



DUVAL COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER APRIL 2008

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MEMBER NEWS

Contributed by Joan Harmon:

Last month on Friday, March 14th, the Alliance hosted the Past Presidents Brunch at the lovely new Jacksonville beachfront home of Nahid Venus. After a tour of her new home and some announcements, we honored all the Past Presidents although only a few were able to attend. Past President gifts were awarded to Shar Donovan and Jean Henderson who were present. We hope to present a gift to Kathy Harris, the immediate Past President, as soon as possible.

Contributed by Shar Donovan:

Former DCMSA member, Peggy Lombardo, a former State President of the Alliance and County Board Chaplain is currently residing at St. Catherine Laboure Manor (next to St. Vincent's) and would love a visit from you! She has been ill for quite sometime but remains in great spirits. You can visit the nurses' station for room location.

2008 ALLIANCE BOARD MEMBERS

Donna Brandon, Shar Donovan, Joan Harmon, Kathy Harris, Jean Henderson, Manisha Joshi, Ann McIntosh, Debbie Nabert, Dena Pulley, Ann Trotter

All members are invited to come to our business meetings, which are **now on the third Monday** of each month at 1:00pm in the DCMS Office Board Room. Date and time are subject to change, so kindly contact Manisha S. Joshi for updates at 904-708-2656 or dcmsanews@hotmail.com.

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WEBSITES TO DISCOVER

If you're looking for an artsy night on the town, check out these sites for wonderful theatre venues and events in Jacksonville:

www.playerbythesea.org www.riversidefinearts.org
www.floridaballet.org www.theatreworksjax.com
www.jaxsymphony.org www.artistseries.fccj.org



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, April 14 - 1:00p.m. - DCMS Alliance Board meeting at the DCMS Office. All alliance members are invited to attend.

Wednesday, April 23 - 10am - 12pm - Spring Garden Tea Party at Karen Merrell's Deerwood Estates home
Address: 8041 James Island Trail. Directions: Enter via the guarded gate on Baymeadows Rd. and follow the "Merrell" signs to her home. Karen's phone # is 642-9636. She will guide us through her backyard paradise after which we will delight in midmorning High Tea on her veranda. Please RSVP to Dena Pulley by calling her at 904-519-2814 by April 20th

Please continue to check on the Alliance webpage for upcoming events such as the upcoming BBQ Tailgate Event in cooperation with the DCMS.

HEALTH PROJECT: SCREEN OUT!

The American Medical Association Alliance (AMAA) has endorsed a very successful "**Smoke Free Movies Campaign called SCREEN OUT!**" This focuses on the problem of smoking in Hollywood and demands future youth-related films to be tobacco-free. This smoke-free campaign was started in 2002 by Stan Glantz, PhD. In October 2006 the AMAA joined this effort and implemented the Screen Out! Program. Through letter writing, petition and endorsement campaigns, the AMAA hope to reach out to local Alliances in a grassroots effort to create public awareness of this problem. Here are some ways we can help as an Alliance:

1. Write a letter as a group or from you personally to the chief executive of the top six media studios (these names are available at www.amaalliance.org).
2. Write a second letter to the local theatre where you watch movies. Copy this letter to the theatre chain's headquarters and to the theatre's trade association.
3. Make a list of the organizations to which you and your family belong in your community. Encourage them to get involved in this worthwhile letter-writing campaign.
4. Be sure to send a copy of your letter and description of your "Screen Out" activities to the AMAA national office so that we can add your voice to others from around the country.

Samples of form letters and the organizations to be contacted can be found at: www.amaalliance.org. Remember, this worthwhile activity is so easy and can be done in the comfort of your own home at your own leisure. Other county alliances in our state have already taken on this project successfully! For any further questions, please contact Joan Harmon at harmonwa@bellsouth.net or 904-910-3179.