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## Spring 2002 Newsletter

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# HMA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A diverse group of health professionals were elected as the new officers and board of directors of Health Ministries Association on April 6, 2002 at the general membership meeting held at 1 independent e Regional Health Center. During World Conference membership doubled and now reflects 22 professions.

**PRESIDENT- Ron Edwards, MD.** Family Practice in Topeka, KS. Ron has led health teams to Honduras since 1994.

**PRESIDENT ELECT- Howard Braby, MD.** retired OB-GYN, Indep.. Mo. This will be the third time in MDA/HMA history for Howard to preside over the association.

**SECRETARY-Shannon Hattey, RPh** Watt Drug Manager, Indep.. Mo Shannon has been on three health teams to Honduras and will be team leader for the July and January teams.

**TREASURER-Roger Sacry, MD,** Family Practice in Higginsville. Mo. Roger has been to Honduras on a health team and has been active on the Board.

**PAST PRESIDENT- Bob Pischall, MD.** Pediatrician for Washington University. St. Louis. Mo, Bob has led health teams to Honduras since 1994 that included seeing children at El Refugio Orphanage, Bob led the MDA as it made the changes to be HMA.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Fran Atkins, RN, Ph D, Clinical Nurse Specialist-** Psychiatric and Mental Health. Higginsville, Mo. Fran has authored many articles and presentations and has been active in many professional associations- PNA president 1998-2002.

**Barbara Gose, RPh.** Barbara has been on health missions to Honduras during the last four decades and has been active in fund-raising. She is a Priest in Independence, Mo. **Ruth Humbert, RN-** Long-term Care Consultant, Ruth has done vision exams and eye glass fitting for four health missions and resides in Topeka, KS.

**Mary Morgan, RD.** Mary is a dietician for the Kansas City Public Schools and lives in Independence, Mo.

**Ralph Ruckman, DDS.** Ralph has been active in MDA/HMA as Pres. 1989-92 and two health missions. He is involved in many professional associations and community programs. Ralph is an Elder and lives in Independence, Mo,

**Dennis Sartwell, RRT.** Dennis is a congregational consultant and an Elder. He has been involved in marketing and camping programs and lives in Warrensburg. Mo.

# HIDDEN BLESSING IN HONDURAS

By Shannon Hattey RPh

Several years ago on my first health missions to Honduras I met a child who was an instrument of change in my life. It was a hot, sticky day in a mountain village with no electricity and poor lighting. There were two physicians seeing patients and writing prescriptions for lots of medications. By mid-afternoon I was exhausted, frazzled, and beat. From out of the crowd came a little girl with a can of ice-cold pineapple juice and a hug. She disappeared as quickly as she had appeared but her simple act of caring and kindness is why I continue to serve these gracious people.

July 2002 will be my fourth health mission to Honduras, I have made friends and deep relationships with brothers and sisters far away, some of which do not speak a language I understand. Learning Spanish, though, is a new goal in my life, I have welcomed these people into my home just as I have been welcomed into their home in Honduras. These relationships are a result of the missions.

Frequently, I am asked what a pharmacist does in Honduras. Much of the work is done in the states before we leave to procure medications, inventory products, and substitute as needed to have a working formulary. Once in Honduras, we perform the traditional dispensing role along with "other" jobs such as lice shampoo treatments, dressing changes,

teaching, sharing, and playing with children. Clinical skills can be challenged by compounding pediatric doses and medication substitutions.

By the end of a week in Honduras I will have received more than I have given, I am indeed tired from a week of hard work but I have a deeper appreciation for these people and their culture. The missions and the people we serve continue to change my perspective on what is "really" important. I come home feeling grounded with a renewed faith and life values.

It is from these experiences that I am willing to be the team leader for the January and July health teams. Please consider sharing with us and with the Honduran people your time and skills on of the upcoming health missions.



## UPCOMING HEALTH TEAMS TO HONDURAS and CENTRAL AMERICA

July 20-27, 2002

October 9-17, 2002

January 11-18, 2003

Contact: Shannon Hallcy at [shattey@aol.com](mailto:shattey@aol.com) or 816.224.4330.

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# CONTRIBUTION AND / OR MEMBERSHIP FORM

Information may be taken over the phone by calling 1-800-825-2806 ext 1262 Mon., Thurs., or Friday

Name.....Phone.....Occupation.....

Address.....

E-Mail.....Signature.....

Level of Membership: \$.....Member (\$25-\$99) \$.....Sponsor (\$100-\$249) \$.....Patron (\$250 & up)

Additional Contributions: \$.....Onil Stoves/ Ruth Humbert support in Guatemala @ \$100 each

\$.....General Fund, \$.....Missions Fund, \$.....Chaplain Ministries, \$.....Cong. Health Ministries

Payment Method: .....Check

*Please mail to:* Health Ministries Assoc. 1001 W. Walnut Independence, Mo 64050

.....VISA.....MasterCard #.....Exp. Date.....Amt.....

Pledge amount: \$.....monthly, \$.....quarterly. Will make by check....., Make by credit card.....

Ministry and Committee interests: .....

## COMMITTEES FORMED FOR SHAPING NEW PROGRAMS

During the general membership meeting April 6, 2002 committees were formed to assist the HMA board in planning and implementing HMA goals. These committees are coming together to begin formulating programs and brainstorming possibilities

Many people came by the World Conference booth and shared the exciting things happening in their congregations and in their lives. We have been able to add those person's names to the contact list of some of these committees There are still opportunities to be apart of this exciting time of HMA, Please consider providing input on the following committees and areas of ministry.

**STRATEGIC PLANNING-** Visioning where HMA can go and how we can get there. Looking at possibilities and providing long range (5-10 year) goals to the Board. Contact- Gary Rummel [gprummel@prodigy.net](mailto:gprummel@prodigy.net) or 816.690.3829.

**CONGREGATIONAL NURSING-** Looking at how nurses and congregation health committees can increase the health of the congregation. Contact- Fran Atkins [franda@ctcis.net](mailto:franda@ctcis.net) or 660.584.2021.

**HEALTH TEAM RECRUITMENT-** Encouraging persons interested in international missions and coordinating team composition for effective use of personnel, Contact- Shannon Hattey [shattey@aol.com](mailto:shattey@aol.com) or 816.224.4350.

**CHAPLAIN-CARING MINISTRIES-** Increasing awareness and comfort level of those offering ministry in institutions, community shelters, and homes, Contact Alice Sims [asims@CofChrist.org](mailto:asims@CofChrist.org) or 816.833.7066.

**EVENT PROMOTION / MEMBERSHIP-** Visiting and providing a presence at events and gatherings to encourage membership and promote the organization. Contact Dennis Sartwell at 660.853.4775 or Paula Rummel [prummel@CofChrist.org](mailto:prummel@CofChrist.org) or 800-825-2806 ext 2262.

**COMMUNICATIONS-** Maintaining the HMA website and creating quarterly newsletters. Contact Ralph Ruckman at [RalphRuckman@PObox.com](mailto:RalphRuckman@PObox.com) or 816.373.4554 or Paula Rummel [prummel@CofChrist.org](mailto:prummel@CofChrist.org) or 800.825.2806 ext 2262

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Benediction offered by Brother Roy Schaefer at the Health Ministries Banquet April 6, 2002, at IRHC

Dear Creator, Healer and Friend;

What a joyous, sacred privilege to share this evening with You and these your servants of healing. May we often reflect that 172 years ago on this day, a small group of your people met and in response to Your call established this faith movement. This historic event was centered in your Son and became the soil out of which spouted the Community of Christ.

As we take a few moments to reflect on the ministries of Your Son we are awe struck by the amazing sacred record of ministries of healing that were shared with so many

We recount healing ministries in which you touched blind eyes, forgave sin, raised people from the dead, befriended the rebuked, shared living water, healed the crippled, and brought hope to the depressed.

What a fantastic time to be alive. A time in which we are privileged to participate with you in addressing desperately needed healing ministries. Everywhere people of all ages are in pain. The call to each one here this evening is the call to rededicate ourselves anew in these ministries with You

As disciples let us, each one, daily proclaim our serving as active partners with You in these vital ministries of wholeness.

Let us daily sense the refreshing breezes of joy You share, hope You bring, and love You multiply. May each one of these, Your children, rejoice in the assurance that the present and future are as bright and luminous as Your presence. For they radiate from You and light each and every soul. So we humbly proclaim our desire to continue becoming one with You, walking with You, serving with You, healing with You, and freeing all with You, now and forever. O Holy One. Amen,