



Greetings,

Let me begin by thanking all of you who provided Valentines for our troops! There were many cute handmade cards as well as sincere purchased ones. Our platoon of 40 soldiers will be delighted and should receive them any day now.

Our travels over the last few weeks have taken us far and wide. Diane Andrews, Liza Battaglia, Rosemary Xavier, Anne Grenitz, Karen Chouinard and I traveled to Huntsville, Alabama for the first AMA Alliance Southern Regional Membership Meeting. This was a day and a half meeting, which included many educational sessions, leaving us with new ideas and beneficial knowledge that we will implement in the coming months. I also had the pleasure of attending the Duval County Medical Society and Orange County Medical Society installation ceremonies.

County Medical Society/Association leaders, we would love to come to your county with our "You Call and We Come" program! As you know, the Alliance belongs to you, its members, and we want to hear your ideas and listen to your concerns. I love to travel and meet our members, so call me to schedule a visit to your county. Kudos to Nimisha Chheda and Hillsborough County Medical Association Alliance for their great work on Screen Out! They not only have written letters and acquired signed petitions to send to movie studios, but have received endorsements for this worthwhile program. Thanks for making Florida look good!!

Don't forget! Your last chance to RSVP for the Spend Your "Extra" Day With Us is right around the corner: February 22nd. You may send your RSVP to me at 407.859.5675 or brase@bellsouth.net. This general membership meeting will be held February 29, 2008, in Orlando, Florida. Please note there is a slight error on the invitation; the stipend for drivers should read "up to \$50." The stipend will be determined by the distance you have driven. Click here to see all we have planned. I would love to see you there!

Just a reminder, the FMA Alliance will offer grants for members to visit Tallahassee during the legislative session. Apply Now! Grant recipients will receive instruction from FMA legislative staff on important legislative issues, learn tips for speaking with your legislators, and have an opportunity to speak with them. If you are interested in applying, please contact Allison Finley at afinley@medone.org or 800.762.0233 or e-mail Anne Grenitz, our Legislative Chair at agrenitz@aol.com.

If you have already mentioned an interest for the grant to visit Tallahassee during the legislative session, please submit another application request. Due to a technical error, correspondence of interested parties have been lost. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

As always, please never hesitate to contact me with any of your concerns or ideas.

Thank you for your continuing dedication to our Alliance!

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