



HEALING HEARTS HERALD

SPRING 2007

5th Health & Spirituality Workshop September 14-15, 2007

Robert Potter, M.D., Ph.D. will provide the keynote address "Listening to the Voice of the Patient" on Friday evening Sept. 14, 2007 at the Temple in Independence, MO.

Dr. Potter's professional life combined medical practice, teaching, and bioethics consultation. He practiced 30 years while teaching for KU School of Medicine and was recently hired as Director of Ethics Education for OHSU.

"Embracing Community: who is my neighbor?" -this year's theme.

Numerous skill-building sessions will be provided to increase individual's ability to provide ministry in expanded areas as congregations reach out into their community.

Sessions include:

- Addiction Recovery by Greg Parr
- Awareness of Religions and Spiritual Traditions by Steve Jeffers
- Coming to the USA: the Refugee Perspective
- Culturally Sensitive Care for Islamic Persons
- Healing through Prayer by Mary Nella Felkins
- How Our Actions Marginalize Others by Nanette Chun-Ming Ward

- Managing Moral Distress by Robert Potter
- Youth and Palliative Care by Rosemary Hubble

A full brochure will be included in the next HMA newsletter in August. Alice Sims chairs the HMA Chaplain Ministry committee which plans the workshops with an interfaith committee.

Workshop MISSION STATEMENT

To provide health and wellness educational opportunities for clergy, lay ministers, professionals, and people interested in increasing their personal learning to bring ministry to others.

Friday night reception, snacks and Saturday lunch included in registration.

Register by calling 816/833-1000 ext 1262 before August 31 to receive the early bird price of \$50 (Seniors 65 and older \$45). Student cost is \$20. Sept. registration \$60 (Seniors \$55).

World Conference Activities a Big Success

HMA's growing and ambitious 2007 budget received a boost with fund raisers the week of World Conference. Our auction was supported by generous members and friends of HMA raising **\$10,498**. Seventy businesses and 23 individuals contributed over \$11,500 worth of merchandise for the auction. "These conference activities have gotten us well on the way to meeting this year's budget income needs", stated HMA President Howard Braby.



The "**Live**" auction was conducted at the Biennial Luncheon held at Independence Regional Health Center on Sat. March 24, 2007 with Ron Cutshall as the auctioneer. The **silent auction** items were brought back to the HMA office until Wed. when bidding closed. Many delegates and members stopped by to place bids, purchase baskets, and offer support to HMA. A few items were held back for a future silent auction event.

Local Restaurant fund raiser brought in \$717 from Applebee's and \$751 from Zio's. The two local restaurants allowed HMA to receive 20% of the patron's bill if they brought in a special flyer during the week of World Conference.

The **fund raising task force** is meeting regularly to complete an action plan to achieve results oriented goals outlined by the strategic planning conducted last October by the HMA officers and Board of Directors. Jean

Brookens, RD leads the Fund Raising committee looking at "best practices", past successes, marketing matrix, and next fund raising activities.

2007-2010 HMA Officers and Board of Directors

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Membership Committee

Joy Weydert, MD is the membership task force chair and they are looking at current literature, bylaws, recruitment historically done, and improved database options.

Paula Cokingtin is assisting in facilitating the task force meetings to achieve optimum results. These efforts are a continuation of the Strategic Planning process begun last fall with Revell, Inc as Roger and Kathy Revell worked with the Board to outline the Strategic Plan.

Bylaws Committee

Bylaws committee is reviewing the current bylaws and will bring updates to the Board and Membership for review and changes.

*If you have an interest in working on any of the task forces or committees, please contact the HMA office at HMA@CofChrist.org of 816/833-1000 ext 1262. **Volunteers also needed** for data entry and other small tasks in the HMA office at the Auditorium.*

Ruth's Shares Guatemalan Journey



Ruth Humbert was the guest speaker at the Luncheon and told the success stories of training nurses in Guatemala. "Chicken Bus" stories and testimonies of God's watch care mesmerized listeners. She told of networks made in Guatemala that provide support and medicines for the approx. 18 clinics she holds. Although Ruth's dedication is admired, she feels she is just doing what God has called her to do. Ruth acknowledged all the people who have visited, provided meds, given money and offered prayers in behalf of her work. ***"This is your project. I am just the hands and feet,"*** she said. After Ruth spoke a several items from Guatemala and Panama were auctioned including table runners, napkins, and shawls created by women in her villages. Proceeds totaled \$814 for medicines for her clinics for the next few months.

If you want to assist the work in Guatemala- Please contact Paula at 816/833-1000 ext 1262 or Outreach International at 816/833-0883

Visit our website- www.HMACofChrist.org

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 _____

Email _____ 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: _____

HMA MISSION

To promote health care to the underserved and those in need.
 To advance health education enabling self directed care.
 To promote wellness of body, mind, and spirit.
 To network with others to advance health care.

HMA VISION

To increase sustainable health and Wellness by providing services and ministries that express our Christian commitment and promote peace.

Turn your "*PASSION for CARING*" into a
tax deductible contribution! Join HMA!!!!
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UP-COMING EVENTS

HMA Board of Directors Meeting - July 21, 2007 **Sat.** 2-4 PM Aud. North Conference Room 5th floor

Health & Spirituality Workshop- September 14-15, 2007 at the Temple HMA@CofChrist.org

Health Team to Honduras – October 14-21, 2007 led by Ron Edwards, MD edwardsronaldj@gmail.com

HMA Board of Directors Meeting – Oct. 21, 2007 **Sat.** 2-4 PM Aud. North Conference Room 5th floor

Graceland Winter Term to Guatemala- Jan. 3-23, 2008 led by Mark Dixon, MD
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