

This monthly newsletter keeps **Indiana State Medical Association Alliance (ISMAA)** members up-to-date on news and events happening in your county, state and nation. Keep reading to find out more! *Click on blue, underlined text to follow links throughout the newsletter.*

Grants available for prescription medication safety

AMA Foundation to Award 25 Grants for Grassroots Health Education

The AMA Foundation is now offering grants for community organizations that provide educational programming about the dangers of prescription drug abuse.

Each year, the AMA Foundation awards grants to grassroots health education programs that promote healthy lifestyles and improve wellbeing at the community level.

The Healthy Living Grant program has supported 288 nonprofit organizations in teaching young people about nutrition, physical fitness and violence prevention.

In 2012, the Healthy Living Grant program will focus on supporting medical organizations with prescription medication safety projects targeting children and youth ages 2 to 21. The AMA Foundation will award \$8,000 grants to approximately 25 medical organizations, supported by a generous grant from Purdue Pharma LP.

Medical organizations (defined as hospitals, free clinics, public health departments, medical schools and/or nonprofit organizations) are encouraged to collaborate with nonprofits, schools or government entities on the prescription safety projects.

In previous years, prescription safety Healthy Living Grants have funded youth-led social media campaigns, parental toolkits and workshops, and age-appropriate e-learning modules.



The Community Alliance for Teen Safety in Derry, NH used their 2011 Healthy Living Grant to develop an e-learning module for young people on the misuse of prescription drugs.

ISMAA Nominating Committee announces slate of officers

The 2011-12 ISMA Alliance Nominating Committee met at ISMA headquarters on May 2 to select a slate of officers for the 2012-13 Alliance year. Present at ISMA headquarters were: Chair, Laurel Weddle, Hallie Gorup, Shefali Purohit and Alliance Liaison, Jill Bruce. Calling in via conference call were Joan Vidic, Jeanne Darroca, Kelda Maynard and Marty Vibul.

The following slate of nominated officers was selected:

- President-elect: Joan Vidic, District 13
- Northern Area Vice President: Jerri Sidel, Fort Wayne/Allen County
- Central Area Vice President: Joann Orman, Vigo County
- Southern Area Vice President: Jahanara Tapal, Vanderburgh County
- Secretary: Jaime Dinn, Howard County
- Treasurer: Marty Vibul, Vanderburgh County

The slate will be voted on at the ISMAA Annual Meeting September 15 at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis. Shefali Purohit of Vigo County will be installed as president.

Laurel wishes to thank her committee for their hard work!

Mark your calendars!

The ISMAA Annual Meeting will be held September 15 at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis.

More information will be coming soon!



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Upcoming Events:

JUNE 17 - 19, 2012

AMA Alliance Annual Meeting
Swissôtel Chicago

SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

ISMA Alliance Annual Meeting
JW Marriott Indianapolis

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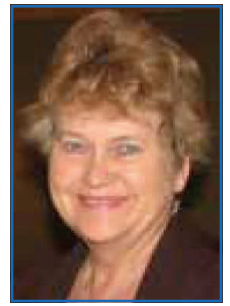
We in the Alliance know that *from Mary Shuman, AMAA Director*

One year ago I was struck by a car while walking. The ambulance came and transported me to the hospital. My knee was fractured. Thank goodness I was blessed with the best medical care possible — unlike many people living on the edge. If something terrible happened, they could end up losing everything they've worked hard for. We in the Alliance know that. That's why we advocate for important issues facing physicians and their patients.

Obesity is a health issue receiving a lot of national attention. The ISMA Alliance has been doing their part to address this problem. *Healthy Life Styles Messages, Prevent Obesity* will be recognized with a Health Awareness Promotion award at the 2012 Annual Meeting. Bravo!

Physician spouses understand the unique demands placed upon medical families. The Alliance is our go-to group for support. We are a network of physician couples representing all stages of the medical family, from the training years to retirement. Indiana's medical schools are fortunate to have your support and expertise during the critical training years. *The Event* will be recognized as an outstanding example of a partnership project with the Indiana State Medical Association. Congratulations!

I missed the 2011 AMAA Annual Meeting because of my accident so I am doubly looking forward to attending and cheering on ISMA Alliance as you accept your two well-deserved Prestige Awards. It has been my pleasure to serve two years as your national AMAA Director. I'm from Missouri—the *Show Me State*. I will look forward to being shown more awesome Alliance projects benefitting Indiana citizens in the years to come.



IDEAS AND UPDATES FROM AROUND THE STATE

Vigo County Medical Society Alliance

The Vigo County Medical Society Alliance is proud to report a record-setting fashion show fundraiser in May. They were able to donate \$3,250 each to St. Ann's Clinic and to Indigent Care. This is \$900 more than was contributed to each community health organization last year. The profit of \$6,500 was largely due to the attendance of 176 people, many vendors and a very successful raffle. In addition, two large wine basket door prizes were donated by alliance members.



Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance

The Fort Wayne Medical Society Alliance (FWMSA) has been very busy!

On March 3, they took part in the 17th Annual Doctors' Day at Science Central. They also held their 11th Annual Cinderella Dress Day on March 17, distributing about 200 dresses to area girls who might not otherwise be able to afford them. The event also featured on-the-spot alterations and volunteers from a local beauty school on hand to help girls with their hair and make-up. This year, extra prom dresses were donated to girls in tornado-ravaged locations in southern Indiana.

In May, new members of the FWMSA executive board were installed by ISMAA President-elect Shefali Purohit; Central Area Vice President Joann Orman also attended. The new executive board is:

- President, Preeti Jain
- President-elect, Veydra van de Leur
- Treasurer, Betty Canavati
- Secretary, Charlene Pierce

This was the inaugural co-installation with the Fort Wayne Medical Society (FWMS), and it was very well-received and well-attended by 105 people! Many in attendance were impressed that Shefali and Joann took the time to attend, and all enjoyed meeting them!

Last, and certainly not least, the FWMSA received a grant from the FWMS to welcome new physician families and to extend new programs to the local IU School of Medicine students. They are very excited to begin their new programs!

In addition, FWMSA has been given designated office space at the FWMS so they are better able to partner together and retain physicians within the community and northeast Indiana.

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