



Mission: "To Increase The Ability of Californians To Improve Their Own Health"

June 2009

**MESSAGE FROM
THE PRESIDENT**



I am honored to be serving as your president again for a second year and look forward to working to keep the Alliance relevant and active in the future. At CMAA's Annual Session the members voted on a new tagline: "Just for the HEALTH of it" to coincide with our new mission statement -- *"To increase the ability of Californians to improve their own health"* and our new vision of *"making California an ideal place to cultivate a healthy family and lifestyle"*.

One of the greatest privileges of being CMAA president is visiting with County

Annual Session 2009

"Honor The Past and Embrace the Future"

In May, Annual Session in Sacramento brought the CMAA Alliance membership together to "Honor the Past and Embrace the Future." At the conference, we launched our 80th year celebration.

- Historian, and Past CMAA President, Tricia Hunstock, prepared a display of some of the historical momentos she has discovered while looking in attics, garages and storage areas at local medical societies all over the state.
- A panel of past CMAA presidents, including Jackie Gelderman, Frances Hart, Ann Hansen and Peg Gobar Wilson, gave insight into the days when they were in leadership positions and we were still called the "Auxiliary."
- All former and current CMAA Foundation Board members were recognized for the 20 successful years of providing funding for Auxiliary/Alliance health projects in California.
- We acknowledged that the Alliance continues to provide what our founders valued most; support for the family of medicine, legislative advocacy and the promotion of quality health in our communities.

Bylaws Suspension & Transition Team

At Annual Session, the members present voted to suspend the current bylaws to allow for a transition team to formulate a new board and committee structure. A report will be presented to the membership at our October conference in Anaheim.

Special thanks for accepting the temporary appointment to the

Alliances in their hometown. If you would like us to meet with you, please let us know dates and times of your events and meetings so we can place them on the master calendar."

Enjoy the summer and I wish you all the best!

Warmly,
Debbi Ricks, President

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14-16

AMAA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL

July 3rd

CMA Board of Trustees Meeting Sacramento, CA

October 4-6

AMAA Leadership Development Conference Fall Session Chicago, IL

October 16-19

CMA House of Delegates/ CMAA Fall Conference Anaheim, CA

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transition team: Tricia Hunstock, VP Governance & Leadership; Lisa Smith, VP Operations & Finance; Naomi Flam, VP Marketing & Public Relations; and Ann Hurd, Recording Secretary. Debbi Ricks was elected for a two-year term as President and will preside over the transition team.

Please direct any questions regarding the transition team to Naomi E. Flam - naomiflam@comcast.net.

Dedicated County Alliance Members Honored



One of the highlights of Annual Session is honoring our Dedicated County Alliance Members. Each year counties may select an honoree who is then acknowledged at the CMAA's Annual Session Recognition Luncheon. This year we gave tribute to the following honorees for their dedication to the Alliance:

Eleanor Beil, Fresno/Madera
Sylvia Enoch, Sierra/Sacramento
Ting Kurihara, Los Angeles
Trisha Macko, San Joaquin
Carolyn Miller, Santa Clara
Barbara Ramsey, Sonoma
Halaine Rose, Los Angeles District 2
Barbara Sperling, San Diego
Eve Thompson, Orange

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

By Tricia Hunstock

If you have mementos or photos from years gone by, please contact me. As your Historian, I am diligently working on a history project to be presented at October's Fall Leadership Conference. "Thank You" to the counties that have already participated in documenting their Alliance history. We will send out an application form again so you may help sponsor the

CMA Alliance "80 Years" history book. You may also invite me to come and look with you through your old artifacts.

Thank you for your support to this project.

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(Lois Norling, Jackie Gelderman &

Tricia)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



CMAA Fall Conference/ CMA House of Delegates

**October 16-18, 2009
Disneyland Hotel
Anaheim, CA**

Join us for the CMAA's Fall Conference in Anaheim which will be held in conjunction with the CMA House of Delegates meeting at the Disneyland Hotel. The Alliance will continue to conduct its own meetings and speaker workshops that will be open to all attendees of both conferences.

We are looking for CMAA members to help us in the planning stages of the event. If you are interested, please give us a call.

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