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Messages from your Presidents

I want to thank all of you for the support I have received after agreeing to take on the role of co-President of the SCMAAF. I am thrilled to serve along side my dear friend, Sori DeVore. I joined the "Auxiliary" 29 years ago. I have chaired almost every committee, served on the board, and was President from 1998-1999. I remember working so hard to learn as much as I could, and to do my best. I feel the same way today. I am excited to be working with a

board that is enthusiastic and knowledgeable. There is no other organization I would rather spend my volunteer hours with than the Alliance! I think many of you feel the same joyfulness as I do. We have so much shared history together, long lasting friendships, and a desire to help our community. And, although I wasn't expecting to be doing this right now, I am grateful for the opportunity. Call or text me with your ideas. I'm here to listen, learn, and succeed! Oh, and the laughter and fun, I'm here for that too!

Karen Hanahan, Co-President 707-483-1137 karenhanahan@yahoo.com

I am so thrilled to be Sharing the SCMAAF Presidency with Karen Hanahan. For those who do not know me, I was SCMAA president in 1996-1997. Before that, I held different Board positions. Things were so different then, no social media, no web page, snail mail, cut and paste Grapevine, and lots and lots of fundraisers. We've come a long way since then. My experience as an educator, owning my own retail business, and many other activities has helped me in leadership and team building. The SCMAA has been instrumental in allowing me to grow in those areas. I'm hoping that you, our past and continuing members, will see the value of membership, not only in community involvement but in enduring friendships. We have suffered so much through the fires and the pandemic, it is now time to come together, renew friendships, and join our efforts.

Sori DeVore, Co-President 707-484-9638 sorid@aol.com

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that the Alliance lost four long-time members.

Barbara Ferrington

Mary Lou Sullivan

Charlene Powers

Donna Wallrich



Coming in 2022

- The **Give-a Gift** Committee will continue their work by distributing computers to transitioning foster youth attending college.
- The **Health Careers Scholarship** Committee will launch their Spring Fundraiser. For over 50 years, our program has aided local students with the cost of their healthcare related education.
- An **Outdoor Member Luncheon** will take place in late spring. We have begun planning a lovely and heart-warming event that you won't want to miss! **Save Thursday, May 19, 2022**

68th Annual Give-a-Gift Update

Co Chairs, **Liz Bauer** and **Liz Restel** did a fantastic job of leading their committee. This year we raised over \$36,800 from our members and donors. We purchased gifts for 167 children, and an additional 35 children received bikes and helmets. On "Wrap Day", December 3, 2021, volunteers, merrily wrapped over 500 gifts. None of this could be possible without the dedication and hard work of the committee, and the generous support from all of you!

Thank you to the Give-a-Gift committee, **Liz Bauer, Liz Restel, Kathryn Koh, Laura Robertson, Carol Lynn Wood, Sally Ebrahim, Emily Pope, and Karissa Sugar.**

In addition, thank you to the "Wrap Day" volunteers, the **entire Give-a-Gift committee**, and **Patty Lyn Tweten, Nicole Tapiz, Lyndsey Kinane, Cecile Keefe, Lisa Sugarman, Laurie Pousman, Pat Anderson, Maryam Shafae, Karen Hanahan, Marie Mintalucci, and Sam Doemeny.**





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Membership

Thank you to everyone who renewed their memberships for the 2021-22 Alliance year. It has been such a pleasure reconnecting with many of you over the past few months! Your dues help provide the infrastructure required to keep Alliance programs like Give-a-Gift and Health Careers Scholarships running strong. These programs create lasting impact in the lives of individuals in our community. Thank you!

Fingers crossed, we will see each other in person soon. Until then, you have any questions about the status of your membership or have questions about the Alliance, please do not hesitate to email me at lsugarman@gmail.com

Warm Regards, Lisa Sugarman



Board Members, Karen
Hanahan and Lisa
Sugarman at "Wrap Day"

New Directors Join Alliance Board

The Sonoma County Medical Association Alliance Foundation welcomed several new board members in September to serve during the 2021-2022 year. We are happy to announce **Karen Hanahan** and **Sori DeVore** as co-Presidents, **Gail Dubinsky** as Secretary, **Janet Polson** as Treasurer, **Lisa Sugarman** as Vice President of Membership, **Joni Schmidt** as Vice President of Governance, and **John Gnam**, Immediate Past President. Continuing to serve for another term are **Margaret Peterson** as Vice President of Information Technology **Liz Bauer** and **Liz Restel**, Co-Chairs of the Give a Gift Program, **Virginia Merwin**, Chair, Health Career Scholarship Committee, and **Pat Anderson**, Member at Large. We continue to hold our meetings using Zoom, however we are moving forward and setting goals. Specifically we would like to accomplish the following :

- * Develop a 3-5 year strategic plan for fundraising to cover our administrative costs and to support our two oldest programs, Give a Gift and the Health Careers Scholarship Committee.

- * Develop a long range plan to sustain our membership, support members that are willing to take on leadership roles, and give volunteer opportunities to our members.

Please reach out to any of the board members with your ideas and comments. We want to hear from you!

In Appreciation

The following members need to be acknowledged for the dedication and determination that they showed in past four years. During these unprecedented times, through fires, and the pandemic, they worked diligently to save our organization.

Some of these individuals lost their homes in the fires, which makes their contribution to the Alliance even more remarkable!

Thank you to everyone for your support, especially the following members:

Patty Lynn Tweten, Janet Lakshmanan, Sally Ebrahim, Margaret Peterson, Aaron Groves, Lisa Sugarman, Virginia Merwin, Meta Lightfoot, John Gnam, Laura Robertson, Joni Jacobs, Pat Anderson, Liz Restel, Liz Bauer, and the Give a Gift Committee



Executive Board

Karen Hanahan and Sori DeVore, co-Presidents

Gail Dubinsky, Secretary

Janet Polson, Treasurer

Lisa Sugarman, Vice President - Membership

Margaret Peterson, Vice President - Information Technology

Joni Schmidt, Vice President - Governance

John Gnam, Immediate Past President

Pat Anderson, Member -at -Large

Programs

Virginia Merwin, Chair Health Careers Scholarship Committee

Liz Bauer and Liz Restel, Co-Chairs Give a Gift Committee

The Children's Museum

We recently received a message from Collette Michaud, founder and CEO of the Children's Museum of Sonoma County regarding the donation the SCMAAF made to start the *Head to Toe* exhibit. She wrote, "Did you know that the Head to Toe Health Clinic turned out to be one of our most popular exhibits. So popular in fact, that we just updated and expanded it within the museum. Thank you and the SCMA for providing the generous funds to initially make it happen! Your gift was very much appreciated by thousands of children and their loved ones." For more information go to : www.cmosc.org



Health Careers Scholarship Update

In 2022 the SCMA and SCMAAF Health Careers Scholarships will celebrate fifty-seven years of giving scholarships to students in health related fields. This is a joint committee between the SCMA and the SCMAAF. For the academic year 2021-2022 we were pleased to be able to award \$40,500 to fourteen students. This is a renewable scholarship. Senior medical student Ryan Powers has received a scholarship from us for his entire undergraduate and graduate education.

Medical School

\$ 4,000 Shinn Mae Chan 3rd year Yale Medical School
 \$ 3,500 Jana Guenther, 3rd year Keck School of Medicine USC
 \$3,000 Karly Lujan 2nd Year West Michigan University Homer Stryker Med School
 \$ 4,500 Ryan Powers 4th year Geisel School of Medicine Dartmouth University
 \$ 4,000 Joseph Wertz 3rd Year David Geffen School of Medicine U.C.L.A.

Graduate School

\$3,000 Elizabeth Camacho 2nd Year USF RN/MRN Program
 \$3,000 Edgar "Alex" Garcia, R.N. 2nd Year USF MRN/Nurse Practitioner

Undergraduates

\$ 2,500 Xiomara Espinosa 4th Year Sonoma State, 1st Year RN program
 \$2,500 Nathalie Nava 3rd year San Diego University, Pre Med
 \$ 2,000 Yulissa Oceguedra 3rd Year UC Berkeley Molecular Environmental Biology and Conservation and Resource studies Major leading to an M.D.
 \$ 1,500 Elisa Chavez-Figueroa 2nd Year Sonoma State Nursing
 \$ 2,000 Emma Riley 2nd Year Texas Christian U In Direct Admit RN program
 \$1,500 Alondra Sanchez-Guadalupe 2nd Year Sonoma State Medical Assistant Program
 \$ 2,500 Lindsey Tah Espens 4th year U.C. Santa Barbara, Microbiology Major-PreMed

Health Careers Scholarship Update**Total Awards \$40,500.00**

Thank you letters and email from the students are confirmation that our program is working well. It is a tribute to all of our donors who make this program so successful.

Ryan Powers - "Thank you so much for all you have given me on this journey. I look forward to offering aspiring physicians the kind of support and generosity that you have offered me."

Lindsey Tah-Espens - "Although I have had many bumps, it is gratifying to now that there are people like you willing to support me. This Committee has seen my growth from a first year to a fourth year culminating in a degree in microbiology"

Yulissa Oceguera Barragan - "As a low income student, finances have been a big issue. Scholarships have been what has allowed me to ensure that I can stay in school. Without this, I am not sure what I would do. Thank you so very much."

Two years ago it was decided to move the annual fundraising drive to the month of March ending on **Doctor's Day March 30th**. The online format has worked well and will be continued this year. **Tax deductible donations** can be made online to **SCMAAF.org / Scholarships** or checks - made out to **SCMAA Foundation**, please note that your donation is for Health Careers Scholarship. Mail to SCMAAF P.O.Box 1388, Santa Rosa, CA 95402.

Recognition of donors for **2022-2023** will be in the Press Democrat following the March 30th deadline. There are four levels of donors:

Scholars Circle \$2500+, **Silver Scholar** \$1000-\$2499, **Bronze Scholar** \$500-\$999, and **Donor Scholar** up to \$499.

My thanks to **Patty Lyn Tweten** and **Lisa Sugarman** who capably and efficiently managed the fundraising for the past two years. Now that Lisa is our Membership Chair, I am hopeful that one or two members will be able to help Patty Lyn by soliciting donations from Sutter and Providence/St Joseph. There will be packet information to use for this presentation. Please contact Patty Lyn if you would like to help. patty@tweten.com

Gina Merwin, Health Careers Scholarship Chair

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2021 Donors to the Health Careers Scholarship Fund

Scholar's Circle \$2500 or more

\$2500 - Kaiser Permanente Medical Group

\$10,000 - Pacific Foundation for Medical Care

Silver Scholar \$1000-\$2499

\$1,000 - Pat Anderson

\$1,000 - Shawn & Patrick Devlin, MD

\$1,000 - Karen & Ralph Hanahan, MD

\$1,000 - Melody & Thomas Morales, MD

\$1,000 - Pardini Wulbrecht Financial Group of Raymond James

\$1,000 - Beverly & Kent Pearson, MD

\$1,000 - Providence Northern California

\$1,025 - The Sonoma County Medical Association

\$1,025 - Lisa & Jeff Sugarman, MD

Bronze Scholar \$500- \$999

\$500 - Adobe Road Winery

\$700 - Donna Born

\$500 - Melissa Kelly & Stephen Meffert, MD

\$500 - Virginia & Robert Merwin, MD

\$500 - Barbara & Jim Shubin, MD

\$500 - Trish & Peter Shapiro, MD

Donors up to \$499

Marsha & Nick Anton, MD

Marsha Banks *in honor of Ava Rusakovich*

Dianne & Joe Clendenin, MD

Susan & Fred David, MD

Catherine Davis , MD & Tom Mahood

Lynn & Michael Davis, MD

Pamela & Brad Drexler, MD

Gail Dubinsky, MD

Sally & Adu Ebrahim, MD

Karen & Joel Erickson, MD

Jean Martin

Barbara & William Ramsey, MD

Debbie & William Ricks, MD *in memory of Dr. Alan Hunstock*

Dee & Harry Richardson, MD

Laura & Dave Robertson, MD

Joni Lynn & Brian Schmidt, MD

Linda Seither *in memory of Charlene Powers*

Carol Lynn & Bob Wood, MD

Bill Traverso *in memory of Mary M. Traverso*