

# MCMSA

## Newsletter

Summer 2010

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As the new President of the Mahoning County Medical Society Alliance (MCMSA), I would like to congratulate everyone on a job well done. We had a fantastic year, but more is yet to come. You will remember, the mission of the Alliance is to promote the goals of the Medical Society, inform and support the medical family, and to enhance the quality of life through health education, legislation, and community service throughout the Mahoning Valley. We can accomplish this every easily with your support. I ask you to renew your membership and encourage your friends to join. You don't have to be an officer or a board member of the Alliance to feel like a participant or active member. The mere act of going out for lunch, buying raffle tickets, or eating Christmas cookies will help us accomplish our mission. We have many fun things planned for the upcoming year and would love to see you there. Make it your goal to attend at least one of our functions. The New Members' Luncheon in September and the Annual Fashion Show in February are two exciting events.

This year our charity again is the Akron Children's Hospital of the Mahoning Valley. Over the past two years, we have been working closely to design and fund the Garden of Hope. This enclosed courtyard on the Beeghly Campus in Boardman is an area where families and others can find a comforting place to visit, reflect, heal and find solace. We also enjoy collecting items for various organizations throughout the Mahoning Valley. In the past we have collected school supplies for various schools, pet supplies for Angels for Animals, and cleaning supplies for Beatitude House. If you have a favorite organization in need, please come to one of our meeting and tell us about them.

Have a great summer and I will see you at the New Members' Luncheon in September.

*Cassi*

### NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED FOR 2010 - 2011

Cassi Calderon was installed as the new president of the Mahoning County Medical Society Alliance on Thursday, May 6, 2010, at a luncheon meeting at Rosetta Stone Cafe in Youngstown. Presiding over the installation was Cindy Batie, the Ohio State Medical Association Alliance President. Other officers installed were Donna Hayat, vice president; Tammy Engle, treasurer; and Shelly Barton, recording secretary.

Cassi is a clinical pharmacist at Select Specialty Hospital in Youngstown. She graduated with a doctorate in pharmacy from Campbell University School of Pharmacy in North Carolina. She completed her pharmacy residency at the University of Maryland Medical System in Baltimore, MD. She is a board certified pharmacotherapy specialist.

Cassi has been an active member of the Alliance since 2005. She has served on many committees, including the New Member Luncheon and the Annual Fashion Show. Cassi has been an active member of the Dobbins Elementary PTO for many years. She lives in Poland with her husband, Dr. Javier Calderon, and their two children, Diego and Gabriella.



Cassi Calderon, Donna Hayat, Shelly Barton, Tammy Engle



# Recap of the Year

by Paula Jakubek

We had a busy and productive year. We have worked very hard at increasing our membership through active recruiting and mailings. I'm pleased to announce that we attracted 12 new members. Many women are busy with work and family, so it can be a tough sell.

Our charity continues to be the Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley Garden of Hope campaign. We hope to break ground in May for this garden – complete with fountain, flowering plants and decorative trees, benches and paving stones. It will be a peaceful haven for families and patients alike. Literature for purchasing a brick is available if anyone is interested. There are also going to be opportunities to purchase bronze statues. We are well on our way to fulfilling our three-year pledge.

We started the year with a New Member Lunch and reunion at the Lake Club in September. We collected school supplies and had some great raffle prizes.

In November, we had our first evening event when member Anita Gestosani and her husband Tony hosted a book signing cocktail party at their Canfield home. Dr. Phil Howren, a local ER physician, talked about his book and signed copies. He also donated all proceeds back to the Alliance. His book is called "Paralyzed: A Mystery Cocktail of Medicine and Murder with a Twist of Golf.

We also had a holiday cookie and goodies pre-sale that we delivered to members in December. A few members made goodies and donated the proceeds back to the Alliance. This was a great success and we look forward to continuing this year.

In February our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fashion Show Brunch at Avion on the Water grew to almost 250 women this year. Thank you for your continued support! We had new vendors and another very successful Chinese auction.

On March 11<sup>th</sup> we tried another evening event. Drs. Dan Garritano and Susan Woods gave a presentation on Botox, plastic surgery and skin care after a delicious lasagna dinner at Tippecanoe Country Club. We opened attendance to guests and country club members also. We also raffled off a foursome with cart that was donated by Tippecanoe Country Club.

We partnered with Canfield Village Middle School for the second year for a blood drive that coincided with National Doctors' Day on March 30<sup>th</sup>. We provided cookies and doughnuts and offered donors a change to fill our a certificate honoring a special physician with their "Gift of Life". Three Alliance members donated blood, too!

Throughout the year we have collected school supplies, first aid kit supplies and cleaning supplies for Beatitude House, coloring books and art supplies for Akron Children's Hospital, and items needed at Angels for Animals. Our TWIGS group has met faithfully every month to provide craft kits to Akron Children's Hospital patients.

On April 23 we had a joint meeting with the MCMS at Michael Alberini's Restaurant. It was the first "Taste of the World" wine taste. Mr. Alberini gave an informative presentation on the served wines. The appetizers were our of this world! Another great basket raffle netted us \$250. Susan Berny, our 2009 Gem of the Year, presented this year's award to Gloria Detesco. Gloria has been an active member of the Alliance for many years is a past president. She initiated the Golden Gem of the Year Award, honoring her late mother-in-law, during her presidency. Gloria gave a very moving speech, thanking her husband Tom for his support and his dedication to his patients.

Our last planned event was our installation of officers on May 6 at Rosetta Stone Café in Youngstown, where we collected cleaning supplies for Beatitude House. It was my honor to present a \$10,000 check to JoAnn Stock of Akron Children's Hospital for the Garden of Hope.

Finally, I passed the gavel to Mrs. Cassi Calderon, the 2010-2011 Alliance president, who was installed along with her board, Vice president Donna Hayat, Recording Secretary Shelly Barton, and Treasurer Tammy Engle. The position of President-elect remains open if anyone is interested!

I'd like to thank Karyn Frederick, our honorary member, for all the assistance she gives us, both with the newsletter, our web site, and in sharing space with us for meetings.

THANK YOU SO MUCH KARYN...

As this is my last official newsletter, I want to thank everyone who has been involved in any of our events, meetings or TWIGS group. We got so much done because everyone did their part. It was so much easier than I thought because of the cooperation I received from my board and the support from my family. I truly hope we can keep the momentum going.

## GLORIA DETESCO IS NAMED 2010 “GEM OF THE YEAR”



Gloria Detesco was named the 2010 “Gem of the Year” at the first annual “Taste of the World” Wine Taste on Friday, April 23, 2010, at Michael Alberini’s Restaurant.

Gloria was born in Youngstown and graduated from Boardman High School and Youngstown State University. She worked in sales administration for Kraft Foods for 21 years and is currently the business manager for First Medical Associates, her husband’s practice.

Gloria has been active with the Alliance for 18 years and was president in 2003. During her term, Gloria created the “Golden Gem of the Year” award and the first recipient was her late mother-in-law, Virginia Detesco. She has served in many capacities with the medical alliance.

Gloria is also an active member of Junior League of Youngstown, the Butler Institute of American Art, the Ohio State Medical Association Alliance, and the Youngstown Symphony Society executive committee. She has been involved in the Junior League’s Pink Ribbon Tea and Christmas Gala at the Butler.

Her past volunteerism includes the Children’s Museum of the Valley, Hospice of the Valley, the American Red Cross and Tippecanoe Country Club.

Gloria and her husband, Dr. Thomas N. Detesco, reside in Poland.

## “Taste of the World”

