



Smith County Medical Society Alliance

UNITED WE STAND

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are off to a terrific beginning with much thanks to Margarita de la Garza -Grahm for providing her beautiful home for our first general meeting on September 7th. Thanks to our hostesses, Lynn Short, Liz Snider, Linda Alexander, Ethel Knarr and Julia Wharton for providing a wonderful brunch. Also a huge thank you to all that attended and all that represented one of the fabulous options you all have to be some tiny or large part of our Alliance. United We Stand can happen!!

Since there is no general event in October and because we are hosting two major events in the month of October, I am going to mail a paper copy of the newsletter one more time. Remember if you wish to continue to receive the paper copy after the October newsletter, you must let Danielle Thyen (Corresponding Secretary) be aware of that desire.

Notes and Reminders:

- You should have received your directory by the time you receive this newsletter. Additional copies are available for purchase at \$5.00 each. Please let me (Margie) know if you would like an additional copy for your car or home.
- There will be a section in the newsletters for additions or corrections to the information in the directory. Please let me know of any changes.
- Health Fair – Saturday, October 1 – please help Kara Camp and her terrific team of volunteers make this a wonderful contribution to the community and St. Paul Children's Foundation.
- Book Fair – our only fundraiser is at the end of October. Please note that we will have two work wine and cheese parties to help any new and/or old book fair volunteer experience the wonderful fundraiser that we do to provide scholarships for health related majors at the Tyler universities.
- Holiday Sharing Card – please use the opportunity to complete the form and envelope included in this newsletter to contribute to one or more of the organizations that we have chosen to support this holiday season.
- Dues statements – remember that the state (TMAA) does our county alliance billing. Those statements will be sent the middle of October. Because of our status – you must join both state and county. Questions – just ask!

I continue to be humbled by the number of hours our members devote to the mission of the Smith County Medical Society Alliance. I will no doubt inadvertently forget to say thank you in some form or fashion but please know the community and the other members of our Alliance appreciate everything that you do and will continue to do. I look forward to having the opportunity to thank even more members as the year progresses. As we have just watched the television tributes to the 9/11 tragedy, it portrays the need in all of us to continue to give, volunteer, and unite. Look forward to seeing you all at the many functions ahead!

Margie Phillips

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sept. 21	Long Range Planning Meeting at the home of Lynne Short – 10:00 am. Wine and Cheese Work Evening at the Book Fair 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Page 4.
Sept. 27	TMAA Regional Meeting, San Antonio
Sept. 28	Board meeting at the home of Kelly Michael's
Oct. 1	Health Fair at the St. Paul Children's Foundation. Page 3.
Oct. 1-2	National AMAA Leadership Council, Chicago
Oct. 6	Wine and Cheese Work Evening at the Book Fair 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Page 4.
Oct. 10	SISTERS Meeting from 9:30am - 12pm. Page 5.
Oct. 12	Book Club Meeting at the home of Margie Phillips. Page 5.
Oct. 22	Parents Anonymous OktoberFest. Page 6.
Oct. 25	Gourmet Club meeting at the home of Mary Gean Smyth, 11:00am. Page 6.
Oct. 26	Fall Book Fair Preview Party 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Page 4.
Oct. 27-29	Fall Book Fair Sales Days. Page 4.
Nov 2	"Together we Toast to Giving", 10:00 am Champagne Tasting at the Home of Cheré Prados and donation deadline for Holiday Sharing Card. Page 7.
Nov 15	Holiday Sharing Card donations are due. Page 10.

See special programs planned for the remainder of the year on Page 7.

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Smith County Medical Society



**2011 Health Fair
Festival de Vida
A Venue for Maintaining a Healthy Lifestyle
Sponsored by
SCMS Alliance, St. Paul Children's Foundation and
the SC Medical Society
"United We Give Back"**

Saturday, October 1st

1 PM – 4 PM

St. Paul Children's Clinic

1350 East Richards and the surrounding grounds

NEEDS

1. Items to give away in Favor Bags
2. Volunteers needed to assist at the health fair.
3. Want to set up a Booth at health fair?

Please contact Kara Camp 903 520-2117 or tylercamps@msn.com if you can help with fulfilling the above needs or if you can help in any other way.

4. Snacks for the day of the event.

Please contact:

Rachel Gregory (903)521-6523 or e-mail: rtctagregory@yahoo.com

Kelly Michaels (903)372-2807 or e-mail: kellycmichaels@gmail.com

St. Paul Children's Clinic Needs

School uniform pants and shirts, other children's /adult clothes for the Clothes Closet.

Please bring to next meeting – August 24th (Board Meeting) or September 7th (General Meeting) or take to St. Paul Children's Clinic that would be wonderful.

2011 FALL BOOK FAIR

October 27, 28, 29 - Mark your calendar now to lend a hand. We need everyone to do a little part to make our only fundraiser a success. Many college students depend on us for their education. Our organization has come through for them for many years and with thousands and thousands of dollars.

WE NEED YOU in any of the following capacities:

- √ **Sorting** - every **Tuesday and Thursday - 9:00-????** Ann Wiles and her team are culling and sorting furiously and we still have an enormous stack of books to go through.
- √ **Work the sale** - please sign up to work a shift - around 3 hours one of the three days - call Marsha 903-571-0805 or Margie Phillips.
- √ **Snacks** - provide snacks for the workers - if you cannot work and bring your snacks with you just drop them off during the sale - we will come to the curb and get them from you so you will not have to find a parking space.
- √ **Preview Party** - attend the preview party with your spouse and shop on **Wednesday, October 26th from 5-7pm**. You will be able to shop the building. We will be adding a 20% buyer's premium to all purchases -remember the money goes to scholarships.
- √ **Wine and Cheese Work Evenings** - **Wednesday, September 21st and Thursday, October 6th from 5-7pm**. Come in your grubbies - it's fun!

We will be changing the lock on the door soon. All section chairmen need to come by to pick up a new key during one of the work days or call Marsha or Margie.

Many thanks to Ann Wiles and her sorting committee and Cheré Prados for keeping the Book Fair sorting and culling going smoothly all summer.

You may notice that each Alliance member has been assigned to a work team. Check your yearbook and get with your section chairman and see how you can help. Every hour helps.

Hope to see you all at BOOK FAIR soon!

Marsha Harrison, Fall Book Fair Chairman

CORK CLUB

The August meeting of the Cork Club was held at the home of Jeff and Melanie Wick.

Albarino wines were served. Of the five wines, four were from the Rias Baixas region in Spain, and one was from the Abacela (2009) winery in Oregon. The Spanish wines were 2009 as well, and a favorite of the group was Eidos de Padrinan with a group average of 89.4 (50-100 point scale) and is rated by Robert Parker of The Wine Advocate at 90 points. The wine sells for approximately \$23. Albarino wines are crisp, and dry but fruity. Albarino wines have only been available outside of the Rias Baixas region in the last decade, so this may be a varietal that most are unfamiliar with. These wines are worth a try with seafood, and were excellent with grilled shrimp.

The Cork Club is still looking for a new member couple, and/or some couples who would like to be alternates in case a regular member cannot attend the meeting. Also, if anyone is interested in forming a larger and more casual wine tasting group, give me a call and we would love to help get one started.

Jean Harris (903) 533-1753

SCMSA BOOK CLUB

Welcome to the 4th year of the SCMSA Book Club. Can you believe it! We are beginning our 4th year.

Our October Book Club meeting will be on the 12th at 10:30 at the home of Margie Phillips. This month we are reading: **In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin** by Erik Larsen.

The SCMSA Book Club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. We choose a new book each month and discuss it. Everyone is welcome and you do not have to read the book to attend. We have an interesting and diverse group so there is always something to learn. Our book for November will be **"In the Woods"** by Tana French.

We would love to have you join us or just sign up to be on our e-mail list. If you need more information, contact Cheré Prados - 903-939-1927 or cherelle1216@mac.com.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Our Condolences to:

Teresa Carney and her family on the passing away of her mother.

Lisa Burton on the passing away of her husband Dr. Robert Burton.

Do you have some news to share with your SCMSA friends? Birth in the family, a death in the family, marriage, etc. Good news or bad news, you may wish to share it with other members who will celebrate in your joys and offer prayer and comfort in your times of need. Please contact Joi Smith at joismith52@gmail.com to submit a notification in our monthly newsletter. You may share as little or as much information as you feel comfortable sharing.

SISTERS

(Supportive Individuals Stitching Treasures & Enduring Remembrances to Share)

Thanks to all SISTERS who came to our first meeting and worked on the Sensory stockings. We are half way there! Plans are to make 150 stockings. We will continue working on the stockings during our October meeting in addition to coloring a farm yard friend's baby quilt. Please join us Monday, October 10 from 9:30 to Noon at 715 S. College Avenue. Hope to see you there.

Rhonda Reuter

Quote for the meeting: "We don't accomplish anything in this world alone ... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something." Sandra Day O'Conner

Left to right - Amy Gluf, Mary Thompson, Rebecca Mercer, Lynne Short & Rachel Plotkin



PATH COLLECTIONS

Please collect your travel sized personal care products that you be gathering from your business or family trips. We will be take these donations at the [Guest Day Party on December 7th](#). SISTERS will use them to make care packages for PATH.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS

Our year helping out Parents Anonymous (PA) is off to a smooth start.

Rusty Fletcher, Emily Coats, Agnes Ward, and Ginger Saunders have already brought PA "snack suppers". Thank you for doing this.

I went out and purchased condiments, paper plates, cups, napkins, coffee, creamer, sugar, and sugar substitute. "Snack Supper" volunteers, hopefully, will never need to do these purchases.

During our first general meeting of the year, I brought information about PA, and the "Snack Supper" Sign-Up chart. I will bring this to all meetings, and post it on our website.

Many volunteers are still needed for this coming year. I'm hoping that, once again, we will not miss a single week of providing these very important mini meals.

An interesting thing happened at our first general meeting. Some of our members, who have over the years provided many things for PA, misread a chart I brought in showing what we had donated to Parents Anonymous for their 25th birthday party. Through my erroneously bringing in a copy of the original chart, they thought I was asking for more gift donations. I found one signing up to donate things that are on the chart. I showed this to Mary Thrasher at PA. The members who signed up to donate these things chose things that Parents Anonymous always needs. Thank you Nancy Ulrich, Phyllis Kimmel, and Linda Alexander for this happy mistake!

We belong to a very generous and caring group. One of the major reasons I am a member of SCMSA.

Rachel Plotkin
Parents Anonymous Liaison 2011-2012

PARENTS ANONYMOUS OKTOBERFEST

Dear Friends,

Many of you know about and are involved in **OKTOBERFEST**, which is a fundraiser for Parents Anonymous.

On October 22, we will transform (ok, that is not too hard) the Mayfair Building on the grounds of the East Texas State Fair into a beer hall for our event. Three great vendors, R&K Distributing, Giglio Distributing and Ben E. Keith are providing 40 beers for you to taste and choose favorites; Fresh is providing German food; games will be played (no silent and live auction!); and the amazing, Grammy Award winning band, BRAVE COMBO (Yes, it is a Oompah band) will play for us!!! In between their sets, Tyler's favorite DJ, Shane Payne, will entertain us!

I am asking you to spread the word!! Tickets are already selling and we have not even sent invitations!! But, we want everyone in Tyler to know about this fun event!!!

We have a Facebook event page...OKTOBERFEST, so please look for and like it and then SHARE it with your friends. (<https://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=215778111813270>)

Also, we have a website,

www.parentsanonymousoktoberfest.com, which has lots of information and allows you the opportunity to buy tickets or even a sponsorship. Will you please share this with your friends? We want to GET THE WORD OUT, so I am starting with my friends and hoping you will help!

Thanks so much!!!

Terri Smith
903-372-1603
Parents Anonymous of Tyler, Inc.
Strengthening Families

2011-2012 UNITED WE STAND PROGRAMS**“Together we Toast to Giving”****Wednesday, November 2, 2011 - 10 a.m.**

Josh Prados presenting holiday champagne tasting and recommendations.

Donations to the sharing card.

Home of Chere' Prados 811 Blenheim Place 903-939-1927

Hostesses: Chere' Prados and Andi Ledlie

“United in Joy”**Wednesday, December 7, 2011 - 10:00 a.m.**

The Alliance's Annual Christmas Guest Day Ornament Exchange and donations to East Texas Crisis Center

Home of Marsha Harrison 2104 Parkway Place 903-595-0277

Hostesses: Jeanette Lamb, Joan Le Sauvage, Charlotte Sanford, Cheryl Williams, Nancy Wrenn, Robyn Shultz, and Lisa Gross

“Movement in Unison”**Wednesday, February 1, 2012- 10 a.m.**

Yoga with Sandy Shepard

First Christian Church 4202 South Broadway

Lunch to be held 11:30 AM at Coyote Sam's

“Computer 101”**Wednesday, March 7, 2012 – 10 a.m.**

Mini Computer Class @ TJC West Campus Computer classroom with instructor and opportunity for “hands on” instruction.

Tyler Junior College West Campus 1530 Southwest Loop
323 903-510-2982

Lunch on our own?

“Savor the Flavor”**Wednesday, April 4, 2012- 10 a.m.**

Sweet Gourmet 4554 South Broadway 903-534-0840

Hostesses: Chere' Prados and Andi Ledlie

“Together We Celebrate the Future”**May 2, 2012- 10 a.m.**

Salad Luncheon and Installation of New Officers

Home of Beth Whitney 2601 S. Chilton 903-592-1716

Salad Lunch: Jane Hoover, Jean Harris and Kristin Collins, Michelle Carr, and Gwen Anderson

RECIPE FOR GOURMET CLUB

12 or more interested members

1 prepared dish each to contribute

1 hostess each month

1 theme each month

Mix together new Alliance members and seasoned friends in the Alliance. Add new food tips, new recipes, wonderful cooking, and great fellowship!

2 hrs/month

READY TO COME TO THE TABLE AGAIN!

Gourmet Club met to organize after a year's hiatus. It was decided to aim for the **4th Tuesday of each month at 11:00am.**

Each month will be a different theme, chosen by the hostess. That hostess is responsible for beverages and table setting. She may just let you know the theme and you bring something to complement that or, she may be more controlling and give you the dish and recipe to prepare!

We all contribute to the “meal”, critique the dishes, and continue to enjoy the fellowship. We're sure you'll bring home a dish to try at your own table! Please join us, even if you can't make every one or even if you don't feel you're a very good cook! It's lots of fun and you may even learn a few tips to make your table experiences more enjoyable!

**Our next Gourmet gathering will be
Tuesday, October 25th, 11:00am
at the home of Mary Gean Smyth
6332 Ashmore Ln.**

Our theme will be hors d'oeuvres/small plates. (Perhaps we can contribute our goodies to the Preview Party for Book Fair!) You will be contacted for details and reminders if you have been previously listed as part of our group. If you are interested in participating in the Gourmet Club or would like more information, please call.

Donna Freeman 903-839-6283

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MAHJONGG CLUB

Thanks for signing up for Mahjongg Club! We'll start our first meeting in November. It's not too late to add your name to the list. If you've always wanted to learn or if you already know how to play, we look forward to having you join us.

Thanks,
Verlaine MacClements
903-245-6536

Vmac67@sbcglobal.net

FIT FRIENDS

Fit Friends is a new interest group this year with an emphasis on being fit and healthy. The group hopes to meet every 4-6 weeks to do something fun and active. It may be a trail walk, a short fitness session, a bike ride, a dance lesson or a Pilates class. If you are interested, contact me and I will give you more information. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. An email will be sent out to the membership 1-2 weeks prior to an event.

Please know that while one purpose of this group is to think about health and fitness, perhaps an even greater purpose is to spend some fun time with Alliance friends – old and new.

Thanks, Debbie Pitts
debbiepitts@gmail.com

INVITATIONS FOR MEETINGS

Invitations for all upcoming meetings will arrive via punchbowl.com, addressed from SCMSA. These invitations will arrive 1-2 weeks prior to the event and respond promptly, as this will help the host prepare. A reminder for the meeting will be emailed the one day before the meeting. If you have any questions email janie116@yahoo.com.

Janie Patel



Photo from the General Meeting held September 7th. Left to right:

Kara Camp (Health Fair),
 Margarita de la Garza Graham (Hostess),
 D'Anna Wick (past TMAA President),
 Margie Phillips (SCMSA President),
 Marsha Harrison (Book Fair Chair)

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

- ◆ Jan Stock will remain as the Cook Book Section Chair and Junella McCloskey will be helping her.
- ◆ Jane Hoover's phone number in the directory is not current - cell phone number is 903-372-7436.
- ◆ Stefan Cotter's correct address is 613 W. Rusk St, 75701.
- ◆ APT residents that have completed their residency and moved are: Chaney Gibson, Erin Richards, and David Varnum so they will not be active members.



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Attention: This is your final notification... You are receiving this printed newsletter by mail as a courtesy. In an effort to manage expenses, we will be emailing all future SCMSA communications to your preferred email address we have in our records. Should you prefer to receive a printed newsletter in the mail, or have changed your email address, please contact the Corresponding Secretary, Danielle Thyen at daniellethyen@hotmail.com or call her at 903-266-9623.

We're on the WEB!!!
www.smcsalliance.com

Find the newsletter, projects, programs, forms, directory, and much more.

HOLIDAY SHARING CARD

The Smith County Medical Society Alliance has been organized to assist in educational and charitable projects consistent with the Organization's policies. As part of our commitment to our community, we are asking for your participation in the annual Holiday Sharing Card program that allows you the opportunity to make a donation to some of our local and state charities that greatly impact our community through their service. These organizations need our support in what has been a tough year for many.

The organizations we wish to help in 2011 are:

- ◆ **Bethesda Clinic**
- ◆ **Cancer Foundation for Life**
- ◆ **Parents Anonymous of Tyler**
- ◆ **St. Paul Children's Clinic**
- ◆ **The Medical Association Foundation**
- ◆ **Texas Medical Association Texas Student Loan Fund**
- ◆ **Texas Medical Association Physicians' Benevolent Fund**

Please take the opportunity to participate in the Holiday Sharing Card. We hope to demonstrate to the organizations that the members of the SCMSA have big hearts! We care about the valuable services these organizations provide to our community and our Physicians.

We hope that all members will assist us by sending in donations by November 15th, 2011.

A Holiday Card will be sent out to all those participating. This can serve as your Holiday greeting to all Alliance members.

Information regarding the charitable organizations selected for the 2010 Sharing Card and contribution forms will be available on the SCMSA website at www.scmsalliance.com.

Please enclose your check made out to one of the above listed organizations and mail with the following form in the enclosed envelope. If you have questions please contact one of us.

Thank you,
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 Rusty Fletcher - apachebell@aol.com

Don and Donna Freeman

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Call Me!

Rusty Fletcher

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HOLIDAY SHARING CARD 2011



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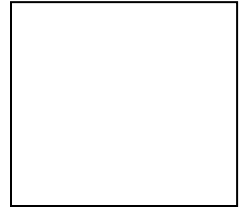
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