

# MCMMSA

## *Newsletter*

Spring 2010

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I can't believe my term as President is more than half over! It's been an exciting and busy year so far. We've seen an increase in membership due to the hard work of Carol Sankovic and the membership committee. So a special thanks is due! I think that is a testament to the loyalty of our core membership.

I am sorry to report that the Trumbull County Medical Society Alliance has been disbanded due to lack of young members. I am hoping that we can invite any interested Trumbull County members into our fold and use their expertise to broaden our reach in the Mahoning – Trumbull County area. Trumbull County initiated the Mobile Meals program that has been in place for many years and has been a major sponsor of the AMA Foundation.

You have a few more chances this year to support our organization and I have mentioned them throughout the newsletter. Every small thing you can do to help will help with the finished product. That includes offering to sell raffle tickets, bringing an item for the Chinese raffle, being a model, offering to bake cookies for the blood drive, and so on. Please try to attend our events and bring your friends and families. I guarantee you will have a fun time and meet some new people and maybe win a great prize.

*Paula*

### **Report from the District Chairperson**

I recently attended the OSMA-A board meeting held at the OSMA office in Dublin, Ohio on January 20th.

Lots of counties are reporting wonderful events and we are always invited to attend. The statewide alliance cookbook is winding down and expected to go to print this month. Enclosed is an order form to preorder your copy.

Some highlights of the meeting which were noteworthy were the disbanding of Trumbull County Medical Alliance. They cited lack of new leadership and inability to get the names of new physician spouses from area hospitals for new recruitment. This is an opportunity to invite them to our alliance.

Addressing issues on the state and national level, the AMA is in serious decline due to the number of physicians who are no longer in private practice, but are now hospital employees. As employees they no longer require the services of the organization.

The fiscal climate in the state was discussed, with a deficit of \$3 trillion predicted for the year 2012. Finally, if this news all seems doom and gloom, get ready for the last piece of information. Effective March 1, 2010, a 21% cut in medicare reimbursements will take effect unless there is a huge rally for Congress to stop this cut. You can call or email your congressman or senator to help stop this major cut.

The AARP magazine reported that there was \$64 billion in medicare fraud last year alone, with little or no policing by the federal government. More than half of this fraud was committed in south Florida with the set up of phony clinics: this is where our health care dollars are going.

Carol Sankovic  
District 6 Representative, OSMA-A



## President's Report

We now have a total of 76 members for the MCMSA. New members include Christine Belvedere, Joyce Bernstine, Audra Donatelli, Kristen Joseph, Amy Lunne, Lorie Mowad, Marybeth Sheetz, Evelyn St.Julien, Paige Solmen, Joanne Wagner, Florence Wang, and Paula McClusky. Please extend a warm welcome to them if you see them!

The November book signing brought in \$516.00. The cookie, kolachi, granola and spiced nuts sale brought in \$591.95. Everyone seemed pleased with the orders and we hope to offer the sale again next year. If anyone wants to offer their specialties (pizzelles, candy, etc), please contact one of the officers.

We are busy with planning for our annual Champagne Brunch Fashion Show, being held on February 25 at Avion on the Water. Social hour starts at 10 A.M. with brunch served at 11A.M. We are excited to have Suzanne's Tennis and Golf and Coldwater Creek as the new vendors for our event. As always, we will have our fabulous Chinese auction and goodie bags. We are also trying a 50/50 raffle this year so come and be a cash winner! Anyone who would like to donate an item for the raffle, please contact Tricia Potesta.

We will be kicking off our marketing campaign for the Garden of Hope at the fashion show. JoAnne Stock, of Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley, has worked with our planning committee and has provided us with drawings and informational materials that will be available that day for everyone to see.

The next event coming up is "Botox and Beyond". Dr. Dan Garritano and Dr. Susan Woods will present a program on botox, cosmetic surgery and skin care at Tippecanoe Country Club on March 11. Cash bar at 6 P.M., lasagna dinner at 6:30, with presentation following. Cost is \$18 per person. Please RSVP by March 5. Make checks payable to MCMSA and send to Paula Jakubek 3740 Tippecanoe Pl, Canfield, OH 44406. Donations will be accepted to benefit Angels for Animals. A list of needed supplies will be noted later in the newsletter. Any donation will be rewarded with a free raffle ticket. One special raffle item is a foursome with cart, donated by TCC., worth \$400.00. There will be flyers available at the Fashion Show and sent by e-mail to members. Please invite your girlfriends, husbands, and family members for a night out with great food, good company and interesting information.

On March 29, 2010, we will be partnering with Canfield Village Middle School at the Blood Drive. Last year we offered donors the chance to fill out a certificate honoring a physician to celebrate National Doctor's Day. We have a nice display and pass out our home-baked cookies. Anyone who would like to help with baking cookies or manning the table, please let me know.

## SPOTLIGHT ON ...

### *Cassi Calderon*

"Hello, I'd like to formally introduce myself. My name is Edward Cullen." No not really, but now that I have your attention, my name is Cassi Calderon, and yes I am a huge fan of the Twilight sagas. My husband, Javier, and I are newlyweds; we have only been married for eleven years. He is originally from Peru, whereas I hail from Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Dr. Cutrona, with Northeast Ohio Infectious Disease Associates, brought us here. I have to admit, the summers here are beautiful, but the winters are a little cold. We have two wonderful children. Diego is 9 years old and attends the third grade at Dobbins Elementary. He likes building Lego toys and computer games. Gabriella is six and in kindergarten. She loves animals of all kinds and aggravating her older brother.

I attended school at Campbell University School of Pharmacy in North Carolina where I earned a Doctorate degree in Pharmacy. I try to limit my work schedule to two days per week, but sometimes it is unavoidable. I primarily work at Select Specialty Hospital in downtown Youngstown, but also pick up a couple of days at St. Elizabeth.

I am excited and a little nervous about the upcoming year as President of the Alliance. But I know I am surrounded by a great group of women who will help me and are dedicated to the Alliance and our hometown.

Best wishes and I'll see you at the Fashion Show.

*Cassi*

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In April, (tentatively the 29th) we are having Ed Carlini, a local CSI, speak about crime solving at Youngstown Country Club for a luncheon. Look out for your e-mail and postal invitations.

# Delicious Prescriptions From Your Doctors' Kitchen

**A collection of physicians' favorite recipes compiled by the Ohio State Medical Association Alliance**

The Alliance is putting together a cookbook to share our favorite recipes statewide. Each alliance member is encouraged to submit at least two (if not more) of their favorite recipes by February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

There are two ways to submit recipes:

1) Complete Cookbook Recipe form emailed from OSMAA, copies online or at conference. Mail to Carol Sankovic, 7003 Southberry Hill Drive, Canfield, OH 44406

2) GO online to Fundcraft.com, enter the following information. ID# 11115-09PB password 2168. This will put you on our own site for the cookbook. Type in your information, it will offer spell check. First scroll down to the category, chose the one that fits best. Be sure to list title of recipe, a short statement, put entry form using Doctor in the title on first line and be sure to name your county on the second line.

Any questions you can contact: Carol at 330-702-8722 or email: ccdpr4@aol.com. Thanks in advance for your cooperation. Happy Cooking!

**Carol Sankovic, Cookbook Chairperson**

## COOKBOOK PRE-ORDER FORM

### Delicious Prescriptions From Your Doctors' Kitchen

Would you like to be the first to own a copy of favorite physician recipes from our own state? Please fill out the following information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of copies at \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pick up at Spring conference \_\_\_\_\_ or

Delivery (cost TBD) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: OSMA Alliance

Mail to: Cindy Wolfe, OSMA-A, 3401 Mill Run Drive, Hilliard, OH 43026. If you have questions, please call: 614-527-6750.

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## "BOTOX AND BEYOND"

**DR. DAN GARRITANO & DR SUSAN WOODS**

**A Presentation on Botox, plastic surgery, and skin care**

**March 11, 2010**

**6 pm cocktails (cash bar) - 6:30 dinner - 7:15 presentation**

**TIPPECANOE COUNTRY CLUB ~ Chef Tony Scacchetti prepares his famous lasagna**

**\$18/pp to MCMSA ~ RSVP by March 5th to**

Paula Jakubek, 3740 Tippecanoe Pl, Canfield, Oh 44406 ~ [pebjak@yahoo.com](mailto:pebjak@yahoo.com)

**Raffle of a foursome with cart donated by Tippecanoe Country Club plus other items**

**\*Donations accepted for Angels for Animals\***

