

Alliance Action

October, 2007

President's Corner

Calendar:

October

- 2nd MCMS
"Arctic Warning"
6:30 Social
7:00 Dinner
- 3rd MCMSA Board
Meeting 9:30am
- 8th Playgroup
Ann Nederveld's
10am-12am
- 16th Book Club
Kay Campbell's
9:30am
- 22nd Playgroup
Kidzplex
10am-12am
- 24th Retirement Group
Deedee Mayer's
house
9:30a
- 28th Latimer House
Fundraiser at
Cabaret Theater
7pm

Fall has arrived and it is my favorite time in the Grand Valley. The Grand Mesa is showing its vibrant colors and I'm looking forward to some great outdoor activities with my family.

Now for the "thank you" section of my corner...it will start with a big "Danke" to Robin Heil, for organizing and hosting the new physician BBQ at her lovely house. Twelve new physicians and their spouses joined us and the pool slide was in great demand. The Fall Coffee was wonderful and wow what a great turn out. Special thanks to Jolie Griffin for opening her home and thank you to Callie Ash, Susan Erb and Carol Scott for coordinating the coffee, including those tasty baked goodies. Thank you to Joann Johnson and Pattie Brown, the Colorado Medical Society Alliance president and co-president-elect, for making the trip over the mountains. The state alliance is undergoing a make over and Pattie Brown provided us with an in depth update.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Oct. 10th is national SAVE day. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to make this tenth year of SAVE in Mesa County possible. This is one of our Alliance's main activities, last year we had over thirty second grade class rooms participate. Look for the banners to be displayed in the Mesa Mall at the end of October.

As Alliance president, I have been receiving requests for the Alliance to be involved in and support health related organizations. It is great that our Alliance is known for its generosity and compassion. A newly created "Community Corner" section in our newsletter will allow our members to share information on organizations that fit our mission to "promote the health and well being of Mesa County". If you would like to submit an event, please contact Stephanie Witwer or myself.

There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer! J.Doolittle

Newsletter Editor:

Stephanie Witwer

Uschi Hall

Deadline for information is
the 15th of each month

MCMSA PLAYGROUP

There will be playgroup for Alliance members and their children ages 0-5 years. This is a great opportunity to connect with other members and have fun with your children.

Anne Nederveld has graciously agreed to coordinate the playgroup this year. . Please call her if you are interested.

Playgroup 10am-12

October 8
Anne Nederveld's

October 22
Kidzplex

Future Playgroup
Dates November 5
&19 December 3

Alliance Going Electronic

Mesa County Medical Society as well as Colorado Medical Society Alliance have been busy creating their own web sites. Both are offering a link to our own personal page which gives us the opportunity to post our newsletter, upcoming events, and sign up forms.

Next time you are online take a moment to check it out!

Mesa County Medical Society:
www.mesacountymedicalsociety.org

Colorado Medical Society Alliance:
www.cmsalliance.net

We are currently attempting to update the Membership Directory. If you have any information regarding changes of address, residents that have moved, etc, please contact Jolie Griffin.

Community Corner

Cabaret Dinner Theater
presenting
"Footloose"

A Latimer House Fundraiser

October 28, 2007
7:00pm

Dinner and Silent Auction
Volunteers and guests are
needed

Please contact Grace Powders at Latimer House if you are interested

241-0324

Retired? Retiring? Just plain tired?

Come for coffee and conversation to share ideas, insights, information regarding retirement, and the ups and downs of this particular life passage. Whining is allowed.

When: October 24, 9:30am
Where: Deedee Mayer's House



MCMSA Book Club

October 16th at Kay Campbell's home

9:00am Coffee, 9:30am Discussion

"Eat, Pray, Love"

By Elizabeth Gilbert

The Alliance's Book Club is open to all members. If you enjoy literature, or just good company, please come try it out! You don't even need to have read each book—sometimes you just want to hear a review, and this is the place! If you are interested in joining the book Club, please contact Mary Graves for monthly updates on books and meeting place.

MCMSA Board Members 2007-2008

Uschi Hall, President

Callie Ash, President Elect

Susan Erb, Secretary

Wendy Johnson, Treasurer

Jolie Griffin, Membership

Sandy Nelson, Hospitality

Bobbi Alpha, Organella

Natalie Gehl, Faux Paw

Stephanie Witwer, Newsletter

Robin Heil, Tech Support and Advisor

Sue Magee, Advisor

Janna Gustafson, Advisor

Jessica Pearson, Advisor

Kim Cutting, Resident Liason

Anne Nederveld, Playgroup

Mary Graves, Book Club

Kim Moore, AMA Foundation

Gay Walker, Historian

MCMSA Membership

You are receiving this newsletter because you are a physician's spouse living in Mesa County. We encourage you to continue to be a part of all that the Alliance has to offer. Read the enclosed brochure and please send your membership dues by Nov.1 to:

Jolie Griffin

- Regular membership \$85
- Spouses of residents \$20
- Widows \$54
- Retired spouses/Emeritus \$65

After Nov 1st only paid members will receive the newsletter!

Make checks payable to MCMSA.

Book Club Schedule for 2007 - 2008

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| October 16 | "Eat, Pray, Love"
by Elizabeth Gilbert |
| November 13 | "Our Founding Mothers"
by Cokie Roberts |
| December 11 | "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" by Lisa See |
| January 15 | "My Life in France"
by Julia Child |
| February 19 | "The Inheritance of Loss"
by Kiran Desai |
| March 18 | "Those Who Save Us"
by Jenna Blum |
| April 15 | "Three Cups Of Tea"
by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin |
| May 20 | "Talk, Talk, Talk"
by T.C. Boyle |

For address and phone number please refer to membership directory.

Mesa County Medical Society Alliance

Newsletter Editor

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The mission of the Mesa County Medical Society Alliance is to support and nurture the medical family in order to be a proactive volunteer voice of the Mesa County Medical Society, promoting the health and well-being of Mesa County, Colorado.

Mesa County Medical Society Presents...

Mr. Jon Waterman

National Geographic Society Grant Recipient

"Arctic Warming"

Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Bookcliff Country Club

6:30 p.m. Social, 7:00 p.m. Dinner

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT 6:00 P.M. JUST PRIOR TO THE REGULAR MEETING.

RESERVATIONS PLEASE (BY September 28) - 243-2808

No charge for Medical Society Members or Family Practice Residents/ Spouses.

Otherwise, spouses/guests: \$30.00