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NCMS ALLIANCE
81ST ANNUAL MEETING
APRIL 29 - 30, 2004

RALEIGH, NC

Keynote Speaker: Gay Bowman,
2003-04 AMAA President

See Registration Insert
for details and directions

81st NCMS Alliance Annual Meeting

***Come To Raleigh April 29 - 30 —
You'll Be Glad You Did!***

All NCMS Alliance members are invited and encouraged to attend your Annual Meeting. Of course, we would love for you to stay both days but we realize that may not be possible. You can attend any portion of the Annual Meeting that fits your schedule. Please see the Registration Form insert for directions and details on the meeting.

The festivities will begin on Thursday, April 29, with our annual Hubbard Memorial Luncheon featuring North Carolina author Isabel Zuber, followed by the General Session when we hear the county alliance reports and present awards. Attendees will have the opportunity to dine together Thursday evening. The House of Delegates will be Friday morning where Gay Bowman, the first AMAA President from North Carolina, will be our keynote speaker. Her enthusiasm and love for the Alliance will inspire you. Following the House of Delegates, a luncheon and Installation Ceremony will conclude the events.

We need representation from our entire membership to make up our House of Delegates (HOD) - the legislative and business body of the NCMS Alliance. If you are willing to serve as a delegate, let your county alliance president know. While the NCMS Alliance Board of Directors keeps us going through the year by managing the property, affairs and business of the State Alliance, YOU - the members - come together once a year in the HOD to:

- act upon recommendations from the Board of Directors
- elect officers
- approve the budget for the new fiscal year
- receive all reports
- discuss issues facing the family of medicine and county Alliances.

Come to Raleigh in April. We have cut the length of the meeting to accommodate your busy schedules. You can drive over Thursday morning at your leisure and return home Friday afternoon before the traffic gets too busy. We'll take care of the business, praise each other, encourage each other, learn from each other, have fun, and be so glad we did!

Susan Hammer, NCMSA President



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Enjoying last year's Annual Meeting. From left: Gay Bowman, AMAA President, Susan Hammer, NCMSA President, and Karen Holleman, NCMSA Past President.

Bits from Beth

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another NCMS Alliance year in just a couple of months! What wonderful plans are taking shape for our annual meeting April 29-30 in Raleigh! We will be celebrating all the achievements at the county and state levels over the past year and setting the stage for great things for 2004-2005 under Jamie Hosseinian's leadership.



Don't miss the opportunity to be in Raleigh for all the annual meeting activities. We will meet at the lovely Woman's Club of Raleigh just off the Bellline near Crabtree Valley Mall. Lunches will be catered by Sisters' Catering, a Raleigh catering classic with a great reputation for outstanding food. We have made arrangements for those who will need a hotel at the lovely Residence Inn by Marriott on the hill just above the mall, so shopping will be an easy and convenient activity while you are here!

Dorothy Nance and Kathy Kobs, our Convention and Meetings Co-Chairs, have many additional exciting plans for a fun-packed two days. A sign-up form is included in this edition of Tandem. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call me!

See you in April!
Beth

Beth Wise, Executive Director

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President's Message — From Me to You

Thank you for your involvement this year. Your membership is important! You are a part of the NCMS Alliance when you participate in any of the following ways:



Advocate membership in the county, state and national alliances - make a greater impact!

Bask in the satisfaction of an Alliance project well done.

Contribute to the NCMS Alliance Annual Fund this spring honoring a special mother.

Distribute AMAA activity books and brochures in your community.

Encourage physicians to attend the NCMS Annual Meeting in Pinehurst, November 11-14, 2004.

Foster the development of your county alliance leaders - add a stipend in your budget for attendance at the AMAA Leadership Conference Confluence (October or February).

Gain knowledge and excitement when hearing of other county alliance activities at the NCMS Alliance Annual Meeting (April 29-30, 2004).

Honor the physicians in your community for Doctors' Day, March 30.

Include the NCMS Alliance in your will.

Join the AMAA listserv to receive AMAA news and hear from Alliances across the nation (send an email to: subscribe-AMA-Alliance@unity.ama-assn.org)

Keep informed on legislative issues affecting the practice of medicine.

Learn from the experiences of other county Alliances by meeting their members. (Attending the Annual Meeting in Raleigh this April is a great place to meet these folks.)

Mention to others with pride that the current AMA Alliance president is from North Carolina.

Nurture newcomers in the medical community by introducing the Alliance.

Off to Chicago you go this June 13-15 to participate in the AMAA Annual Meeting and celebrate Gay Bowman's term as AMAA President (ask Beth Wise for details).

Peruse the NCMS Alliance quarterly newsletter, *Tarheel Tandem*.

Quiz a NCMS Alliance Board member on who can receive a stipend to AMAA Confluence.

Remember the demanding days of residency and medical school - sponsor Alliance memberships for the spouses of residents and medical students.

Sponsor teachers and counselors from your community to attend our Fall Symposium.

Tell your local Alliance to apply for a NCMS Alliance grant.

Utilize the NCMS Alliance website www.ncmsalliance.org to keep informed.

Voice your personal opinion to your legislator.

Watch the televised Symposium tape and live panel discussion on OpenNet.

Xerox Symposium flyers for distribution in your community.

Your membership helps make a difference in the life of a child, a friend, and your family.

Zuber, Isabel, N.C. poet and author, whom you plan to hear speak at the NCMS Alliance Annual Meeting Luncheon honoring Past State Presidents, April 29 (open to all).

If you are interested in getting even more involved with your NCMS Alliance - on a committee, a future board position, or at our annual Symposium, please contact one of your NCMS Alliance Board members or Beth Wise, NCMSA Executive Director.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President this year. I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting in Raleigh.

Susan E. Hammer, President

Meet Jamie Hosseinian, Our 2004-05 NCMS Alliance President

Jamie Hosseinian from Charlotte will be installed as our 2004 - 05 President during the NCMS Alliance Annual Meeting. Jamie is well known for her enthusiasm, strong work ethic, obvious love of people, and passionate belief that an individual can make a difference. In Jamie's own words, "I believe each person is very unique and can not be duplicated. Each one of us has the responsibility to find and implement OUR OWN UNIQUE TALENTS. My utmost mission for the State Alliance is to increase membership because I believe membership is the core of any organization."

Jamie was born in the city of Rasht by the Caspian Sea in Northern Iran. She was a fifth grade teacher for 2 years before she went to study English in Great Britain. While there she won a nursing scholarship. After 6 years in Great Britain, she went home and worked part-time as an English teacher and full-time as a Pediatric Head Nurse. She met M.H. Hosseinian, her husband of 35 years, while working in the hospital. They moved to New York so that M.H. could pursue residencies in surgery and anesthesiology. Jamie continued her nursing career at Lutheran Medical Center and also found time to study psychology at Pace University.

After seven years in New York City, the Hosseinians came to Charlotte. M.H. has been with Southeast Anesthesiology Consultants for nearly 27 years and Jamie has been involved with the Mecklenberg Medical Society Alliance (MMSA) since 1979. Jamie says, "I feel like I am more of a North Carolinian than anything else." Over the years she has held a number of positions on the board and served as county president in 2000.

Jamie has served as the Mecklenburg Medical Society liaison on the Committee to Eliminate Racial/Ethnic Health Inequalities, a jointly sponsored effort of UNCC, as well as a number of other health oriented organizations. She is currently the Chairman of the MMSA Endowment Board. She is active in the Opera Guild, currently serving on their board. She is a member of the Symphony Guild, Verdi Society, and Confrerie de la Chaine. She was the NCMS Alliance Southern Regional Director for 2 years before becoming our President-elect. In her spare time Jamie enjoys gardening, investing, knitting, crocheting, cooking and most of all, she loves painting.

Jamie and M.H. have two sons: Alex, a computer engineer currently living in Charlotte, and Art, an Intervention Radiologist in Greensboro. Art and his wife, Andrea, have 3 children: Zachary 4, and twins Jacob and Samuel, 2 years old.

Some questions for Jamie:

When and why did you join the Alliance?

"Twenty six years ago I joined the Alliance. I was moving to an unfamiliar town and did not know anyone there. I felt that this way I could meet people."

What Alliance activity has been the most fun for you?

"I must say some of my best friends are alliance members that I met years ago. You can see that joining the Alliance has a lifetime incentive."

What do you especially wish to accomplish during your year as State President?

"Membership, Membership! We need to look at ourselves to see why it was so much easier years ago to join our organization. We offer a lot more now to members than we did then. I also want to encourage networking, legislative advocacy, building relationships, community health programs and more. Let me tell you that I am for the federation of our county alliances. We can make a difference if we are united for the same cause. If we do not get involved, who will be the advocate for our young physicians? One of my sons is just starting in the profession of medicine so I am very aware of this issue. Are we going to sit still and do nothing to shape the future of health care? We can

do a lot more at all three levels: county, state, and national. It is always more effective if we have more voices. The legislators will pay more attention to our cause if it involves 1000 people rather than one person."

And a question for Jamie's husband, M.H. Hosseinian, M.D.:

Why do you support Jamie's Alliance involvement?

"Jamie has been supporting me for 35 years and she has always been my biggest advocate. She is and has been the wind beneath my wings so I would always support her in her work. The children and I are so very proud of her."



The Hosseinian family From left: M.H., Jamie with Zachary, Andrea with Jacob, Art, and Alex with Samuel



Jamie advocating for the future of medicine with grandson Zachary



Jamie's newest loves of her life are grandsons Samuel, Zachary, and Jacob. Jamie declares, "I love to spoil them as much as I can."

COUNTY NEWS

New Bern Physician Receives Congressional Physician of the Year Award

Dr. Chris Philippart of Crystal Coast Radiation Oncology, P.A. was awarded the Physician of the Year Award for the State of North Carolina by the United States Congress on January 27, 2004, in Washington, D.C. Congressman Tom Reynolds presented the award.

Dr. Philippart serves as Honorary Chair of both the Physician's and Small Business Advisory Councils for the United States Congress reporting directly to Congressman Reynolds. He also serves as a member of both the U.S. Congress House Majority Trust and Congressional Majority Trust, where in 2003 he received the 2003 National Leadership Award from Congressman Tom Delay. He also serves on the Craven Regional Medical Center Foundation Board. He has been Chair of the Cancer Committee for the last 4 years. He is married to Marilyn Philippart who is President of the Craven-Pamlico-Jones Medical Society Alliance.



From left: Marilyn Philippart, Congressman Reynolds, Chris Philippart, M.D.

Everyone is Invited to Attend a Public Forum on Underage Drinking Prevention

The Greater Greensboro Society of Medicine Alliance is presenting a **free** Public Forum addressing the issue of underage drinking prevention. It will be held on Monday, April 26, 2004 at 7 p.m. in the Dana Auditorium on the campus of Guilford College in Greensboro. This event is **open to everyone** across the state who would like to attend.

Dr. Ralph Hingson, a consultant to the NIAAA and a national public health expert on this subject, will be the keynote speaker. Dr. Hingson has spoken at the AMA-Alliance Confluence in Chicago both in October, 2003 and February, 2004. Alliance members, parents, teachers, coaches, health professionals, counselors and all who care about children are encouraged to attend. While in Greensboro Dr. Hingson will also make a presentation to resident physicians in the three community-based programs at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital affiliated with the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

This event is part of the C.A.R.E. (Campaign for Alcohol Responsible Education) for Kids program developed by the Greensboro Alliance with the Alcohol and Drug Services of Guilford County and the Guilford County Council of Parent Teacher Associations as part of the Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking in Guilford County. Many local agencies and professional associations are partnering in this event including Guilford County Public Schools, Family Service of the Piedmont, and Alcohol Law Enforcement.

C.A.R.E. for Kids was developed by the Greensboro Alliance to honor Gay Bowman, President of the AMA Alliance, 2003 - 04. Gay will open the program on April 26 and give an overview of the AMA Alliance's involvement in national initiatives to prevent underage drinking.

More News from Greensboro: Phantom Fundraiser is a Success

Because we did not want to conflict with the Guilford County Medical Society's 50th anniversary gala, the Greensboro Medical Alliance tried a new, innovative fundraiser - a "phantom" fundraiser. We are pleased to report that it was a success!

An "invitation" was sent to Alliance members in which we pointed out that this year's event did NOT require an evening dress, babysitter, or tuxedo... just a 100% tax-deductible contribution. In addition, each \$50 donation gave them a chance in our raffle. The raffle prizes were a bracelet donated by Karat Gold Corner and a cashmere sweater donated by South of 7th Avenue. Corporate sponsors received recognition in the program that was mailed to all Alliance members as well as tickets to the Medical Society's gala.

The "Phantom Fundraiser" raised approximately \$24,000. These funds will be used for scholarships and grants for community health projects. A big "Thank You" to all who participated.

Changing the Lives of Patients with Diabetes in Western North Carolina

Last June, the Buncombe County Medical Society Alliance held a shrimp picnic to raise funds for the BCMS and Alliance Endowment. At this event, the YWCA was presented with a check for \$2,500 to start a diabetes wellness program in Asheville. With this seed money, six people with diabetes were chosen to participate in a pilot study designed to teach safe exercise. During the six-month program, the participants worked with a personal trainer and performed water and low-impact aerobics. Objective data was documented with very rewarding results. These results were so positive that the YWCA's Diabetes Wellness Project has been awarded a \$46,000 grant from Mission Hospitals to continue the project with openings for sixty participants! These are comments on the pilot program from participants:

"I feel better, I sleep better, and I can walk a lot better."

"The exercise has brought my blood sugar down."

"I'm taking better care of myself because people care about me."

"It's like a support group."

The BCMS Alliance feels proud to have helped begin such a worthwhile project. The pilot study brought six individuals together who had never exercised before. They have not only become friends, but have developed a support group to help each other continue a lifelong habit of exercise. Our Alliance members will be able to stay involved by sponsoring YWCA memberships for these individuals ensuring that they will be able to continue the healthy habit of exercise!

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Catawba County Medical Society Alliance Rallies to Support the CAC

The Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) approached the Catawba County Medical Society Alliance (CCMSA) for help in funding the renovation of their new facility. The CAC provides a safe place where child victims of sexual or severe physical abuse and their families can access a continuum of services. They also strive to minimize the trauma that children suffer during the investigation and intervention process as well as to expedite the prosecution process. The CAC was recently given a long-term lease on a home that they could remodel to accommodate their growing needs.

CCMSA was asked to sponsor the renovation of three rooms (medical exam room, observation room, and playroom) at a cost of \$10,000. Co-Presidents Christine Seshul and Cyndee Barber were eager to help but wanted to avoid taking funds away from the other worthwhile organizations that the CCMSA supports via proceeds from their silent auction held annually at their Winter Ball.

The CCMSA Board decided to create an additional fundraiser to benefit the CAC. They chose to raffle a 2004 Mercedes-Benz Roadster with the winning ticket being drawn at the Winter Ball. The Alliance members rallied to the cause and sold nearly 600 tickets at the cost of



CCMSA proudly presents their check to CAC. From Left are Christine Seshul, CCMSA Co-President; Christina Abbott, Executive Director of Children's Advocacy Center; and Cyndee Barber, CCMSA Co-President

\$100 per ticket. The raffle made for an exciting evening at the Winter Ball. It increased attendance to the highest yet (over 250 people) and helped to promote the silent auction. The winner of the raffle drawing was Mrs. Kim Kaariainen, an active member of the Alliance, who had helped sell raffle tickets as well. After much contemplation, Mrs. Kaariainen decided to take a check for \$40,000 in lieu of the car. This left CCMSA with \$18,000: \$10,000 to complete the pledge to CAC, and \$8,000 to add to the \$13,000 that was raised in the Silent Auction. The \$21,000 will be donated to over 30 local organizations chosen by the Alliance.

Another success story this year is that Christine Seshul and Cyndee Barber, CCMSA Co-Presidents, have definitely felt the benefits of double-teaming the job. They have truly enjoyed the camaraderie of working together and sharing the duties. It has been such a success that we have co-presidents-elect who will take the reins of presidency in 2004-05. Christine and Cyndee feel their partnership has been a success and are grateful for the lasting friendship they have formed during this exciting year.

Cyndee Barber, CCMSA Co-President

Want to Avoid Being Hit in the Head With A Laptop?

Then don't give the "MOMS" in your life ANOTHER cookbook for Mother's Day!

MOMS: Latin for *magna cum necessary*; a noun; i.e.; a rare and highly gifted person with unique abilities to juggle work, family and personal commitments for the betterment of their communities. May be sighted at any game involving children and a "ball." MOMS are most visible when carrying the "perfect home-made snack" (or purchased 'home-made' snack) for said "ball games" or Boy Scout Troop outings. You may also catch a fleeting glimpse of MOMS driving aging parents or relatives to "their" doctors' appointments while delivering Meals On Wheels AND soliciting a donation for the local free clinic. It is not recommended that you interrupt MOMS during a phone call...especially while MOMS are using their infamous fifth appendage, also known as a **laptop**. MOMS are currently under study for possible inclusion as a federally protected endangered species.

Please forgive my humorous (I hope!) description of the people who do so very much for others. Take time TODAY to honor the MOMS in your life, or the MOMS who are no longer with you, by making a contribution in honor or memory of her to the NCMS Alliance Annual Fund. A contribution is a reaffirmation of her hard work and will greatly benefit the NCMS Alliance. Please see the form on the back cover.

Ann Faris, VP for Financial Development

Did You Know?

In 1939 the NCMS and the NCMS Alliance (known then as the Woman's Auxiliary) met aboard the cruise ship, Queen of Bermuda, for their 17th Annual Session. They sailed from Norfolk, Virginia on Tuesday, May 9 and returned Sunday, May 14. Over the six days going to and from Bermuda their schedule included:

- * Dinners with concert music followed by accordionists wandering the dining room playing requests
- * Dancing nearly every night in the Elysium Dance Hall
- * President's reception with a floor show by the ship's orchestra
- * "Talkies" (talking pictures) offered every night
- * General Session meeting on board the ship
- * Afternoon tea on the deck
- * Docking at Hamilton, Bermuda with a shore excursion by special train
- * One "free" day to enjoy Bermuda
- * Sailing music by the ship's orchestra on deck while leaving Bermuda
- * Annual Banquet with concert music

Those were the days!

NCMS Alliance Nominated Slate of 2004-2005 Officers

The Nominating Committee is delighted to present the proposed 2004-2005 slate of officers. The slate has been approved by the Board of Directors and will be voted upon by the House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting. My sincere appreciation goes to the members of the Nominating Committee who did an excellent job of finding just the right person for each position. They are: Dorothy Nance and Martha Sparks (Northern Region) Genie Hayes and Mary Frances Forrester (Southern Region); Lynn Everett and Rushmie Bakshi (Eastern Region); John Lovin and Susan Schriefer (Western Region).

Thank you also to these talented and dedicated alliance members who will be serving as your leaders next year.

Karen Holleman, Nominating Committee Chair

The 2004-05 Nominating Committee slate will also be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The proposed members are:

Western Region: John Lovin, Hickory and Barbara Senter, Salisbury

Southern Region: Karen Holleman, Charlotte and Annette Gehle, Gastonia

Northern Region: Ann Ashburn, Raleigh and Susan Veazey, Greensboro

Eastern Region: Chantelle Goodman, Fayetteville and Rachel Pace, Wilmington.



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Bylaws Changes Ready for Vote by the House of Delegates

The bylaws and policies have undergone major revisions in the past two years. The recommendations being proposed by the Bylaws Committee reflect the necessary changes, primarily housekeeping, to bring the issues of membership categories and delegate representation into compliance with those revisions. The recommended changes will be presented for consideration at the House of Delegates on April 30. The proposed bylaws' and policies' changes will be available from headquarters after March 17. Please contact Beth Wise, NCMS Alliance Executive Director, if you would like a copy of the proposed changes.

*Gay Bowman, NCMS Alliance Bylaws Chair
(and AMA Alliance President)*

Internationally Recognized Physician and Author to Speak at the Fall Symposium 2004

Mel Levine, MD, professor of pediatrics at the UNC School of Medicine, founder of the All Kinds of Minds Institute, and Director of the Clinical Center for the Study of Development and Learning, will deliver the keynote address for Symposium 2004 next fall. Dr. Levine is an internationally recognized expert in learning differences and the impact that output failure has on our children. He is the author of numerous books including *A Mind at a Time*, *The Myth of Laziness*, and *All Kinds of Minds*. He has thirty plus years of experience as a researcher, clinician, and teacher devoted to understanding the developing mind and helping kids learn.

Watch the NCMS Alliance website www.ncmsalliance.org for details of date and location.

One of the Highlights of the Annual Meeting

Winston - Salem author Isabel Zuber will be the 2004 Hubbard Memorial Speaker at the luncheon on Thursday, April 29. Zuber will be discussing her first novel, *Salt*, which was recently selected for Virginia Commonwealth University's First Novel award. Publishers Weekly says of her book, "The lyric cadences of Zuber's prose and her tender evocation of the landscape and atmosphere of her native region have much to do with the emotional richness of her touching account of one woman's inner awakening." And Carolyn See of the Washington Post had this to say, "Isabel Zuber invents a world where the king is not mankind but the earth itself."

Zuber was born and raised in Boone, N.C. and now lives in Winston-Salem. She was a librarian at Wake Forest University for many years and is now writing full time. Her poetry



and short fiction have appeared in a number of literary magazines, including *The American Voice*, *Poetry, Now and Then*, *Pembroke Magazine*, and *Shenandoah*. She has won many awards and prizes for her writings.

It is always one of the highlights of our Annual Meeting to have a North Carolina author speak at the luncheon honoring past state presidents. Fortunately, the family of Anne Hubbard, a past state president, set up a fund to provide these speakers for us every year. It is a beautiful memorial to her. North Carolina is blessed with an incredible number of award-winning authors. We have had the opportunity to meet them in person and hear them share their stories about being writers. This spring meeting Isabel Zuber and hearing her "story" will be another wonderful treat for us.

Confluence: Always A Pleasure

Attending Confluence, AMA Alliance's Leadership Development Conference, is the most exciting way to meet people from all over the country who are working on the same issues as you are. Having the opportunity to see all the resources that are available to members definitely helps to prepare county leaders. I had the pleasure of accompanying five county Alliance leaders to Confluence II in Chicago on February 1-3, 2004.

Here are some of their comments on the experience:

Jeanne Hoerr, President, and Nancy Pulliam, President-elect of the Medical Alliance of the Piedmont: "Confluence is a wonderful opportunity to meet and network with the other County and State leaders. The meeting was a nice length of time, two and half days with enough time to network and enjoy Chicago."

Lynn Takla, President-elect of Cabarrus Medical Society Alliance: "I am so glad that I attended Confluence and am looking forward to attending in the future. I think that our county Alliance will benefit so very much from the ideas and direction I received here. I highly recommend it and will encourage the Alliance leaders from our county to attend in the future."

Alex Diez, President of Buncombe Medical Society Alliance, on Grassroots Membership Development: "Excellent presentation! I learned so much from other county presidents and president-elects from all over the country. I wish there could have been more on one-on-one sharing of ideas during the three days."

Allison Manning, Membership Chair of Greater Greensboro Medical Society Alliance, on community action programs: "Great information on underage drinking! Especially good because our county is doing an underage drinking prevention program. Health literacy had very interesting information on how to approach and empower those who are not health literate."



Enjoying lunch during Confluence. From left: Jeanne Hoerr, Alex Diez, Lynn Takla and Allison Manning; Standing from left: Nancy Pulliam and Jamie Hosseinian

Confluence is a biannual meeting that prepares Alliance members for leadership. Included in the three-day event are professional skills training as well as information and ideas from various community action programs. Every year county leaders may choose Confluence I, offered in October, or Confluence II, offered in February.

AMA Alliance Confluence registration is usually open to any Alliance member if space is available after county alliance leaders have had the opportunity to register. Contact NCMS Alliance Executive Director Beth Wise if you wish to attend.

The Confluence program can be reviewed on the AMAA website www.ama-assn.org/alliance.

Jamie R. Hosseinian, NCMS Alliance President-elect

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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

Enclosed is my check payable to NCMS Alliance

Charge my Visa/MasterCard #:

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In honor/memory (circle one) of: _____

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2004 CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

11-31 MEDICAL ALLIANCE MONTH

30 DOCTORS' DAY

31 STATE AND NATIONAL DUES DEADLINE

(FOR DELEGATE ALLOCATION AND MEMBERSHIP AWARDS)

APRIL

1 COUNTY ALLIANCE ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

28-29 NCMSA COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEETINGS (RALEIGH)

29-30 NCMSA ANNUAL MEETING (RALEIGH)

JUNE

13-15 AMAA ANNUAL CONVENTION (CHICAGO, IL)

OCTOBER

3-5 AMAA LEADERSHIP CONFLUENCE (CHICAGO, IL)

NOVEMBER

11-14 NC MEDICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING (PINEHURST, NC)

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