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NCMS Alliance
80th Annual Meeting
and House of Delegates

April 30 and May 1, 2003
The Hyatt at Southpark, Charlotte, NC

Keynote Speaker: Gay Bowman
2003-2004 AMA Alliance President

Registration due by April 15

Susan Edens Hammer to be 2003-2004 President

Susan Hammer from Raleigh will be installed on May 1st as the 2003-2004 North Carolina Medical Society Alliance President. Susan is a devoted wife, mother, community volunteer and Alliance member. In every task her diligence, work ethic and enthusiasm inspire all who serve with her. Those who know Susan admire her for her gentle, kind nature and the dedication and commitment she brings to our organization. Meet Susan Hammer in her own words:

I was raised on a farm in Fayetteville, NC, the youngest of four children. I treasure my rural upbringing and have drawn upon it many times in my adult life. I moved to Raleigh in 1971 to attend Hardbarger Business College, graduating with training as a medical secretary. I worked in the Rex Hospital Radiology Department for ten years. During that time I attended college as an adult, graduating from NC State University with a B. A. degree in Business Management.

My husband, Doug Hammer, is a Family Medicine physician practicing with Blue Ridge Family Physicians.

For many years, he was the Director of the Emergency Department at Rex Hospital. He has been a loyal volunteer with the American Heart Association and the Boy Scouts for years. Doug has always encouraged my involvement in the community.

Our daughter, Molly, is a junior in high school. She is a delightful young lady who is busy now with those teenage activities – including, but not limited to studying and thinking ahead to college. Over the years she has been involved with church activities and Girl Scouts. In 2001, Molly received the President's Award for the medical family member who has given outstanding support to the NCMSA.

Community Involvement: Member of Raleigh First Presbyterian Church; have served as an Elder; active involvement with Presbyterian Women, serving on the PW Council; Received Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women in 2001.

Board member of FIGS (Filling in the Gaps of Wake County) – a nonprofit organization that raises money for prescription medicines and medical supplies for low-income, uninsured and underinsured people in Wake County.

Wake County Medical Society Alliance – currently on the Board as the State Alliance liaison. I have received many benefits during my service over the past 20 years.

American Heart Association – I recently served on the 2003 Greater Raleigh Heart Gala Committee.

Hobbies: I enjoy traveling, reading and walking with friends for exercise.

Vision: Over the years I have benefited personally from my membership and participation in the NCMS Alliance. I look forward to our organization's continuing the tradition of the last 80 years of improving the health and quality of life for the folks in North Carolina through health education and supporting the component alliances on the local level.



President-elect Susan Hammer

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NORTH CAROLINA
MEDICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE

Robert Inman to Speak at Hubbard Luncheon



The Hubbard Memorial Lecture is always one of the highlights of the NCMS Alliance Annual Meeting. The Alliance invites North Carolina authors to speak during the luncheon honoring past state presidents. The late Anne Hubbard was a state president, and her family set up a fund to provide these speakers every year as a memorial to her. We are pleased to announce that this year's speaker is award-winning novelist, screenwriter, and playwright Robert Inman.

Inman is the author of four widely acclaimed novels: *Home Fires Burning*, *Old Dogs and Children*, *Dairy Queen Days*, and *Captain Saturday*. His screenplay for *The Summer of Ben Tyler*, a Hallmark production, won the Writers Guild of America Award as the best original screenplay of 1997. His first stage play, the musical comedy, *Crossroads*, will have its world premier in June, 2003 at the Blowing Rock Stage Company in Blowing Rock, NC. Don't miss this unique opportunity to meet a talented North Carolina author.

The Alliance at Work

Throughout the winter, in spite of record-setting cold temperatures and snow and ice storms, your board and committee members have been hard at work, just as you all have been working hard in your community.

At the February 13 board meeting, the Finance Committee sought ways to increase our operating efficiency and presented a slimmer, trimmer 2003-2004 Budget, which the board approved and will present for your approval at the Annual Meeting.

March is **Medical Alliance Month** across the nation, and I hope your county alliance is celebrating the successes you have enjoyed this year. Some of you have recognized the occasion with an AMA Foundation fundraising event, while others have presented a health education program or Save-a-Shelter shower. This is the time to give yourselves a pat on the back and acknowledge the fruits of your labors.

March 30 is **Doctors' Day**, that special day on which we honor our spouses and other physicians in the community for their hard work, compassion, concern and kindness. Your alliance may provide snacks in the hospital doctors' lounge or a red carnation for each physician or plant a tree in their honor. On a personal level, let's all remember to take a moment to say "Thanks!" to those physicians who are special to us.

Make your plans now to attend the **80th Anniversary NCMSA Annual Meeting**, April 30-May 1 at the Hyatt Charlotte at SouthPark. There are special events, shopping, guest speakers, workshops, music, great food, door prizes and more planned for you to make this a wonderful celebration of our 80th year. Complete the registration form in this issue and mail today. Come with a friend to Charlotte, catch up with your Alliance friends, old and new, and learn what's happening with our Alliance. I'll see you there.

On June 15-17, the **AMA Alliance** will hold its **Annual Meeting in Chicago** at The Drake Hotel. Join us there to celebrate Gay Bowman's inauguration as AMAA president, a first for North Carolina. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, please let me know. (Note: To serve as a delegate to this meeting your spouse must be an AMA member. All other AMA Alliance members are welcomed as guests.)

Plans are already underway for the **5th Annual Health Education Symposium** to be presented **October 24** in Greensboro. Continuing with bullying prevention efforts, the focus will be on girls in crisis, and the keynote speaker will be **Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith**, a well-known author and the Associate Dean of the Harvard School of Public Health. If you are interested in helping with this exciting symposium, please get in touch with Beth Wise, Executive Director.

Thank you all for your hard work and ongoing commitment to the Medical Alliance: in your county, across North Carolina, and on the national level. Working together, we continue to make a difference! I truly appreciate the part that YOU play.

– Karen Holleman, President

Bits from Beth

We are anxiously awaiting spring here at Headquarters. The ice, snow, sleet, and frozen rain this winter has left us longing for warm sunshine.



Our February trip to Confluence found us in Chicago weather not much colder than what we had left in North Carolina. The NCMSA group was one of the largest there, and we were particularly well represented by our Resident Student Spouse member, Kari Palazzari, and our Medical Student Spouse member, Josette Huntress Holland. Everyone had a great learning experience with the outstanding Confluence program while we enjoyed getting to know each other and dining at a couple of excellent Chicago restaurants.

Plans are underway for an exciting annual meeting of the NCMSA in Charlotte April 30 through May 1. Genie Hayes and Patsy Reames are putting together a fun-filled two days when we will actually get our necessary Alliance work done also! I hope to see you there. Don't miss it!

– Beth Wise, Executive Director

Announcements

LEGISLATIVE RALLY
APRIL 8, 2003 - RALEIGH, NC

Plan to attend this statewide rally for professional liability reform. For more information: email: dwrerr@bellsouth.net or call Renee Russell at 828-665-2210.

2003 AMA-Alliance Annual Meeting

If you've never attended the AMA-Alliance Annual Meeting in Chicago, this is the year to do so, and if you've been in the past, you'll want to go again. This June, our very own Gay Bowman will be installed as president of our national organization, and everyone should plan to be there to celebrate this exciting event. The meeting will be held at the Drake Hotel on June 15-17, so make your plans now.

Although three other North Carolina Alliance members have previously served as national officers, Gay will be the first president from North Carolina in the eighty-one years of the AMA-Alliance's history. Gay lives in Greensboro, where her husband Bill is a general surgeon. In prior years she served as president of the Greater Greensboro Society of Medicine Alliance and as president of the North Carolina Medical Society Alliance, as well as holding many other positions in both organizations. In addition to her current position as President-elect of the AMA-A, she is serving on the National Patient Safety Foundation Board of Directors and previously served on the AMA Foundation Board of Directors. Gay is also active in her community, serving on the boards of the Guilford County Schools Enrichment Fund, HealthServe, and the UNC-G Theater Angels.

The AMA-A Annual Meeting is always an exciting event. It begins at 8:30 AM on Sunday, June 15, when Gay presents her program focus for the coming year using both a plenary session and program consultations. During Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, there are scheduled House of Delegate sessions, open forums, and reference committee hearings as well as special meal functions with speakers and numerous networking opportunities. This year, a gala awards dinner has been added on Sunday evening following the official

reception honoring Gay and President Patti Herlihy. The social event that you won't want to miss is the "Beach Party" reception that the North Carolina Medical Society and Alliance will host on Monday evening to honor Gay. Then, the highlight of the meeting will come on Tuesday afternoon, June 17, when Gay is installed as president and all North Carolinians' hearts swell with pride.

If you decide to join us in Chicago in June, make plans to fly up on Saturday; that way you won't miss any events, and you'll have time for shopping or museum browsing. If you fly home on Tuesday, schedule your flight for 5:00 PM or later so that you can enjoy Gay's installation in its entirety. If you want to prolong your stay, attend the AMA inauguration ceremony on Wednesday evening when Gay will be introduced and later jointly honored with Donald J. Palmisano MD, the incoming AMA president, at a reception and dinner-dance.

This is North Carolina's special year, so join our contingent, enjoy a wonderful meeting in a great city, and celebrate Gay's well-deserved honor!

– Darlene Young



AMAA President-elect Gay Bowman

Would You Like to be Part of this Group?

Make your plans now for October 12-14!

Can you believe these ladies were in the middle of three days packed with workshops, speakers, and networking with other alliance leaders from across the country at the AMAA Confluence in Chicago in FEBRUARY?

County Alliance leaders attending Confluence II in February were Presidents-elect **Carol Colon** from Haywood County, **Marilyn Philippart** from Craven County, along with **Meg Silvoy** from Gaston County and President **Kelle Birdsong** from Haywood County. Also attending were spouses of physicians in training: **Josette Holland**, President-elect of the Wake Forest Medical Student Spouse Alliance, and **Kari Palazzari**, UNC resident physician spouse, who attended as an AMAA Integrated Marketing Communication Advisory Committee member. State Alliance leaders attending were President-elect **Susan Hammer** and nominated President-elect **Jamie Hosseinian**. **Rachel Pace** attended as an AMAA Health Promotion Committee member and **Gay Bowman** as AMAA President-elect. Our Executive Director, **Beth Wise**, helped to keep us corralled and on track.

Confluence offers professional skills training as well as information and ideas from community action programs. Having the opportunity to see all of the AMAA resources and learn new ways to utilize them in county projects helps prepare county leaders. Where else can you exchange thoughts and ideas with other alliance leaders from across the United States?

AMAA Confluence registration is opened to any alliance member if space is available after county alliance leaders have the opportunity to register. If you are interested in attending Confluence I October 12-14 in Chicago, contact Beth Wise or Susan Hammer. Confluence II will be held February 1-3, 2004. The Confluence II program can be reviewed on the AMAA website www.ama-assn.org/go/alliance.

– Susan E. Hammer, President-elect



AMAA Confluence II Attendees, front row from left, Susan Hammer, Rachel Pace, Jamie Hosseinian, Gay Bowman, Kelle Birdsong, Meg Silvoy, back row from left, Beth Wise, Josette Holland, Kari Palazzari, Carol Colon, and Marilyn Philippart.

Proposed Bylaws Changes

Although our members at the annual meeting in May 2002 approved major changes in the bylaws, the Bylaws Committee and the NCMSA Board of Directors are proposing some additional changes to be considered by the 2003 House of Delegates. While many of the recommendations are administrative in nature, there are some substantive changes that should be noted. Administrative changes are being suggested to insure a more equitable distribution of duties and responsibilities among the board positions; for example, the President-elect will now be responsible for leadership development rather than the Vice-President for Program Development. Other refinements include changing the name of the Public Relations and Marketing Committee to the Communications Committee.

The substantive changes include the proposal of two new membership categories. At the June 2002 annual meeting of the AMA Alliance, the House of Delegates voted to add divorced spouses and physicians, both with certain restrictions, as membership categories. This applied **ONLY** to national membership and was not mandated by the AMAA. However, many state and county alliances had added these categories prior to June 2002 or are now proposing them. The NCMSA Board of Directors is proposing the following similar amendments (additions are noted in **bold type**):

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 2. Classifications and Privileges

A. Regular

1. A regular member is the spouse, widow, widower, or **divorced spouse (provided the person was a member in good standing of the State Alliance at the time of the divorce and has not remarried outside the profession)** of a physician who is eligible to be a member of the NCMS.
2. A regular member shall pay dues, shall be eligible to vote and to hold office on the state level, shall receive state publications, and shall be entitled to other benefits of membership as determined by the Board of Directors.
3. A regular member may represent the State Alliance on the national level only if the person holds regular membership in the National Alliance.

B. Physician

1. **A physician member shall be eligible to be a member of the NC Medical Society.**
2. **A physician member shall pay dues, shall be eligible to vote, shall receive state publications, and shall be entitled to other benefits of membership as determined by the Board of Directors.**

It should also be noted in A. 1. that the restriction in the current bylaws that follows widow or widower — (provided the person has not remarried outside the profession) — be deleted. All of these proposals are viewed as making the organization more inclusive and strengthening our potential to improve the health and quality of life for the people in our communities.

Another proposal of significance is the addition of providing for a statewide educational symposium. This duty will be the responsibility of the Vice-President for Program Development as follows:

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 5. Duties

H. The Vice-President for Program Development shall:

1. **Serve as chair of the Symposium Committee.**
2. Be responsible for History/Medical Heritage and Doctors' Day.
3. Perform such other duties as defined in State Alliance bylaws and policies.

ARTICLE XI – COMMITTEES

Section 2. Standing Committees

Q. Symposium Committee shall:

1. **Be chaired by the Vice-President for Program Development.**
2. **Consist of the Vice-President for Communications, Vice-President for Financial Development, Vice-President for Health Promotion, the Convention and Meetings Chairs and additional members as needed.**
3. **Be responsible for a statewide educational symposium.**

If you are interested in receiving copies of the current and proposed bylaws, policies or organizational chart, please contact the state headquarters at www.ncmsalliance.org or call 1-800-722-1350. A complete copy of the bylaws and policies will be sent to all delegates prior to the annual meeting, and there will be an open forum during the meeting prior to the vote by the House of Delegates.

The committee members are Rachel Pace (Wilmington), Peggy Hurt (Sylva), Karen Holleman (Cornelius), Susan Hammer (Raleigh), Gay Bowman (Greensboro), and Executive Director Beth Wise.

– *Gay Bowman, Bylaws Committee Chair*

What You Can Do for the Family of Medicine

The upcoming Legislative session should prove to be a lively one! Many very important issues will be discussed that directly affect access to healthcare. It has never been more important for the medical community to unite and help educate the public regarding the looming healthcare crisis.

As many of you have read in the newspapers, many states are facing a critical healthcare crisis. North Carolina has not reached the crisis status yet, and it is our job to make sure that doesn't happen. What can we do? First, we need to be informed on the issues. A great place to start is the AMA and the NCMSA websites. These resources have information critical to our understanding and are updated frequently. Secondly, we have to act! This means that we need to create or nurture a relationship with our representatives on both the state and federal level. It is much easier to discuss the tough issues when we have an existing relationship. More importantly, they will be more apt to listen to a proactive constituent. Lastly, we need to get all of our local friends, relatives, and associates to write, call, or email their representatives. You can bet our friends at the Trial Bar are already working in opposition to the Professional Liability Reform Action.

The top two issues according to NCMS are Professional Liability Reform and the State Budget beginning in July, 2003. Liability Reform is gaining momentum and we hope with the statewide rally for reform on April 8th in Raleigh we can educate the Legislature and the public about the need for reform. The second major hurdle will be the 2003 budget. It is estimated that there will be a \$2 billion shortfall and our position will be to hold the line on Medicaid reimbursements.

We need your help. If at all possible, plan to attend the rally on April 8th. If you need additional information, please contact me at dwrerr@bellsouth.net or 828-665-2210, or contact Beth Wise at ewise@ncmedsoc.org or 919-833-3836.

– *Renee Russell, Vice-President for Legislative Affairs*

2003 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH	1-31	MEDICAL ALLIANCE MONTH
	30	DOCTORS' DAY
APRIL	1	COUNTY PRESIDENTS' ANNUAL REPORT DUE TO HEADQUARTERS
	24	EASTERN REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BULLYING CONFERENCE (NEW BERN)
	29	NCMSA BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS (CHARLOTTE)
	30	NCMS ALLIANCE ANNUAL MEETING (CHARLOTTE)
MAY	1	NCMSA ANNUAL MEETING, HOUSE OF DELEGATES (CHARLOTTE)
	15	AMA FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTIONS DEADLINE
JUNE	15-17	AMAA ANNUAL CONVENTION (CHICAGO, IL)
OCTOBER	12-14	AMAA LEADERSHIP CONFLUENCE I (CHICAGO, IL)
	24	NCMSA 2003 SYMPOSIUM



The NCMS Alliance ...

Celebrating 80 Years of Community Health Advocacy and Service

A small group of physicians' spouses gathered in Asheville on April 18, 1923, compelled by a common bond to support each other, the practice of medicine, and their communities. Mrs. Paul P. (Sadie) McCain served as the Acting Chair of that organizational meeting. After the constitution and bylaws were adopted she became the first President of the **Women's Auxiliary to the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina**.

In 1988 Mrs. Hampton (Anne) Hubbard, 1981-82 President, wrote in the **65th Anniversary Historical Highlights**, "From 1923 up to the present, the members of the **North Carolina Medical Society Auxiliary**, through their health projects and community health education, have remained dedicated to assist physicians in their mission to serve the healthcare needs of the people."

Each day we see that same bond and commitment among the male and female members of the **North Carolina Medical Society Alliance** to support each other, serve their communities, and advocate for the healthcare needs of the people. **Please honor our**

eighty years of community health advocacy and service by making a contribution to the 2003 Annual Fund.

80th Anniversary Donor Levels

Champion	\$480 and up	Mentor	\$280 to \$480
Advocate	\$80 to \$280	Friend	Up to \$80

The NCMS Alliance is a non-profit, charitable organization under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3). Your contribution is vitally important to both current and future health education endeavors as well as the financial health of our organization. **To challenge participation in the Annual Fund by never-before donors, The Medical Mutual Group has given \$5,000 to the NCMS Alliance 2003 Annual Fund. The Medical Mutual Group is the premier carrier of malpractice insurance for physicians in North Carolina. Please show your appreciation of The Medical Mutual Group's contribution by making a contribution today!**

– Ann Faris, Vice-President for Financial Development

I want to honor The North Carolina Medical Society Alliance on its 80th Anniversary!

Name: _____

(Print name(s) as they should appear for recognition)

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Please check:

- Champion \$480 and up
- Mentor \$280 to \$480
- Advocate \$80 to \$280
- Friend Up to \$80

Please print:

In honor/memory (circle one) of: _____

Send acknowledgement to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Enclosed is my check payable to NCMS Alliance

Charge my Visa/MasterCard #: _____

Signature of card holder: _____

Expiration Date: _____

(Note: This will appear as a charge to the North Carolina Medical Society on your credit card statement.)

The NCMS Alliance — Celebrating 80 Years of Community Health Advocacy and Service

COUNTY NEWS

Mecklenburg Supports Pediatric Literacy Program

In January, the MMSA presented the Charlotte Reach Out & Read program with a check for \$9000.00 to purchase books printed in English and Spanish. The program originated in Boston and currently operates in 17 local pediatric and family practice offices. Volunteers read to children in the waiting rooms helping to create a "literacy-friendly" environment and model reading techniques for parents. Doctors are trained to talk with parents about the importance of reading aloud to their young children. The sites also give children up to age five a new book to take home with them at annual well-child visits. MMSA also held an initial training for our members to become Reach Out & Read volunteers. Three members have been placed and additional training sessions are planned.

– Teresa DuFine, President

Cumberland County Reorganizes

With hectic schedules, 6 little children, a puppy, and a house move between them, a co-presidency seemed the natural choice for Chantelle Goodman and Liza Shah. It is working extremely well. This duo has worked hard to reorganize a floundering Alliance and have recruited members to fill all major officer and chair positions.

The Co-presidents have focused on PR within the Alliance including sending thank you cards to all previously involved members and visitors and acknowledging the "workers." They have also been instrumental in finding a new "home" for their foundation's funds. The Health Education Foundation (HEF) and the Alliance voted to have the funds managed by a foundation; by-laws revisions are underway.

Plans have been made for Doctors' Day, a Past Presidents' event, and a Newcomers' event, Southern hospitality style. A new yearbook will be printed which is a vital piece of networking material for all physician families in Cumberland County, and efforts to welcome new physician families have been renewed. This busy group will continue with their annual nursing scholarship program and their Wish Upon A Star program.

Seeing a need to boost morale, the Alliance met at the Stanton Hospitality House (a local version of a Ronald McDonald House) which was founded by the CMSA. In addition, Co-president Chantelle spoke at both the Medical Society meeting and the Medical Staff committee meeting to offer verbal and practical support to the physician community in the political arena. Information has also been given to Alliance members about contacting political representatives and encouraging them to be involved in making positive changes for the medical community. Chantelle states, "We hope to be a happier, healthier, more-involved and well-organized Alliance so that we can begin to do fund-raising activities and remain a force to help the people of our community."



Planning for the future in Cumberland County, from front foreground, clockwise: Darlene Maughan, Muriel Roux, Beth Keeney, Lucy Jones, Margie Lampe, Liza Shah, Chantelle Goodman, Melene Hatcher, Marilyn Uslick

Gaston County

The Gaston County Medical Society Alliance has been very active. On February 13, we held a "Baby Shower" for the Battered Women's Shelter. Everyone brought a wrapped gift to donate. As part of the GCMSA anti-violence initiative SAVE, SuEllen Fried will be in Gastonia on March 24 to present her powerful seminar to schools, educators, guidance counselors, and social workers. SuEllen is co-author of *Bullies and Victims: Helping Your Child Through the Schoolyard Battlefield* and is an internationally known and respected speaker on the topic of child abuse and bullying. On Saturday, April 5, GCMSA will co-sponsor a Youth Health Fair to help educate Gaston County citizens about a safe lifestyle.

– Elaine Greenburg, Communications Chair

Haywood County



Haywood County Alliance members gather to beautify the grounds of Haywood Regional Medical Center in Clyde.

Union County



Physician spouses in Union county meet to re-organize. (From left) Jamie Hosseinian, Dr. Joyce Mills (Union Co. Medical Society President), Abbie Hubbard, Teresa Baker, Kim Cattie, Mariana Bartels, and Karen Whinna

North Carolina Medical Society Alliance

80th Annual Meeting at The Hyatt Charlotte at SouthPark

April 30-May 1, 2003 (Committee and Board Meetings – April 29, 2003)

Schedule

Tuesday, April 29	10:30 - 11:00	Personnel Committee Meeting
	11:00 - 12:15	Financial Development Committee
	12:15 - 1:15	Membership Development Committee Meeting
	1:15 - 2:15	Finance Committee Meeting
	2:30 - 6:00	Board Meeting (current and incoming boards)
	6:30	Old and New Boards Dinner, Home of Jamie Hosseinian
Note: Lunch (\$15) is available for anyone attending Tuesday meetings and must be ordered in advance.		
Wednesday, April 30	10:00 - 12:00	General Session: Recognition of 30- and 50-year members, Memorial Service, Annual Reports, Awards Presentations
	12:00 - 12:30	Past Presidents Reception (for all members and guests) in the Courtyard
	12:30 - 2:30	Luncheon honoring Past State Presidents with Anne Holmes Hubbard Lecture. Speaker: Robert Inman, author. Reservation and \$30 payment required in advance.
	2:45 - 3:15	County Leaders Meeting with Gay Bowman, 2003-2004 AMA Alliance President
	3:30 - 5:30	Leadership Development Session for county and state leaders
	5:45 - 6:45	Reception honoring Susan Hammer, NCMSA President-elect
Thursday, May 1	7:00	Group Dinner (Dutch treat)
	8:30 - 9:30	Open Forum
	9:30 - 12:00	House of Delegates. Keynote Speaker: Gay Bowman, 2003-2004 AMAA President
	12:15 - 2:30	Installation Luncheon. Installation of 2003-2004 Officers by Gay Bowman and Inaugural Address by Susan Hammer, NCMSA 2003-2004 President. Reservation and \$25 payment required in advance (see registration form).

Annual Meeting Registration Fee is \$25. This fee is waived for a member attending only the Anne Holmes Hubbard Luncheon honoring past state presidents. **Hotel Reservations** must be made directly with the Hyatt Charlotte at SouthPark by calling 1-800-233-1234 or 704-554-1234. Please advise the hotel that you are with the NCMS Alliance, and make your reservation by April 10 to guarantee the discounted room rate of \$115 (double or single). **Registration is due Tuesday, April 15.**

NCMSA Registration Form for 80th Annual Meeting

Registration Due Tuesday, April 15, 2003

Name: _____ County/Component Alliance Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Home phone: _____ Email: _____

2002-2003 State position held: _____ 2002-2003 County position held: _____

Delegate (circle) Yes No _____ Alternate delegate (circle) Yes No _____

Special dietary requirements: _____

Please check those events you plan to attend:

Tuesday, April 29:

- 10:30 - 11:00 Personnel Committee
- 11:00 - 12:15 Financial Development
- 12:15 - 1:15 Membership Development
- 1:15 - 2:15 Finance
- 2:30 - 6:00 Board Meeting
- 6:30 Old and New Boards Dinner

Wednesday, April 30:

- 10:00 - 12:00 General Session
- 12:00 - 12:30 Past Presidents Reception (for all members and guests)
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- 2:45 - 3:15 County Leaders Meeting with Gay Bowman
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- 5:45 - 6:45 Reception for Susan Hammer, NCMSA President-elect
- 7:00 Group Dinner (Dutch treat)

Thursday, May 1

- 8:30 - 9:30 Open Forum
- 9:30 - 12:00 House of Delegates
- 12:15 - 2:30 Installation Luncheon (\$25)

REMITTANCE

Annual Meeting Registration Fee due for attendees at any events on April 30-May 1 (except those who ONLY attend the Anne Holmes Hubbard Luncheon) \$ **25.00**

Meal Reservations (please check)

_____ Reserve _____ lunch(es) for Tuesday, April 29 @ \$15 each = \$ _____

_____ Reserve _____ places for Anne Holmes Hubbard Luncheon @ \$30 each = \$ _____

_____ Reserve _____ places for Installation Luncheon @ \$25 each = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE \$ _____

MAIL THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE TO: NCMS Alliance, P. O. Box 27167, Raleigh, NC 27611-7167

Efforts to Stop Bullying Continue

The NCMSA Symposium is an annual health education event aimed at influencing healthy behavior by enlightening educators, policy makers, law enforcement, doctors, parents, business leaders, and child advocates. We are excitedly preparing to learn more about the feminine side of violence at our **2003 Symposium on October 24th.** **Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith**, a female African American, inner-city physician, and a proactive leader in combating violence will be speaking. She has written *Violence Prevention Curriculum for Adolescents*, *Deadly Consequences*, and *Peace by Piece: A Guide for Preventing Community Violence* (presenting over 50 violence prevention related activities.). Everyone who has heard her says that she is awe-inspiring.



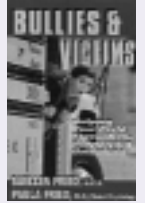
Two video segments from our 2002 Symposium have aired, each followed by an hour of call-in questions answered by Dr. Mike Lancaster, our moderator; Charlie Abourjilie, NC Character Education Coordinator for DPI; and Joanne McDaniel, Director of the Center for the Prevention of School Violence. The first hour has been replayed and the second should be repeated soon.

Last month, Wake County Public Schools brought Erica Harold, Miss America, to talk with students about her hair-raising bullying experience. Our posters, "A Hero is someone who creates safe spaces for others," were distributed. This quote describes all who work for a brighter, healthier future. Plans are underway for an Eastern Regional Meeting and Bullying Conference to be held April 24 in New Bern. Contact Beth Wise for more information.

— *Ginny McKay, VP for Health Promotion*

The NCMSA Symposium Bullying: Stop the Bully Without Becoming One

reached over 300 educators, law enforcement officers, policy makers, doctors, business leaders, child advocates and now the list goes on...



If your Alliance would like a videotape of SuEllen Fried's presentation including an introduction by Attorney General Roy Cooper, please contact: Lou Ann Shepherd, NCMS Alliance Office (919) 833-3836 x132, (800) 722-1350 or email at LAShepherd@ncmedsoc.org

Please provide your name, area code, phone number, and street mailing address, city, state, and zip.

*Alliance Members: Creating Safe Spaces for Others-Heroes!
(In a time when we really need them!)*

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Annual NCMS Alliance membership dues are \$40.

Dues and changes of address should be sent to:

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