
HEALING HEARTS HERALD

SPRING 2010

Successful Week of Conference Activities and Celebration Luncheon

HMA welcomed current and new members to the organization at the World Village HMA booth. A steady flow of interested people stopped by to learn more about bulletin inserts, congregation health ministry helps, and our Guatemalan and Honduran health programs.



New Board member Mike Hawkins, DDS hosted the booth with Paula Rummel, Executive Director Sunday afternoon.

Twelve HMA Board members hosted the booth sharing about HMA ministries and encouraging participation. Numerous persons asked to receive newsletters and email announcements. A sign-up sheet was also available for site visits and mission team interest and participation. Those interested in becoming a contact for congregational health

ministry also provided information and will receive future bulletin inserts by email.

The Guatemalan keychain charms were a big draw to the booth with over 500 sold. Everyone walking by had to stop and check them out which gave us a chance to encourage the Guatemala health program. Additional silent auction items were sold, logo clothing and health information cards were available.



Ruth Humbert, RN (left) was honored at the Celebration Luncheon for her six years of service in Guatemala. She trained indigenous nurses to provide clinics and community development. Kathleen Cadman, RN (right) spent last summer working with Ruth and the four nurses. Many attendees expressed appreciation to Ruth at the Luncheon as well as reconnect with friends and colleagues.

Howard Braby, MD was also honored for his years of service as HMA president and for "opening doors in Guatemala". HMA programs and activities were highlighted including Health & Spirituality Workshops coming up in Independence, MO and Baltimore, MD.

Changes Allow Nurses and Healthcare Professionals to Better Respond

By Paula Rummel, RN and Don Potts, MD

Each year the HMA office received phone calls needing a camp nurse in a specific location. Other professionals call wanting to respond to a disaster but do not know who to contact. Two changes have been implemented that increase opportunities for nurses to respond to disasters and camp nurse needs. The first is a nurse compact with 24 states which will recognize the license of nurses within the compact states.

The Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC) allows other states to recognize each other's RN and LPN licenses. Currently the following states are part of the compact: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, and Wisconsin. In order to enjoy the multistate privilege, the Compact requires that each nurse be licensed in the party state in which they reside. Missouri joins the compact June 1, 2010.

Nurses willing to travel to another location to be a camp nurse please contact Paula at 816-833-1000 ext 1262. HMA is creating a list of nurses willing to serve as camp nurses.

The second change is a registry of volunteer healthcare professionals for every state mandated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) is a federal program to establish and implement guidelines and standards for the registration, credentialing, and deployment of medical professionals in the event of a large scale national emergency. U.S. Congress authorized this as a direct result of 9/11 when people wanted respond but their credentials could not be immediately verified.

Each state now registers volunteers and they are given a coded badge which can be electronically scanned on-site and put to work

immediately. Please contact your state professional board for more information and to register to be a first responder.

HMA Encourages Support of Organizations

The first overseas medical mission of the then R.L.D.S. Medical Dental Association was to Haiti in 1968. Many members and friends were involved in the 12-20 mission teams thereafter. Numerous team members hold a special place in their heart for Haitians and wanted to once again respond after the January 12, 2010 earthquake. Drs. Ron Edwards and Don Potts volunteered with the local Heart to Heart organization this spring on mission teams to Haiti.

HMA Board of Directors has chosen not to organize first responders to disasters in other parts of the world. The Board feels it is more prudent for members to volunteer with established organizations who are equipped to manage volunteers in strained conditions.

The following are some organizations utilizing healthcare volunteers, students, and non-medical persons. Please look at their websites to see opportunities they offer and how your skills might be able to be of service.

www.HeartToHeart.org

www.MedicalTeams.org

www.ProjectHope.org

www.InternationalHealthVolunteers.org

www.HealthCareVolunteers.org

www.DoctorsWithoutBorders.org

www.GlobalVolunteerNetwork.org

www.DocsWhoCare.com

www.INMED.us

www.VolunteerAbroad.com

www.SurveyOurWorld.com

www.Projects-Abroad-Pro.org

www.aBroaderView.org

www.UnitedForSight.org

www.PeaceCorps.gov

www.MercyShips.org

8th Annual HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY Workshop

“Navigating Life’s Transitions”

Keynote Address “*When the Real World Comes to Church*” by David Schaal

September 24-25, 2010
Community of Christ Temple



A brochure will be included in the next newsletter. Call 816-833-1000 ext 1262 to register for the workshop.

This activity has been submitted to the Missouri Nurses Association for approval to award nursing contact hours. The Missouri Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Skill Building Sessions

Choose 4 of the 8 offerings

- **Ministry on the Edge-** Panel discussion led by David Schaal with Ruth Humbert, RN, Emily Marolf Hidy, and Craig Hidy on making a difference being involved in people’s lives.
- **“I Wish Someone Had Told Me”-** Harold Ivan Smith on the many transitions of life and the pitfalls to avoid
- **eSpirituality: Transition with Technology-** Pam Robison and Andrew Lavender with how technology can impact spirituality, discipleship, and health
- **Spiritual Disciplines that Help Navigate Life’s Changes-** Father Gary Gilbertson and Ashley Lavender
- **Pathways of Healing-** Joy Weydert, MD and Jeremy Baptist, MD speak of strengthening the immune system and healing therapies
- **How to Negotiate a Healthy Relationship-** Pamela S. Taylor, PhD, LPC will discuss how to establish positive marriage, family, friendship, church and job relationships.
- **Transitioning to a Home Away from Home-** A panel discusses making and adjusting to later-in-life circumstances
- **Spiritual Assessments-** Alice Sims, RN and Chaplain discusses how to assess one’s own as well as other’s spiritual condition

Health Ministries Association MISSION

Wholeness- To be an organization that builds on our faith heritage, staying in the forefront in promoting wholeness of body, mind, and spirit.
Health- To provide health and wellness for the underserved and those in need, both domestically and internationally, through partnering to identify health needs and to empower self-directed care.
Education- To provide education and services with individuals, families, congregations, and communities which encourage the stewardship of healthy living.
Networking- To develop a network of health care practitioners and health promoters, working together and with other service organizations, in the advancement of health education, and wholeness.

CONTRIBUTION AND/ OR MEMBERSHIP FORM

Information may be taken over the phone by calling 1-816-833-1000 ext 1262 Mon., Thurs., or Friday or On Line

Name Phone Occupation

Address

E-Mail Signature

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

Additional Contributions: \$ Where most needed \$ Guatemala Village Health Program
 \$ Mission Health Teams \$ Domestic Health Programs

Payment Method: Check Mail to: Health Ministries Assoc. 1001 W. Walnut Independence, Mo 64050
 VISA MasterCard # Xp. Date Amt.

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

Upcoming Events

HMA Board of Director's Meeting- July 17, 2010 2 pm at Auditorium Indep., MO

Health Team to Honduras- July 30-August 8, 2010 led by Pamela Stewart, drpes@mac.com

8th Annual Health & Spirituality Workshop- Sept. 24-25, 2010 at Temple

Health Team to Honduras – October 2010 led by Ron Edwards, RonEdwards@hmaCofChrist.org

HMA Board of Director's Meeting- October 16, 2010 2 PM Auditorium Independence, MO

HMA Board of Director's Meeting- January 15, 2011 2 pm Auditorium Independence, MO

HMA TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY

"IRELAND in DEPTH"

Date: October 20-Nov. 1, 2010 (13 days)

Cost: \$2195 plus airfare to Chicago, Boston, or NYC (JFK)

Opt. 6 day pre-trip to Northern Ireland \$895

Optional 4 day post-trip to Dublin \$496

Deposit of \$350 required by July 2010

Details of Trip: www.GCT.com

Where to Travel? *Europe*

Country? *Ireland*

Type of travel? *Escorted Trips*

Departure Date? *October 2010*

Search *Ireland in Depth*

To register or for more info contact:

Ken or Jean Brookens

816-350-3386 or 816-686-8222

A group of 15 creates a donation for HMA.

Health Ministries Association wants to be kind to the environment by encouraging newsletters to be read on the www.HMACofChrist.org website. Please contact the HMA office at hma@CofChrist.org with your email address. We will send a notice with a direct link to the newsletter when the next one is available.