



Report of the President

Thanksgiving and Christmas (Hanukkah) are my favorite times of the year. Families try to get together during this time and catch up with each other. Lots of good food and feelings of peace and happiness abound. It is also a time for reaching out to others and giving to those less fortunate. Many Christmas (Holiday) parties also include bringing gifts for others in need.

Many of you know my theme this year is "Caring for the Medical Family". During my installation speech, many of the "families" in Medicine were identified. Many of those families are hard at work in the state doing health projects, charity work, advocating for health care and volunteering. I would like to show some of them in my Family Scrapbook of Giving.

Family Scrapbook of Giving

NKMSA/NKMS - Annual Christmas (Holiday) Dinner to celebrate Doctors' Day with recent retirees, raised over 100 pairs of white socks for Homeless clinic, collected over 75 wrapped gifts for needy children, and raised over \$1400 with a silent auction for Women's Crisis center.



GLMSA/GLMS - Held annual Holiday lunch with style show, also support the Healing Place for treatment of addiction and the Supplies Over Seas for donated medical equipment gently used for countries overseas.



LMSA/LMS - Held a joint meeting with LMS to give scholarships to UK medical students for essays on "Prevention of Burnout", gave funding to a local charity for children, continues to provide wellness programs for docs, and working with new UK Dean of MS



DCMS/DCMSA - had their annual Doctors' Day honoree event to celebrate several physicians' stories from the past and reminisce. Awarded several scholarships to MS this past year and continued their community service.



HCMSA - Celebrated SAVE by active participation at a local school with art and coloring the "Hands are not for hitting".



KMA Staff - Emily Whalin is the proud mom of a son, Ben, who went to Haiti for mission work and a daughter, Catherine, who grew her hair to give to cancer victims for wigs. We are so proud of Emily's children giving back to the community around them. What a role model from Emily!



So, look around you and see if you can't give back or make a difference in someone's life today.

