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### Our Vision

That the Genesee County Medical Society maintain its position as the premier medical society by advocating on behalf of its physician members and patients.

### Our Mission

The mission of the Genesee County Medical Society is leadership, advocacy, education, and service on behalf of its members and their patients.

### PLEASE NOTE

The GCMS Nominating Committee seeks input from members for nominations for the GCMS Presidential Citation for Lifetime Community Service. The Committee would like to be made aware of candidates for consideration.

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# GENESEE COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY ALLIANCE-MAINTAINING EXCELLENCE!

To say the GCMSA is comprised of a wonderful, dynamic, and generous group of medical spouses is an understatement! Their contributions to the Medical Society, and to the community at large is a true compliment to the commitment and dedication the Alliance has to improving the lives of others and striving to maintain both of our missions in Genesee County.

It has been a true honor to work with Immediate Past-President, Oya Agabigum over the last several months and along with the entire society we thank her for the leadership she has provided.

Taking over as Co-Presidents this year are Ruqsana Ahmed and Vibha Kaushal. We are delighted to have them on board and look forward to all future events and activities.

Over the last year and during my tenure as President, the Alliance has organized and implemented so many productive activities, ranging from public health promotion, to conflict resolution programs in schools, to peace activities to planning our fabulous Presidents Ball.

Now for a special treat, on September 6th we look forward to a unique event as we reconvene a Medical Society and



*Ray Rudoni, MD*

Alliance Talent Show. I can only begin to imagine the fun this event will surely produce. If you have a performance or artistic talent, please contact Pete Levine to let him know about it. The committee will be selecting over the summer.

Finally, our Alliance colleagues have already begun work on the annual President's Ball slated for November 9. One only needs to reminisce of the past President's celebrations to realize what an amazing and talented group of individuals we have working with us. Their efforts are a huge component

of the success of our County Medical Society and along with Pete, staff, and the entire membership, we thank each of them for all their hard work and look forward to continued success with our most valuable partners.

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# HAIL TO THE ALLIANCE: PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

*All mankind is divided into three classes - the immovable, the movable, and those who move.*  
– Saying (Arab)

Each year, the July issue of *The Bulletin* is turned over to the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance. This is an opportunity for the Alliance to promote their activities and encourage new memberships. The Alliance is an integral partner in advancing the goals of organized medicine at the local, state, and national levels.

This past year was marked by focused political action, dedicated charitable activities, and fun social and educational programs. Congratulations to Oya Agabigum, the Alliance Board of



*Daniel Ryan, MD*

Directors, and the general membership for a great year and a job well done. Welcome to Sara Duda as she takes over the responsibilities as incoming president. She will surely carry on the important work of the organization.

Check the Alliance website ( [GCMSA.org](http://GCMSA.org)) for upcoming programs and activities. Encourage your spouse to become a member if they are not already. The more members that participate, the more effective is the organization. After all, membership has its privileges.

## *Our Becky Doty Delivers Baby*

On June 9, Becky Doty, Executive Secretary, GCMS, delivered a healthy baby named Kylee Avery Doty. She was born at 11:56 a.m., weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19.75 inches long. Please join *The Bulletin* community in wishing her congratulations and a wonderful parenthood.





## PRACTICE MANAGERS: Patient Portals and Meaningful Use Discussed

The May Practice Managers meeting revolved around the issue of patient portals. It focused on how to achieve acceptance for the use of patient portals, why the portals are important to practices and how to use them as a practice enhancement, as well as for e-visits. A detailed focus was provided to the attendees on how to use portals for Meaningful Use, Stages I and II. Presentations were provided by Kristin Schluckbier, Senior Practice Consultant from the Medical Advantage Group, and Beth Heft, Clinical Applications Coordinator for the Michigan Peer Review Organization. Also in attendance were Chandril Pinchi and Jacqueline Otto from ModuleMD. The next Practice Managers' topic will be entitled, "Meaningful Use Security Risk Assessment." The faculty will again be Beth Heft of Michigan Peer Review Organization. Other topics for future meetings will include HIPAA compliance, shared medical appointments and drug diversion. Please contact Pete Levine at [plevine@gcms.org](mailto:plevine@gcms.org) if you would like your practice managers to attend.



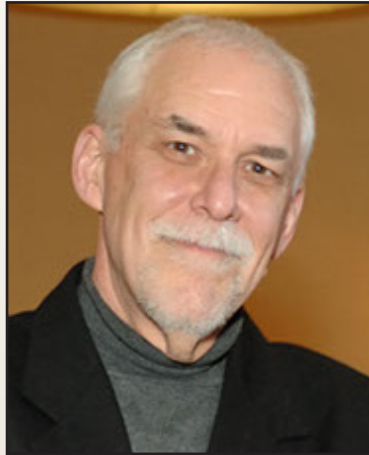
# GCMS ALLIANCE: A SUPERB ORGANIZATION

Every year we laud the GCMS Alliance for its superb organization, service to the community and service to medicine. This year is special. Ms. Oya Agabigum, who served as President for the 2012/13 fiscal year was as busy and as productive as a person can be. Not only did the Alliance produce fantastic results (just take a look at their annual report in this issue of *The Bulletin*) but she had to deal with an organizational crisis which she handled beautifully. The way it was handled, frankly, reflects exquisitely on the organization.

Near the end of her term as President, the President-Elect had to step aside because of a health crisis in her family. The process of selecting a new person was very complicated. These are very busy folks in their personal lives, and in their professional lives. With the help of her Board of Directors and volunteers who were willing to step up at the last second, and with the help of support of Past Presidents, Co-Presidents were sworn in at the annual Geranium Luncheon in May. This is the type of cooperation that most organizations would not achieve. It is similar to what happened with GCMS when Kaliani Misra, M.D. passed away during her President-Elect year and Drs. Thoms and Reynolds each took an extra half year to serve the organization on her behalf.

For all she has done this past year, I congratulate Mrs. Agabigum. I also congratulate and salute all of the alliance past presidents, current board members and committee members for achieving so much.

All of us should thank Mrs. Vibha Kaushal and Mrs.



*Peter Levine, MPH*

Ruqsana Ahmed for stepping up to serve as Co-Presidents. They will do everyone proud. We will all need to be ready to step up and help them as they figure out how to reallocate their time to serve as leaders before they intended to.

In addition to all the normal political, medical, economic and practice management issues that we deal with on a daily basis, the Alliance has suggested that we move forward with a talent show in September. If you or your spouse or your practice manager has a talent or an artistic skill which you would like to demonstrate at this talent show on September 6, we







encourage you to step forward and offer it to the talent show committee. You can communicate directly with Cheryl Thoms at 810-732-7719 or [psclthoms@earthlink.net](mailto:psclthoms@earthlink.net), or Pete Levine at [plevine@gcms.org](mailto:plevine@gcms.org) with your ideas. Those of you who remember the last talent show remember what a blast everyone had.

And then the Alliance's major gift to the medical community is the President's Ball. This will take place on November 9 and will once more be the event of the medical year. Please reserve that evening and, if you know any sponsors who might enjoy supporting an important and fun Medical Society and Alliance event, please put them directly in touch with me.

Please enjoy this issue of *The Bulletin* which is jam packed with exciting information about what our Alliance has done for the past year and what it plans to do this year. You will see why we are the envy of all other county medical societies across the country.



## YOUR \$\$\$ AT WORK

-  GCMS helped two practices with continuing medical education issues.
-  GCMS fielded a large number of patient referral calls.
-  GCMS aggressively expressed opposition to scope of practice expansion legislation, and support of Medicaid expansion.
-  GCMS expressed sustained opposition to changes to the no-fault auto laws.
-  GCMS provided two articles to *Health Care Weekly Review*.
-  *Health Care Weekly Review* covered the GCMS embezzlement conference with two full pages of print.

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# GREETINGS FROM YOUR DISTRICT DIRECTORS!

## MEANINGFUL USE

As all of my colleagues learning new computer software for EMR know, these two words (meaningful use) strike fear in their hearts and those of their managers and staff. I have had electronic records for 20 years. I am very comfortable with them. But the federal government's ideas of what constitutes meaningful use (a 78 page document), although idealistic, are likely not obtainable in the timeline required. Through the AMA we are lobbying hard to have the definition adjusted or the implementation timeline made more realistic.



*John Waters, MD  
District VI Director*

## LEADERSHIP

Whenever I am at meetings at MSMS, I am asked which county I represent. Invariably, when I answer Genesee, they always ask where we find all the great leaders to send to MSMS and MSMS Alliance. Well, we have very active and engaged members, staff and leadership who are willing to mentor and develop our great people. And our Alliance serves proudly and assertively in their support for GCMS and great works in the community. It is fun to represent a county like ours. Thanks to all!

## GCMS MEETINGS

– JULY 2013 –

- No Meeting – 8 a.m. Legislative Liaison Committee @ GCMS
- No Meeting – 5:15 p.m. Finance Committee @ GCMS
- No Meeting – 6 p.m. GCMS Board of Directors @ GCMS
- 7/24– 12:30 p.m. Community & Environmental Health Committee @ GCMS
- No Meeting – 8 a.m. Practice Managers @ GCMS

**SAVE THE DATES!**  
Talent Show and Dinner  
Business Meeting 9/6/13  
Presidents' Ball  
11/9/13

# LEGISLATIVE LIAISON EXPRESSES CONCERNS

On June 3, the Legislative Liaison Committee met with Tim Sneller of state Rep. Charles Smiley's office, and Reps. Pam Ferris and Joe Graves to discuss several issues of concern.

The committee was pleased to hear that the graduate medical education budget was restored by the Legislature and extremely disappointed to hear that Medicaid expansion was not included in the budget. The committee expressed strong opposition to Senate Bill 2 which could expand nurse practitioner scope of practice. Steve Japinga of the Michigan State Medical Society noted that a new bill is being prepared to replace Senate Bill 2 which would be much more physician led. The committee expressed concern about the nurse anesthetist scope of practice bill (Senate Bill 180) and was informed that that bill has been tabled.

The committee again expressed support for House Bill 4524 which is the patient's right-to-know legislation. It is still in committee. This is legislation which would cause hospitals and other health care providers to label each person with the title of doctor as to what kind of doctor they are.

House Bill 4736 entitled, Expedited Partner Treatment, is still in committee and was not taken care of before the Legislature recessed after its June 20 session.

The committee was also informed that a piece of legislation which would protect emergency department physicians and covering specialists for liability, up to gross negligence, is strongly supported by the medical community. This is legislation that would make physicians liable using the same criteria that attorneys use for patients with whom they do not have a previous relationship.

It was noted by Sen. Graves that legislation has been introduced to bring blood alcohol levels for snowmobilers and Sea-Doo riders to the same rate as automobile drivers, 0.08%. This is facing heavy sledding in the Legislature.

A Washington update will be held with Congressman Dan Kildee during the summer. The Legislative Liaison Committee will not meet again until October.



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# Healing Hands





By Marianne Almeida

# 5k Run/Walk



*What is the Healing Hands 5k Run/Walk all about?* It is an event organized by a group of volunteers from the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance, Pi Delta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International and a few other community volunteers. This group of primarily the same volunteers, have been working hard to make this race successful for 18 years!!

Every year these volunteers come with folders in their hands and love in their hearts for the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic. That's what this race is all about! People who are in need of medical care and do not have insurance or the means to pay for medical care are able to come to the clinic and receive the care they need. There are wonderful volunteers who spend their days off at the clinic to help the people in need. Rima Kudish MD and her staff spend endless hours scheduling, organizing, and helping as much as they can. Doctors, residents, nurses, pharmacists also spend many hours there. There are also medical personnel in our community that give their time and effort for these patients.

So you ask, what is this race for? This race raises over \$100,000 a year! This race enables the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic to continue to provide medical treatment for our neighbors, friends and community who are in need. This race enables us to give back to our community!

So next year when it is time to start planning for the 19th Annual Healing Hands race, come and help, or come and run/ walk to help our community in need! It is a great feeling!

# GCMSA

*In* May we celebrated outgoing President Oya Agabigum for a great year at our Annual Geranium Luncheon at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club. Thank you, Oya, for all the hard work you put into your year as President. We also had the installation of our incoming Co-Presidents Vibha Kaushal and Ruqsana Ahmed. We look forward to a year of new leadership with them at the helm. Also installed that day was Secretary: Maria McCann and Treasurer: Feroza Raffee. We are yet to name our

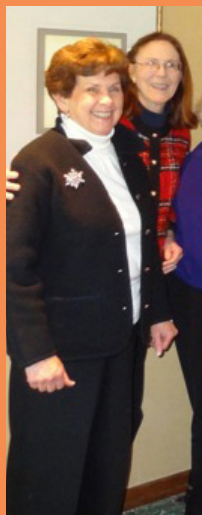


President-Elect. Dr. Shafi Ahmed, President-Elect of the GCMS was present to thank the Alliance for all the work they do to help the GCMS. We have always had a very good contact and relationship with the medical society and we are thankful to Dr. Ahmed for being there. Pete Levine was also there to show his support and we are truly thankful to Pete for all the years he has been a true friend and supporter of our Alliance. Thank you Pete. We also had a good number of past presidents and it is great to visit with each other at this luncheon. Thank you Marianne Almeida for the hard work you put in to make this a great success.

## *GCMS ALLIANCE FRIENDSHIP GROUP*

The Alliance Friendship Group was started in 2006 when, then president, Cheryl Thoms, felt this age group needed something for themselves where they could meet together just to have lunch and renew old friendships. Marilyn Lindman started making calls and inviting ladies to come and meet for lunch. We have enjoyed many different restaurants and have always enjoyed the time together.

This group has remained strong and we are getting new people to come each year. We meet every other month at Taboon's Restaurant on Linden Rd. at Miller Rd. We average anywhere from 15 to 20 people each time. If you would like more information on this group, please call either Carole Hassan 810-208-7144, or Cheryl Thoms at 810-732-7719.









## Exit Speech/Annual Report

### Oya Agabigum, Past-President

A year later and after four seasons, the snow, rain and sunshine, the success stories, challenges and many trials I am here addressing you to say good by!

Today, I don't want to take too much of your time, I am sure our wonderful new Presidents will have more exciting things to talk about. I am really excited and look forward to a wonderful year under their direction.

So I will give you a brief Annual Report, and thank you for all your support. It has been an honor and great pleasure serving you as the 2012 -2013 Genesee County Medical Society Alliance President!

### **ANNUAL REPORT:**

General Membership: 174

#### **The Mission Statement:**

The mission of GCMSA is to make a positive difference in the lives of Genesee County residents by promoting healthy life styles and education through partnerships with GCMS and local community organizations, as well as providing a supportive network to medical families.

#### **GCMSA ACTIVITIES:**

During September meeting, West Nile Virus Kits and information was relayed to our members.

The GCMSA sponsored Peace Day scholarships and presented awards to the Student winners of the Poetry and Essay Competition on September 29, at the Wilson Park and the U of M Flint Michigan Rooms. Thank you Sue Kirby!

During the September Board meeting Mrs. Barb Pougnet, Chairperson of Liaison to the Free Clinic, stated the urgent need for the new Physician Volunteers. This request and the expected hours of service was relayed to the Genesee County Medical Society during the Board of Directors meeting, as well as the map review of underserved populations of the Genesee County. Thank you Barbara Pougnet for all you do for the Free Clinic!

The September Membership meeting International Luncheon was a great success and The Greater Flint Health Coalition presented their Commit 2 Fit Program, to create more member awareness. Thank you Amita Desai and Cheryl Thoms!

We had the Goal Setting and Prioritizing Your Time Seminar, with a well-known motivational speaker John Tenza during the October Membership meeting. It was well attended. Thank you Cindy Zureikat and Mary Ryan!

The GCMS President's Ball was held in December 2012 at the Flint Institute of Arts. The GCMSA served as the coordinator of the event. There were 117 Attendees. Thank you Joy Dawn Rowley Hardman, Anjali Misra, Jeanette Rivera, Marianne Almeida, Cheryl Thoms.

Under the Doctors and Families Committee the donations of goods and money from our members were collected and dispersed to the YWCA, to benefit their shelter (helping the abused women and their families). Thank you Nelda Hebert.

2012-year Member contributions to the AMA Foundation Scholarship Fund totaled to \$1075 dollars. Thank you Kee Ja Kang.

The Health Careers Program, the GCMSA helps facilitating, reported that, 65 new volunteers were accepted to the program in December 2012, for the 2013 winter semester.

On March 12th a Health Careers Day Open House was held at Hurley Medical Center. GCMSA collaborated to get the word out to the Genesee County Schools with distribution of flyers and phone calls. Thank you Mary Lou Mathias!

The Christmas Gift-Wrapping, planned by Sara Duda was our designated Children's Program this year. As a result, the GCMSA prepared 60 gift bags and wrapped 20 contributed gifts by the membership. Fifty of these gifts were distributed to the children in PICU at the Hurley Medical Center on Christmas day and 30 of them were distributed to children in the ER. Thank you Sara Duda!

Through the Save in the Schools Program, 2,200 books were delivered to schools. The McLaren Foundation grant purchased and donated \$5,000 worth of the Save in the School books to the GCMSA, for the continuation of the Save in the Schools Program. These include the I Can Handle Bullies, Hands are not for Hitting, and I Can Live Healthy books. Thank you Mary Lou and all the volunteers who helped her.

The Reach Out & Read Program continues to distribute the new and gently used children's literature to the Physician office waiting rooms, in the underserved locations and the area hospitals. Till now 350 books distributed by Jeanette Rivera and Sara Duda.

Through the Commit 2 Fit / Healthy Living Program, the GCMSA continues to distribute the folders to the Physicians, in the Genesee County Area, and collaborates with the GCMS and The GFHC. Thank you Beth Schumacher!

Our Membership program at the Frankenmuth Snow Fest was fun, although a small number attended. Thank you Diane Morris!

The contacts with the Flint School Board are in planning process by the chairperson, Jeanette Rivera. This program aims to create more awareness of Healthy Living options for the school children especially in the underserved locations.

The Membership Investment Club: The Wakefield Women's Club won second place in the 2012 Stock Pickers Contest. Congratulations members!

The April 24th Membership Meeting held at the FIA and the Book discussion meeting for Lydia Cassat, Reading the Morning Paper, was presented as a slide lecture by the Monique Desormeau about the famous American female Impressionist, Mary Cassat. Thank you Susan Henke!

The three issues of the Alliance Focus were mailed to the general membership. Thank you Zahrah Bhimani and Liesbeth Fernandez!

The GCMSA web address is changed to the <http://gcmsalliance.org>. Please review our new and improved website. Thank you Rula Ali Bakr!

On April 27, our County Delegates from the GCMSA attended the Annual Michigan State Medical Society Alliance Meeting. At the Annual meeting, the MSMSA honored the GCMSA with a Membership Award (for most membership in 2012-2013), and A Health Promotions Award for the distribution of most activity books.

Thank you Lakshmi Tummala, Cheryl Thoms for all your work with membership and thank you Mary Lou Mathias and Sara Duda for distributing countless books!

The Healing Hands 5-K Race event, which helps to fund The Free Clinic, took place on Saturday May 18, 2013. 241 people participated and it was a great success. GCMSA helps to coordinate this race in collaboration with the Pi Delta Chapter of The Sigma Theta Tau International. Thank you Jeanette Rivera, Barbara Pougnet, Ruqsana Ahmed, Rima Kudish, and all the wonderful volunteers.

Our Treasurer and Finance Chair, the Secretary, and the Past President, the President Elect, Historian, Parliamentarian and Courtesy Chairs worked very hard throughout the year! Thank you Amita Desai, Mary McAlindon, Vibha Kaushal, Dianne Thomas, Rosa Wang, Liaison to the GCMS chair, Elizabeth Jordan, and all the rest of the Alliance Volunteers! Also thank you Pete Levine and Becky Doty for your support and help!

### THE NEW PRESIDENCY:

Unfortunately, due to the family health circumstances, in March, Ms. Sara Duda had to withdraw from her President-Elect role. We wish her best, and our prayers follow her family! Any members who would like to contribute to the American Heart Association, please kindly remember that this is one of the causes Sara feels very strongly about!

During our April and May meetings, as you will be seeing from our minutes, our members came through, and tried to find solutions to help out with the vacant Presidency position. Ms. Semaj Brown graciously accepted to help but due to the short notice, and her new career as performing artist and writer prevented her from taking the position! Thank you Semaj for being a support!

The good news is that we are very lucky because, two wonderful ladies, Mrs. Vibha Kaushal and Ruqsana Ahmed, agreed to become the 2013-14 Co-Presidents on May 6th, after our Emergency Board meeting! In such a short amount of time they embraced their new roles of the GCMSA Co-Presidency. Please help them in any way you can! Your contributions to this wonderful organization will be greatly appreciated!

Last, but not the least, I also would like to thank my family for enduring my busy schedule I could not do it without your support!

This concludes my report!

The Genesee County Medical Society Alliance Members you are the true and positive source behind our organization's success! However small amount of time you may have please Contribute! Contribute!

# from the Co-Presidents



## Ruqsana Ahmed, Co-President

On behalf of GCMS Alliance, I would like to welcome you for the year 2013-2014 as Co-President. It is a privilege, given to me by the previous committee GCMS Alliance, to work for the current year 2013 - 2014 as Co-President. I would like to thank you all for your kind expressions of appreciation. My journey continues for now and I am very excited about what lies ahead to a large part because I know, "We can do more together!"

Since the inception of our Alliance in 1938, our organization has made significant contributions for our members, their families and the Society by various activities.

We are actively working with the GCMS leadership on the issues that affect the practice of medicine and our community. We are also working hard to make your attendance in the year 2013-2014 very enjoyable and educational.

Doctors and their families can make a difference. Step forward and donate your time to this great cause. We are asking you to join us to make this a strong organization. Be a part of it as an informed and active member. Share your ideas and talents with us to develop our focus for future activities. Make our voice a highly organized health care committee. "Coming together is a beginning. Staying together is a progress. Working together is a success."

We have our website. Please send us your feedback, our website address has changed to [www.gcmsalliance.org](http://www.gcmsalliance.org). Please email us, we will appreciate your valuable opinion and advice.

Our goal for GCMS Alliance is to focus on women's health and community services.

We all worked hard for Healing Hands 5K Run/Walk and raised \$100,000 for the Genesee County Free Clinic on May 18th, 2013.

My personal interests include being involved in different kinds of volunteer organizations, such as DCI – Distressed Children International, HIV Protection International, Genesee County Free Clinic. I am also actively involved with BMANA (Bangladesh Medical Association of North America) Alliance Michigan Chapter, BMANA Alliance (Center). I was President for six years. I was Treasurer for GCMS Alliance and have been an active member since 2001.

I have three children and my husband is Dr. Shafi Ahmed. We are from Bangladesh.

## Vibha Kaushal, Co-President

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the Co-President of the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance (GCMSA) for 2013-14. It is definitely a privilege and honor to be a president of this alliance associated with what Pete Levine calls the “elite medical society in the state,” making us the “elite alliance in the state of Michigan.”

I remember first becoming part of the alliance when Jay Kommareddi called me the first year my family had moved to Genesee County from New York. At that time, Jay was a membership chairperson, and she was so inviting on the phone when she asked me to come and be a part of this organization. Ever since that time, which was almost 17 years ago, (how time flies), I have been part of the alliance and, as a minimum, always paid my dues. In the beginning, I wasn't involved very much, with 3 kids to raise. But I always felt welcomed whenever I went to social meetings, international luncheons, or to volunteer at the healing hands, etc. There were always the smiling faces of Mary Lou Mathias, Cheryl Thoms, Lakshmi Tummala, and so many more that I could name as I look out at the tables here, that made me feel like a part of the community. This is what I want for current and future members.

We have to let our members know that we really want to get to know them, and that they can be involved as much or as little as they want, but their presence will always be embraced. That is one of our goals for the year: to increase our membership by trying to make our programs have relevance to the members. Lakshmi Tummala and Cheryl Thoms have done such an awesome job in encouraging new members to join and helping the alliance retain members, and they have so graciously agreed to be chairpersons again for the membership committee.

Also on our agenda is to advance the total health of our alliance members and their families. World Health Organization (WHO) defines health as physical, mental and spiritual well-being. We will attempt to implement this broad definition in a small way through our programs for the year. As you can see from our schedule of programs which are on the tables: in September, we will have our GCMS and GCMSA talent show as well as our annual, very popular international luncheon, both of which will give us the opportunity to meet and socialize with old and new friends. In October, in collaboration with breast cancer awareness month, we will try to have an educational seminar about preventative health with

the goal of increasing knowledge about breast cancer as well as other health issues relating to women, and in turn their spouses. In November, we will have the joint GCMS/GCMSA ball, a social event always enjoyed by all. In January or February, we will have a healthy cooking class along with an educational seminar on maintaining a balanced and nutritious diet for optimum health. In March, we will have more social events such as coffees in members' homes. In April, we will have a class on yoga and meditation, promoting our mental and spiritual growth. A little effort goes a long way in reducing stress and invigorating our mental, physical and spiritual well-being and we hope many of our members can come and join us. As these programs are still under construction, we will make everyone aware of the details when they are developed more fully. Our Cheryl Thoms does a wonderful job sending out our program flyers by email and the information will also be on our awesome website which is maintained by Rula Ali-Bakr.

Over many decades, our alliance has contributed countless hours of service on so many projects including health promotion, books for children to promote literacy, women's shelter collection drives, the free clinic, and so many more. Had it not been for this alliance, we probably never would have met and formed friendships through working together on these important projects. Through all of the programs we have worked on over the years, our overall mission has remained the same: to tend to the health of the communities in which we raise our families in. This goal will not be insurmountable if we all work together and are supportive of each other. We, the Alliance, are such a diverse group of people, and yet we are here working together toward this common goal. This alliance is so important because it brings our diverse group together, allowing us to combine our different strengths, talents, experiences and other qualities to create a much stronger organization that can more effectively tackle the issues facing our community. Please continue to be supportive and join us by giving as little time or as much time as you can, by joining committees or, as I did initially, by paying dues and recruiting one new member. I am very excited about the coming year and the prospect of working together on the goals and agenda we have set to remain a vital and elite alliance in the state of Michigan.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank my husband, Sunil, for being here and supporting me in this endeavor.

Thank you and please welcome our Co-President Mrs. Ruqsana Ahmed.



## Vibha Kaushal, Co-President

Vibha was born in India and moved to the United States with her family at the age of 8. She grew up primarily in Ann Arbor, Michigan and earned her Bachelor in Business Administration (BBA) from Eastern Michigan University. After earning her CPA certification, she worked at the Office of the Auditor General in Lansing for 10 years. During her employment, she met and married her husband Sunil, who is a practicing gastroenterologist in Flint. After leaving her employment, Vibha focused on raising their three children (now ages 15, 19, and 23) and volunteering. She currently works part time in her husband's office. Her interests include gardening, cooking and fitness. Vibha has been involved with the GCMSA since her family moved back to Grand Blanc in 1996 after the completion of her husband's Gastroenterology fellowship in New York. She has served on various positions with the Alliance Board including the secretary position last year. She is looking forward to serving as the Alliance Co-president for the 2013-14 year.



## Ruqsana Ahmed, Co-President

I am Ruqsana Polly Ahmed Co-President for GCMS Alliance 2013-2014.

I have three children and my husband is Dr. Shafi Ahmed. We are from Bangladesh.

I graduated in Psychology, Computer Science and worked for General Motors for several years. Now I am working with my husband at Court Street Family Medicine.

In January 1986, I came to the United States with my husband. I got my citizenship in 1999; now this is my country.



## Feroza Raffee, Treasurer

Feroza Raffee was born and raised in apartheid-ravaged South Africa in a small town called Carnarvon. She is third-generation South African, as her grandparents came to South Africa in the late 1800s from India. She was forced to leave her hometown to attend school in Cape Town at the age of 12 due to racial restrictions on where non-whites could attend school. Despite the severe limitations placed on members of its non-white population, she was among the few chosen to be a radiographer and worked in one of South Africa's biggest hospitals. While there, she was chosen from a group of many radiographers to care for a very special patient, a still-incarcerated Nelson Mandela. This experience was an amazing one for at the time few people had ever seen, let alone met, Mr. Mandela as the South African government had banned even his picture. She later immigrated to the United States in 1988 and today manages her husband's medical practice. She and her husband have four children, a son and three daughters. She lives in Flint Township and loves gardening, traveling, and politics.



## Maria Elena B McCann, Secretary

I was born and raised in Genesee County, primarily in Flint Township. After graduating high school from L. M. Powers I became employed at McLaren Regional Hospital for 14 years, while attending U of M-Flint, graduating from The Hurley School of Radiologic Technologists, and also working at Hurley Medical center as a CT Technologist. In 2004 I met my husband Michael L. McCann while he was completing a trauma fellowship at Hurley. We married that year and I resigned from McLaren. The following year, I resigned from Hurley as my husband completed his training, and we left Michigan for six years. Prior to moving back to MI, I became involved with the Ladies Auxiliary, in Topeka Kansas, where I was to be President Elect, until withdrawing, to move back to Michigan. I am extremely happy to be back with family and friends. I am currently working per diem at Hurley Hospital and look forward to continuing volunteer work within the medical community.



# 2013-14 GCMSA Programs

<b>2013-2014</b>	<b>Programs</b>	<b>Venue</b>
August 18, 2013	Family Picnic	Bicentennial Park, Grand Blanc, MI
September 6, 2013	GCMS/GCMSA Talent Show Program Chair: Cheryl Thoms	TBD
September 24, 2013 11:00 meeting 12:00 lunch	International Luncheon Chairperson: Lakshmi Tummala	TBD
October 22, 2013 11:00 meeting 12:00 lunch	Educational seminar on Women's Health issues Chairperson: Cheryl Thoms	TBD
November 9, 2013	President's Ball Program Chair: Joy Dawn Rowley Hardman/ Anjali Misra, Jeanette Rivera	TBD
December , 2013	Children's program-Gift Wrapping Chairperson: TBD	TBD
January 28, 2014	Social coffee w/dance activity Chairperson: Velynda Makhene	TBD
February 25, 2014	Cooking Show demo w/seminar on nutrition and balanced diet Chairperson: Mona Sahouri	TBD
March 25, 2014	Social tea w/ International poem recitation Chairperson: TBD	TBD
April 22, 2014	Yoga and Meditation class Program Chairperson: Sue Kirby	TBD
May 20, 2014 10:30	Geranium Luncheon Program Chair: Amita Desai	Warwick Country Club Grand Blanc, MI 48439



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# Genesee County Medical Society Board of Directors Meeting

April 23, 2013 - MINUTES

## **I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Raymond Rudoni, MD, President in the Rapport Conference Room.

## **II. Review of Minutes:**

**Motion:** That the Board of Directors meeting minutes of March 26, 2013 be approved as presented.

The Motion Carried.

## **III. Reports:**

### *A) Alliance Report:*

Oya Agabigum, President of the Genesee County Medical Society Alliance, reported the Alliance is having a significant problem finding a president. She also noted that the Healing Hands 5K Run/Walk, held to support the Genesee County Free Medical Clinic, will be held on May 18 and invited all to attend.

### *B) Finance Committee Report:*

**Motion:** That the Budget to Actual Report for the period ending March 31, 2013 be approved as presented. The Motion Carried.

### *C) President's Report:*

Dr. Rudoni reported that the *Flint Journal* articles are continuing in relation to the efforts to get them to cover significant community health issues. Most recently they did a series of articles entitled, "Watch out for Spring" and "Cadaver Valve Harvesting". They also covered information relating to community health rankings.

## **IV. Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Genesee County Medical Society Board of Directors will take place on May 28, 2013 at 6 p.m.

## **V. Adjournment:**

No further business appearing. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



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# Genesee County Medical Society

## Board of Directors Meeting

May 28, 2013 - MINUTES

### **I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Raymond Rudoni, MD, President in the Rapport Conference Room.

### **II. Review of Minutes:**

**Motion:** That the Board of Directors meeting minutes of April 23, 2013 be approved as presented. The Motion Carried.

### **III. Reports:**

#### *A) Alliance Report:*

On behalf of new Alliance Co-Presidents, Vibha Kaushal and Ruqsana Ahmed, Dr. Rudoni reported on the talent show scheduled for September 6th and the Ball scheduled for November 9th.

#### *B) Finance Committee Report:*

**Motion:** That the Budget to Actual Report for the period ending April 30, 2013 be approved as presented. The Motion Carried.

Dr. John Waters reported that Peter Levine has spoken with a couple of parties who are interested in part or all of the available spaces at the Society offices.

#### *C) Legislative Update:*

Dr. Cathy Blight reported that the Legislative Liaison Committee met earlier in the month. They discussed House of Delegates actions which may result in legislation, as well as scope of practice legislation, no-fault auto reform, and several other pending Bills. The next meeting of the Legislative Liaison Committee will take place on June 3rd and all Board members are invited.

Dr. Rudoni reported that the Michigan College of Emergency Physicians sponsored legislation relating to liability reform is back on the table with MSMS support. It is hoped that it will move during the month of June. Peter Levine reported that moral preference legislation is back in the Senate and the Greater Flint Health Coalition is considering a letter to the legislature asking them to reject this legislation as unnecessary.

#### *D) Membership Committee Report:*

Dr. Amitabha Banerjee reported that, while the Membership Committee did not meet this month, letters have gone out to Regional Cardiology Associates and staff is continuing to meet with potential members.

#### *E) President's Report:*

Dr. Rudoni noted that the Ball Committee will be meeting soon. The talent show is moving forward and is looking like a lot of fun. The House of Delegates was first rate with GCMS winning many leadership roles and having great success with its resolutions.

*F) District VI Directors' Report:*

Drs. Mukkamala and Waters reviewed scope of practice legislation, election of MSMS officers, MSMS's financial stability and the transition of membership to more group practices.

*G) Greater Flint Health Coalition Update:*

Reports were given on Flint Farmer's Market activity, health information changes, and shared medical appointments. There is a substantial amount of activity ongoing.

*H) AMA Update:*

Dr. Cathy Blight reported that the delegation is getting ready for the June AMA meeting. The AMA is discussing cutting the number of meetings. It is also revisiting its policy on gifts from industry, which could lead to a period of unrest. The haptention resolution brought by Genesee County is going to the AMA at its June meeting.

**IV. New Business:**

The Board discussed an editorial from Wayne County Medical News, written by Dr. Joe Weiss, regarding the House of Delegates. The Board also discussed Dr. Pino Colone's (Speaker of the MSMS House) response to the editorial.

**V. Adjournment:**

No further business appearing. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Have a great summer!

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2013**

Genesys Conference Center

5:30 p.m. - Socializing and viewing art

7:00 p.m. - Dinner and meeting

7:30 p.m. - Talent show

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John Hebert III	1	Fikria Hassan	9	Allen Turcke	24
Gali Subbareddy	1	Radwan Alkiek	10	Jae Chul Kim	25
Tarik Wasfie	1	Kathleen Justice-Kirtek	10	E Grant Murphy	25
Barina Zado	1	Ahmed Akl	13	Dong Whan Oh	25
John Waters	3	AppaRao Mukkamala	14	Jon Santiago	25
Leslie Lemieux Jr	4	Koteswara Vemuri	14	James Knaggs	26
Linda Diane Norrell	4	Frederick VanDuyne	15	Edward Holden	27
David Wilson	5	Lawrence Irish	17	Orestes lung	27
Glen Sullenger	6	Peter Rydesky	17	David Strahle	27
Abdulfatah Osman	6	Shahzad Sadiq	18	Linsey Gold	27
Kamal Hasan	7	Charles Bodem	20	Sosa Kocheril	27
Kang Kwon	7	Jaime Ballesteros	21	Eyassu Habte-Gabr	28
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