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# CAPSULE COMMENT

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone:

I hope your summer is going well. I can't believe Fall is fast approaching with children going back to school. I am seeing some leaves falling on my deck and there were mums for sale at the store today. The Alliance has had a busy summer with many wonderful things.

### **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO READ TO CHILDREN**

The Alliance also begun its partnership with Read for Literacy, Creating Young Readers Program. Denise Colturi has been working very hard to get all of our Alliance volunteers to the orientations. Creating Young Readers program benefits pre-school children who are not prepared to learn at the school level due to their limited exposure to words and reading. Our volunteers will be reading to three children, one on one with each child for approximately 20 minutes every week. Depending on the number of volunteers, you may only need to donate 1.5 hours a week with substitutes available for vacations and emergencies. Please help us to increase our children's chance of succeeding in school! Contact Denise Colturi at [dcolturi@bex.net](mailto:dcolturi@bex.net) or at 419-885-2480 to join us.

Mary Saddemi, Katie Loh and Debbie Frogameni have been busy preparing for our Annual Alliance Golf Outing on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Bedford Hills Golf Club. This event is always fun and is attended by our Academy of Medicine members and friends. 100% of the proceeds go towards our philanthropic funds that support our UTM Student Scholarship fund, YWCA Battered Women's Shelter, Mobile Meals, Read for Literacy/Creating Young Readers Program and many more charity organizations. Please join us for fun and competition. If you have not received an invitation in the mail, please call me at 419-344-9003.

### **SAVE THE DATE! OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

Our new President Elect, Jackie Zakeri, and Chris Spetka have been working on hosting another wonderful Fall Trunk Show. It will be at Sylvania Country Club and will have many fabulous vendors to start your Holiday shopping in style! Look for details in the mail as well as on our website [www.lcmalliance.org](http://www.lcmalliance.org).

Our Past President, Kiran Rai and her team did an amazing job last year and I hope to continue the efforts to make our community a better place. Please help me in continuing your membership and also by recruiting new members to share in the fun while making a difference.

- Myung Armstrong



## Community Service Project - The Aurora House



This past July, Alliance members participated in a community service project - beautifying the grounds at the Aurora House. A once barren apartment building is now enhanced with Black Eyed Susans and blossoming golden Lilies. A large pile of mulch was vigorously attacked and distributed by Brandon Zakeri and Jack Saddemi, while Alliance members, (Chris Spetka, Jackie Zakeri, Janine Rosenthal, Debbie Frogameni and Mary Saddemi) raked, shoveled and watered. In addition to the landscaping, the Aurora House received a Costco membership and Meijers gift cards for their clients.



## JOIN US — THE ALLIANCE — ALIVE AND ACTIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

### LCMA Scholarship Moneys Awarded

The Alliance distributed \$6000 from the LCMA Scholarship Fund in 2011, which supports University of Toledo Medical College Students (UTMC). Students applied for 2010-2011 scholarship funds, with awards based upon hours of unpaid community service and activities during the past year. This award is neither need based nor merit based. Monies are strictly based upon the students' endeavors to serve within the Toledo and Lucas County area making them eligible to receive this LCMA Community Service Scholarship Award.

This year we awarded LCMA scholarship awards to five very deserving UTMC students for their commitment and dedication to serving those in our community who are less fortunate. This year's awardees are: Jasmin Samimi, and Shweta Pai each receiving a \$500 scholarship, Colin J. Sallee receiving \$1,000 and Angela K. Johnson and Juan D. Montoya each received \$2,000. These students were recognized at the University's Convocation Ceremonies, held on August 25, 2011. It is very impressive that some students can give hundreds of hours of service to the community, while continuing to attend a rigorous class schedule and maintain a high grade point average.



*Lucas County Medical Alliance*

*Holiday Trunk Show & Fall Guest Luncheon*

*Tuesday, October 18, 2011*

*Sylvania Country Club  
5201 Corey Rd.  
Sylvania, OH*

*\$20 per person*

*11:00 am Vendor Shopping begins*

*12:00 noon Buffet Luncheon*

*The participating vendors have generously agreed to donate 10% of their sales. All proceeds from this event will benefit the YWCA Battered Women's Shelter. Bring a friend and get started on your holiday shopping.*

*Please return your reservation to : Jackie Zakeri  
2828 Riva Ridge Rd.  
Ottawa Hills, OH 43615*

*Please RSVP by Oct 11, 2011*

*Reserve a table for 8-10. Everyone is welcome!*

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*Name \_\_\_\_\_ # of Tickets @ \$20 \_\_\_\_\_*

*Please list names of all guests on form.*

Our very own Dee Talmage, received the most prestigious award is given by the American Medical Political Action Committee (AMPAC), which is part of the AMA. They recognized her for her tireless efforts in fundraising efforts which helped elect our Court Justices, Maureen She is the first winner of this award from the state of Ohio! I was honored to be present during the Annual AMA meeting in Chicago. I was also joined by Janine Rosenthal and Anna Siewert from our Alliance. Dr. William Sternfeld and Dr. Anthony Armstrong honored Dee with a Dinner that evening along with our Alliance representatives. It was a proud moment for Ohio!



legislative affairs chairman, re-Belle Chenault Award. This award from the state of Ohio! I when Dee received her award  
-Myung Armstrong

Dee has been a selfless worker, for not only the family of medicine in Ohio, but for our Toledo community. You are an inspiration to all who have the honor of being in your presence!!!

Pictured with our state president –Mary Beth Ellison



### Read For Literacy Program



After a presentation at our last general meeting from Jim Funk, executive director Read For Literacy Program, we had 8 members complete the training program. Manju Gupta, Debi Lewis, Katie Loh, Kiran Rai, Mary Saddemi, Debbie Frogameni, Myung Armstrong, Chris Spetka, & Denise Colturi will begin reading to children at Gesu in October.

Creating Young Readers pairs volunteers with children between age 3 and 1st grade to help them develop early literacy skills they will need to become successful readers. Volunteers go to preschools and a few elementary schools to read with the children. Volunteers typically read once a week for about an hour to an hour and a half, reading about 20 minutes each with 3 students, one-on-one. All the books and materials are provided.



The majority of the reading sessions take place Monday through Friday between 9am and 11am. In some sites, 12:30pm and 1:30pm. The training took place over the summer at the downtown library to prepare us for reading in the fall, early October. Our group choose Gesu School.

Thanks so much to Manju, Debi, Katie, Kiran, Mary, Debbie, Myung, & Chris for your interest in helping children become successful readers.

~Denise Colturi



### SAVE – THE – DATE

### FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND TRUNK SHOW OCTOBER 18, 2011



We offer our condolences to Rosemary Yanik, past president and long time board member of the Alliance, and to her family. Dr. Michael Yanik passed away on Monday, August 8, 2011. Dr. Yanik will be missed deeply in the medical community of Toledo by his patients and colleagues.

We offer our condolences to Jennell Brown, past president, and to her family on the loss of her father, Robert Lee Wagner.

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**SEPTEMBER**

15-16 OSMA Alliance Fall Focus  
28 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m. @ Academy of Medicine Building

**OCTOBER**

18 Fall General Membership Meeting and Trunk Show  
26 Board Meeting 9:30 a.m. @ Academy of Medicine Building

