of the State Health Report Card and Legislative reception the night before at the Old Capital Inn. The PAC sponsored the reception that featured the comedy act Capital Steps. The members of the legislature express their gratitude for the fun event. Many of them and their staff took advantage the next day at CSI of the many health screenings. One of the janitors at the Capital was screened by HeartSafe and found to have an abdominal aneurysm. He was referred to a local doctor for further treatment. As a result of these events Rep. Steve Holland thanked the MSMA and the Alliance from the floor of the House of Representatives and sent a hand written thank you note. If you were not a part of this great event this year mark

your calendars for the third Thursday in January of 2010. The Alliance will take over the capital once again on Mississippi's Health Awareness Day for CSI 5.

March Madness Membership Drive was won by Central's on Brinda ManiSundaram. Brinda and her husband won a trip to the Final Four just for being members of the Alliance. Dr. Pat Barrett drew Brinda's name from the thousands qualified on March 5th at the Northeast Medical Society meeting at which he was a quest speaker. Julie Grissom, our VP of membership rallied the team and got an outstanding response to our Sponsor a Spouse program.

Last but not least, I want to thank President-Elect Sondra Pinson for her support and ideas this year. The Alliance will be facing the future in very capable hand when I pass the gavel off to her at Annual Session.

To the most important part of the Alliance, the local Presidents and members, the State cannot function without your input and support. Thank You, for all you do for your communities and



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It's been a great year serving as your President-Elect. I would like to thank Donna Witty for her leadership in rallying the team and hope that I will be able to measure up to the success that she has achieved this alliance year.

Our Board Retreat will be Thursday, May 28 from 2:00-4:00 in the Events Room at the High Cotton Condominiums (4th floor) located at 1300 Van Buren Avenue in Oxford, right off the square. Dessert and coffee will be served. All Board members are invited to attend, as well as any other alliance member interested in learning more about the alliance.

At the retreat, I will discuss plans for the 2009-2010 year and be available to answer any questions. This

will also be a great relationship-building opportunity. The retreat is meant to be casual and comfortable, so feel free to come in your jeans.

Also, we are working on preparing a taste-tempting cookbook featuring favorite recipes from alliance members across the state. Proceeds from our cookbook sales will go to the AMA Foundation. ALL monies raised will be given to the Medical Scholars Fund. This fund provides financial assistance with tuition cost to third and fourth year medical students at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, MS.

You may submit your recipes online by logging on to www.typensave.com and clicking on the login button on the right side of the page. Then LOGIN by doing the following: Contributor-Your Name, Group Login-msmaa, Password-j9c35, then, Submit. Then click on the Add Recipe button on the left side of the page and your ready to enter your recipe. I hope that you will find time to submit at least one recipe.

One final note, if you are currently a county president and have not submitted your list of new county officers, please do so as soon as possible. I must have this new officer listing to complete the State Leadership Handbook.

I look forward to meeting with everyone in Oxford and hope you make plans to attend. If you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to call or email.



Membership
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Greetings everyone! I hope you are having a wonderful spring and looking forward to summer. After having a rocky start to our membership numbers this year, we have come a long way

and dues are still coming in, which is great! Remember, "Membership is a Marathon, not a Sprint!" Please see the county-by-county membership numbers below.

The winner of the March Madness Membership Drive drawing was Brinda ManiSanduram of Central Medical Society Alliance. She and her family enjoyed a fun-filled trip to Detroit for the NCAA Final Four Basketball Tournament. Congratulations Brinda! I want to THANK all of the local Alliances and their members for contributing to the Medical Student Spouse/Resident & Fellow Spouse "Sponsor-A-Spouse" program this year. We received money for almost 100%. You can still contribute to this fund by remitting \$10 to me, Julie Grissom, at 490 Hickory Hills Loop, Purvis, MS 39475, by May 15th. If we receive more than what's needed, then we'll have a head start on next year's sponsorships.

I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as VP of Membership. Remember, membership recruitment is a year-long, year-after-year task that is important for the health of our Alliance organization. If you know of physicians' spouses who are not members, recruit them, so that they can be members of our Team!

State Totals 2009	
Central	200
Coast Co.	45
Columbia	2
East MS	40
Homochitto	14
Lee County	93
Members-At-Large	105
North Central	7
Northeast	26
Pike County	17
Prairie	44
Singing River	44
So-Hattiesburg	110
So-Jones Co.	21
Washington Co.	21
West MS	10
Total	799



AMA Foundation

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Greetings from the MSMAA/AMA Foundation team! It is hard to believe that our Team Counts year is drawing to a close—when you play hard the seasons just seem to fly by.

Our Foundation contributions continue to build through your generosity. Our State maintains a stellar record on the national level. We currently (as of the February report) have a total of \$12,319.00 recorded in AMA Foundation contributions. We still have April and the first part of May to exceed this amount !!!

The MSMA Annual session is fast approaching! This year we will have a wine auction. This is our major fund raiser in which we are requesting our county Alliances to contribute 4 bottles of their favorite red, white or bubbly along with a description and value of the wine on an index card. Additionally, 4 wine accessory items are being called for, all of which will be included in the Silent Auction to be held during the Annual session.

For example: Coast Alliance will submit four bottle of Chateau Blah Blah with a value of XX dollars. We will also contribute a set of antique wine glasses, a gift basket for an Italian dinner, a pewter bottle stopper from a local artisan and special napkins for that special party, all with a value of XX dollars. Thus, a total of eight items will be donated from Coast Alliance. The wine contributions will include a description and value of the wine selection which will add to the excitement at the wine auction! **THIS IS ONLY AN EXAMPLE TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!!!**

The wine auction is a new twist on the standard wine tasting in that our selections will be for the trained as well as the novice palate. Hopefully, we will have a cross section of values from the Budget to the Splurge

varietals. The auction will be fun and it is certainly for a worthy cause. Who knows...the purchases may inspire some Alliances to re-gather when they return home and have a OTSB (Open That Special Bottle) party...which could be a local county alliance fund raiser/wine tasting!!!

In closing, I must add that our Team Counts year has been one of enthusiastic support. We have once again brought the medical community alive through our Alliance... we are the voice of volunteerism...lets's always be heard!



Health Promotions

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This year has flown by with all the work on the Did You Know.....? project. The project has received positive reviews everywhere we have taken it. It was distributed to local Alliances across the state that took it to schools, churches and Boys and Girls Clubs. Many hospital and doctors offices placed the pamphlet in waiting areas for their patients to read. If your Alliance still needs pamphlets or DVDS to share this project in your area please contact the State office or me. Next year, we will follow up with Did You Know 2.....? focusing on fitness.

Our National health project Screen Out is still on going to eliminate smoking in children's movies. Go to screenout.org and sign the petition to support the cause and find out what you can do to make a difference.

I have enjoyed working this year to promote and share the mission of the MSMA and the Alliance.

Midnite Pottery
The MSMA Alliance is honored to welcome
Dean Webb & Jennifer Hankins
creators of
Midnite Pottery
Tupelo,MS
to the MSMA Annual Session

20% of their sales will go to the the AMAF scholarships for UMC M3 &M4s

Signing will be available at purchase

The following have declared there intention to run for the Nominating Committee at the 2009 Annual Session:

Jean Hill
Angela Ladner
Susan Rish

If you would like to be a part of the Nominating Committe and participate in the election process please apply to: bshelton@msmaonline.com & wittyd@bellsouth.net

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