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The Newsletter of the Missouri State Medical Association Alliance

March 2022

We Truly Are Better Together!

by Barbara Hover | 2021-2022 MSMA Alliance President

It has been a privilege and pleasure to serve as your President for 2021-2022. The pandemic continued during my term which affected how we met. Due to COVID, the MSMA Alliance met by Zoom on April 24, 2021, for its Annual Meeting and installation of officers by Sue Ann Greco, President of the AMA Alliance.

A grateful thank you to the following officers who served in 2021-2022: President-Elect: Sana Saleh; VP Foundation: Gill Waltman/Kathy Weigand; VP Health: Angela Zylka; VP Legislation: Kirk Doan; VP Membership: Jennifer Gast/Donna Corrado; Recording Secretary: Mary Catherine Heimburger; Treasurer: Debora Snyder; and Immediate Past President: Diana Corzine.

The theme I selected for this year was *Better Together*. We all have a unique opportunity to make a positive difference in our communities, but we create a greater impact by enlisting the help of those around us. We truly can accomplish so much more when we collaborate and have county Alliances working together at the state and national level.

We began the year with an organizational board meeting by Zoom on May 19. Plans for the year were discussed and finalized.

I had the honor to install Kansas City Metro Med Alliance officers at the home of Dr. Herbert and Lissa Young on May 20. A High Tea was enjoyed by all who attended. In June, I also attended the Tri-County Medical Society Meeting.

The AMA Alliance held a virtual Annual Meeting on June 12-13. It was a privilege to see Missouri's Sue Ann Greco honored for her year of service as AMA Alliance President 2020-2021.

An MSMAA board retreat was held on July 8-9 in Osage Beach at the lake home of Dr. Joe and Donna Corrado. There I installed the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Alliance officers for 2021-2022. The MSMAA's Strategic Plan and Mission Statement were updated and adopted. Preliminary plans were made for Missouri to host the North Central Regional Meeting (NCRM) Oct. 9-10 at the Union Station Hilton in St. Louis. It was decided that



A big thank you to Alliance members who joined MSMA during the annual 2022 White Coat Day! From left: Donna Corrado, Jo-Ellyn Ryall, MD, Kirk Doan, Sana Saleh, Barbara Hover, Diana Corzine, and Peggy Barjenbruch, MD.

MSMAA's Fall Conference would be combined with the NCRM, which is comprised of 12 states.

At the July 17 virtual MSMA Council Meeting, I attended and gave the Alliance report. On Sept. 16-17, I attended the Nebraska State Medical Society Annual Meeting. On Sept. 30, I visited with members of the Alliance in Nevada, Missouri.

The MSMAA Fall Conference Board Meeting was held on Oct. 8 at which plans for the Annual Meeting were discussed. Because of a shortened format of our Annual Meeting, it was decided that the Board business portion will be held Saturday, March 27. This will allow time for speakers on April 2 in hopes of increasing membership attendance.

The NCRM immediately followed MSMAA's Fall Conference Board Meeting, beginning with a reception that evening. Saturday was filled with engaging speakers. The AMA Alliance was founded in St. Louis in 1822 and this marked the beginning of the Centennial Celebration. Alliance leaders from all over the country attended our conference at Union Station. We had seven members of the AMA Alliance Board of Directors in attendance including Heather Rifkin, the current AMA Alliance President. Later in the afternoon, local, state, and national Alliance members

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2022 Alliance Annual Meeting

Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel | April 1-2, 2022

- "Stop the Bleed" Program Presentation
- "Cabi" Fashion Show & Boutique
- Spirit of the Alliance Recognition Luncheon

**Register/Information: www.msma.org/alliance
 Hotel Reservations by March 9
 Advanced Meeting Reservations by March 20**

Join Alliance colleagues at the 97th Alliance Annual Meeting to be held April 1-2 at the St. Louis Renaissance Airport Hotel. Due to changes in MSMA's Annual Convention, the Alliance has followed and shortened its meeting and decreased costs. It's our first in-person meeting since 2019, and we are excited to have you join us!

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Friday, April 1, 2022

- 4:30-5:30 pm Program: *Stop the Bleed*
- 5:30-7:00 pm MSMA Past State Presidents' Reception
- 7:00-9:00 pm Cabi Fashion Boutique/MSMF Fundraiser

Saturday, April 2, 2022

- 6:30-7:30 am Breakfast Product Theater sponsored by Moneta
Free to Alliance members – requires preregistration at www.msma.org/convention
- 7:30-8:30 am President Barbara Hover will address House of Delegates 1st Session
- 9:00-10:00 am MSMA Annual Meeting Business Meeting
- 10:00-11:30 am Program: *Advancements in the Field*
Laura Park-Leach, President/CEO of the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired
- 11:30 am-1:00 pm Spirit of Alliance Recognition Luncheon & Memorial Service
Guest Speakers: Heather Rifkin, President of AMA Alliance
Alexander Hover, MD, President of the MSMA
- 1:00-2:30 pm Program: *Safe Sleep for Infants*
Lori Winkler, MSN, RN, TNS, Injury Prevention Nurse Coordinator/Safe Kids St. Louis
- 2:30 pm Installation of 2022-2023 Officers
- 3:00 pm Adjournment/Short board meeting for 2022-2023 President and board
- 4:00-6:00 pm Medical School Receptions
- 5:30-6:30 pm Reception for 50-Year Pin Recipients, MSMA & MSMA Alliance Past Presidents & MMPAC Diamond Club
- 6:30-7:30 pm MSMA Presidential Inauguration
- 7:30 pm MSMA Presidential Reception

REGISTER NOW AT WWW.MSMA.ORG/ALLIANCE

See Registration form on page 7. For hotel reservations, call the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel at 1-800-468-3571 and mention code MEDMEDA. Group rates available until March 9, 2022. Rates start at \$103 per night plus charges and taxes.

For those Alliance members whose emails we have on file, you and/or your spouse through MSMA, should have been receiving convention news about hotel reservations, online registration, and downloading the Alliance fillable registration form. If you are not receiving our emails, please email Liz Fleenor at lfleenor@msma.org so we can get you on the list!

2022-2023 Proposed Slate of Officers Announced

Congratulations to the following Alliance members who are on the proposed slate of officers for our upcoming year. We thank Diana Corzine for chairing the Nominating Committee and offer big debt of gratitude to the outgoing officers! The proposed slated will be voted on at the 97th Alliance Annual Meeting in St. Louis on Saturday, April 2.

President: Sana Saleh
President-Elect: Donna Corrado
VP Foundation: Kathy Weigand & Gill Waltman
VP Health: Angela Zylka
VP Legislation: Kirk Doan
VP Membership: Jana Wolfe & Sue Ann Greco
Recording Secretary: Gill Waltman
Treasurer: Debora Snyder
Immediate Past President: Barbara Hover

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Proposed Bylaw Changes to be Voted on Annual Meeting

Due to the pandemic and to encourage more Alliance members to be involved in leadership positions, the Alliance is proposing two bylaw changes to be voted on during the 97th Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 2 in St. Louis. See changes below. If you would like to see the entire set of bylaws, you may view/download the PDF at www.msma.org/Alliance.

127 **A. General Eligibility:**

- 128 1. To be eligible for nomination as president-elect, a member shall have served on the
129 Board of Directors for two (2) years.
130 2. To be eligible for nomination as secretary or treasurer, a member shall ~~have served~~
131 ~~on the Board of Directors for one (1) year.~~ **be a member in good standing.**
132 3. All members in good standing shall be eligible for nomination as a Vice President.
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253 **Section 5. Regular Meetings**

254 The Board of Directors shall meet in person **or virtually** no less than once a year. Notice
255 of time, place and purpose of the meeting shall be given personally or mailed or
256 electronically transmitted to each board member not less than ten (10) days before the
257 meeting.

Alliance Holiday Sharing Card – Great Success!

by Gill Waltman | CO-VP Foundation

Perhaps because there was no opportunity to meet and support the Foundations at our usual annual meeting, which was cancelled due to the pandemic, donors to the Alliance Holiday Sharing Card fundraiser were particularly generous this year.

In November 2021, Gill Waltman spearheaded the Holiday Sharing Card project to raise funds for the Foundations. Proceeds from 41 donors amounted to \$4,295 to benefit the Foundations. This may be a record!

Donation checks for MSMF (\$4,270) were sent to MSMA headquarters and one check was mailed

to AMAF (\$25) in Chicago. A list of HSC donors was published in *Show Me Alliance News*, *Missouri Medicine*, and on the MSMA website. Donors with St. Louis connections also were acknowledged in the January issue of *St. Louis Metropolitan Medicine*. Thanks to all who participated!

Due to our shortened Annual Meeting, the traditional Alliance Foundation Fundraiser will not occur. However, Alliance members will be collecting Foundation donations throughout the meeting during MSMA's Council Meeting, and at the House of Delegates.

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reenacted the formation of the AMA Women's Auxiliary, as it was announced in 1922. In the evening, Dr. David Barbe, World Medical Association President and past AMA President, gave the keynote address at dinner. Dr. Alexander Hover, MSMA President, brought greetings from MSMA and introduced Dr. Barbe. The NCRM concluded on Sunday. Sue Ann Greco and Barbara Hover were co-chairs and had great assistance from Liz Fleenor, MSMAA Liaison, Allene Wright, and Jana Wolfe. The St. Louis Alliance was also of great assistance.

I attended the MSMA Council Meeting held in Jefferson City on Oct. 16-17, presented the Alliance report, and asked for Council's participation with the upcoming Holiday Sharing Card.

In November my husband (Alex Hover) and I attended the Friendsgiving Celebration with Kansas City Metro Med held at the home of Dr. George and Sana Saleh. We then travelled to Buchanan County in December where Alex installed officers and I visited with its Alliance.

In January, I attended the MSMA virtual Council Meeting and presented the Alliance report. I announced that the Holiday Sharing Card brought in a record number of contributions. We received \$4,720 for the MSMA Foundation to be used for medical student scholarships. Holiday greetings and the names of the donors were printed in *Missouri Medicine*, the *Show Me Alliance News*, and online. I thanked all of the physicians and their spouses who contributed and also Gill Waltman for chairing the project.

The MSMAA Winter Board Meeting was held Feb. 17 by Zoom call. The new slate of officers was presented, and final plans were made for the Annual Meeting.

I attended the March 1 MSMA White Coat Rally in Jefferson City at the state Capitol with physicians and Alliance members from around the state. I will preside over the MSMA Alliance Annual Meeting April 1-2. I will also attend the AMA Alliance Annual Meeting and Centennial Celebration in Chicago June 12-14 and represent Missouri as a past MSMA Alliance President.

I wish to thank my Board of Directors, Liz Fleenor, and all the Alliance members who served in appointed positions this year. A very special thank you to Cathy Leibolt to all of her efforts in supporting Greene County. You have gone above and beyond in your efforts to advance the mission of the MSMA Alliance and I thank you for your help. You have made my job an easy one.

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The Missouri Capitol is beautiful! With Alliance members Sana Saleh, Kirk Doan, and Diana Corzine.



Leaders in MSMA visit their lawmakers: from left: Drs. Tim Swearington, Alex Hover, and Edmond Cabbabe.



Dr. Ellen Nichols was joined by Alliance members Donna Corrado and Dr. Peggy Barjenbruch.

Alliance Match Day Program in its 27th Year

by Millie Bever | MSS/RFS Spouse Liaisons

This is the 27th year the Alliance has celebrated Match Day in Missouri with your co-chairs Millie Bever and Angela Zylka.

The origin of the Match Day program began in St. Louis when Millie was made Alliance Medical Student/Resident Spouse Liaison. She asked several people to join her committee. Roberta Goldman said she would help but only if we did something, and “she did not care if it was just a pizza party.” So the first event we held were pizza parties at Saint Louis University and Washington University. This happened to be in February close to Match Day. They asked us to repeat the parties on Match Day which begins the week of March 14. Millie made contact with the University of Missouri - Columbia, however they wanted their party on the day the students find out if they match, which usually falls on the Monday of that week. It worked well for many years. Contact was made by Millie with University of Missouri - Kansas City, who also wanted to join the Match Day pizza program.

The Alliance has paid for the program in many ways for nearly the past three decades. Initially we had only the MSMAA budgeted amount. As we did more for the students, the local Alliances supported the programs with donations or money from fundraisers. The U.S. Army came in when recruiters came up to Millie at an Annual Meeting in St. Louis and asked if they could help her with any student event. This has turned out to be a long relationship as Dr. Grant Bever had been in the student program for the Army and knew many of the personnel. This expanded to Kansas City at the same time. Usually the military paid for pizzas in Kansas City and St. Louis. Later, sometimes we had help from the military for the University of Missouri - Columbia, with the Alliance hosting and supplying drinks, serviceware, snacks, and decorations. St. Louis held a fundraising theater event, organized by Angela Zylka who knew the owners of the theater, so more gifts and scholarships were given out. Currently, Washington University Match Day is now sponsored by a real estate firm with a lavish party at a club-type setting. We still reach out to them, but they declined a pizza party. As the cost has escalated MSMA Alliance has increased the budget, and the St. Louis Metropolitan Medical Society has donated to student events.

This year on March 13-18, the University of Missouri-Columbia agreed to hold a pizza party during graduation week. Dr. Joseph and Donna Corrado will be hosting. This will be held outside of Student Affairs office on MU's campus from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. with more than 200 expected.



Alliance members (the late) Carol DeFeo and Debora Failing at a past Match Day party in Kansas City.

Due to the pandemic, the Match Days on March 18 at Saint Louis University and University of Missouri - Kansas City will be closed events, so the MSMAA is contributing.

At Kansas City University's Joplin campus there will be a Match Day pizza party on March 18 from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. with more than 175 expected at the Learning Center. MSMA and Alliance members attending are Dr. Alex and Barbara Hover, Millie Bever, Melody Burns, and Melissa Markham, assisted by the Learning Center staff.

At KCU's Kansas City campus, there will be an estimated 230 in attendance from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. on March 18. The Kansas City Medical Society will be represented by Dr. James DeRinna, Cheryl Douglas, and Dr. George and Sana Saleh. We are hoping to have monetary support from the military. The Match Day team from the school will also be assisting.

The Alliance receives lots of pleasure seeing our students enjoy the events and grow into fine young physicians. The MSMA MSS has grown from about 68 members to more than 1,000 members. The students have been acknowledged at the AMA, and now have reduced dues. At MSMA, MSS and RFS membership is free!

The Alliance coordinates fundraisers for the Missouri State Medical Foundation which gives scholarships to medical students in each of the eight schools of medicine campuses in Missouri. We are proud of our years of work, and we remember this is a state project that nearly every state Alliance member has worked, sponsored, or donated to. We love the students, who have now become doctors, one of which is mine from the University of Missouri - Columbia by way of Duke University back home to Kansas City.

This project was also held in 17 other states with help of the military. Many states, including Missouri, have been recognized by the AMA Alliance. It is a very good program as students remember the Alliance...well, maybe the pizza! **SMAN**

Missouri Alliances In the News

Metro Med Alliance Holds Doctors' Day and Valentine's Celebration

The Metropolitan Medical Society Alliance held its Doctors' Day and Valentine's dinner celebration at the home of Dr. David and Kathie Hazuka on Saturday, Feb. 12. It was a lovely evening joined by several members of the Alliance and their spouses. The group had wonderful hosts at their beautiful home and shared many flavors for the evening. Thank you to all who attended and brought dishes to share.



Our hostess Kathie Hazuka.



From left: Melody Burns, Lissa Young, Dr. Herb Young, and Dr. David Hazuka.



From left: Susan Holinger, Millie Bever, Sana Saleh, and Dr. George Saleh.

Physician Family Night at the Museum

The Greene County Alliance hosted its fourth annual Physician Family Night at the Museum held Feb. 26 at the Discovery Center in Springfield. The GCMS Alliance welcomed physicians and their families for a night filled with food, fun, and fellowship. The attendance has increased steadily each year and the opportunity to visit all the exhibits at the Discovery Center after hours is a real treat. This event is held as part of our Taking Care of Our Own project which focuses on physician wellness. Family-oriented activities and socializing with others who understand the stress of the profession is seen as a way to fight against physician burnout. We wish to thank Ferrell Duncan Clinic and Mercy for their continued efforts in helping us to address this issue. See fun family photos below.

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Name (for badge) _____

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 County President
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 Guest
 Direct Member

EVENTS	FEES	# ATTENDING	TOTAL
<i>Registration Fee includes Saturday Beverage Break Service, Materials & Audio/Visual Set-Up</i>			
Early Bird Registration Fee	\$50	x # _____ attending	\$ _____
Registration Fee - Received after March 20	\$70	x # _____ attending	\$ _____
"Stop the Bleed" Program Presentation <i>Friday, April 1 – 4:30-5:30 pm</i>	FREE	x # _____ attending	\$ FREE
Past State Alliance Presidents' Reception <i>Friday, April 1 – 5:30-7:00 pm</i>	\$15	x # _____ attending	\$ _____
Alliance Hospitality/Cabi Fashion Boutique <i>Friday, April 1 – 7:00-9:00 pm</i>	FREE	x # _____ attending	\$ FREE
Product Theater Breakfast/Sponsored by Moneta <i>Preregistration required</i> <i>Saturday, April 2 – 6:30-7:30 am</i>	FREE	x # _____ attending	\$ FREE
Spirit of the Alliance Recognition Luncheon <i>Saturday, April 2 – 11:30 am</i>	\$45	x # _____ attending	\$ _____
		TOTAL AMOUNT PAID	\$ _____

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Credit Card: Number _____ Expiration (mm/yyyy) _____ CVV _____

Payment by March 20 / Mail to:

Allene Wright / 518 Pinewood Drive / St. Joseph, MO 64506

Refund / Attendance Policy

Full refunds will be made if notification of cancellation is received no later than SEVEN days prior to the opening event.

Dietary Restrictions

Dietary restrictions will be made if notified with this registration form.

Please list: _____

Hotel Reservations

Make hotel reservations by **March 9** online at <https://www.msma.org/Convention>
 Call the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel at 1-800-468-3571 and mention code MEDMEDA.
 Group rates available until March 9, 2022. Rates start at \$103 per night plus charges and taxes.

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"The road to an Alliance meeting is never long."

