

MAG Alliance Pulseline August 2017

MAG Legislative Education Seminar Summary

The June Legislative Seminar at Brasstown Valley Resort was a success! Upon check-in each attendee received a boxed fried pie with the filling of their choice from a local bakery. (Thank you Dayna Jackson of MAG for that delicious find!) We had panel discussions with more than a dozen Georgia Legislators on opioid issues, insurance coverage gaps, distracted driving, and more. One of the Legislator panelists included our own Alliance member, Representative Deborah Silcox. Downtime activities included opportunities to visit the local planetarium, horseback riding, golfing, trail hiking, swimming and small group conversation on the back deck of the hotel overlooking the mountainside. In all, more than 100 MAG and MAG Alliance members were in attendance. We hop you will make plans to be with us next year!

MAG Alliance Annual Meeting and Luncheon

Our annual meeting and luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday September 19, 2017** at the Georgian Club in the Galleria complex located at the intersection of I-285 and Cobb Parkway in Atlanta. We have invited the candidates who are running to be the next Georgia Insurance Commissioner for forum discussion. Candidates Jay Florence, Cindy Zeldin and Shane Mobley have already confirmed their attendance. This is an important state position affecting the practice of medicine. Among other things, the Insurance Commissioner regulates the health and automobile insurance companies that do business in Georgia. We anticipate much lively discussion. We hope you will make plans to join us (and bring your insurance questions) and **invite at least one other physician's spouse to come with you!** Formal electronic invitations with registration information will go out in the next couple of weeks.

MAG Alliance Rack Card

The MAG Alliance Board has worked with a designer to create a "rack card" for use at county and state medical society meetings to inform folks about the MAG Alliance and the opportunity for physicians' spouses to join our network. We will have this marketing piece available at the September Annual Meeting.

Distracted Driving Initiative

The Medical Association of Georgia is leading a public health initiative encouraging Georgia drivers to "Just Drive, please" and not be distracted with hand held devices while driving. This initiative has both an educational and legislative component. In the last two years, Georgia has had a sharp increase in traffic accidents, traffic deaths and distracted driver involved fatalities. Georgia also leads the nation for auto insurance premium rate hikes. We will take a few minutes at the Annual Meeting to discuss this initiative and how the Alliance can help.

Alliance Member Spotlight: Eve Tidwell

Eve Tidwell, along with her husband Dr. Jack Tidwell, are serving as the U.S. Chairs for Taiwan's 14th Annual "Happy Home World Alliance." This annual event takes the Taiwan "Family TABLE" to the world stressing the importance of family communication and togetherness. Eve will be travelling to Washington, D.C. with a Taiwan delegation and then onto Taiwan for the culmination of their family celebration. The motto for the event is "As the family goes, so goes the Nation." Congratulations to Eve and Dr. Tidwell as they highlight the democratic and family leadership of Taiwan.

We want to highlight your activities too! Please let us know what you are doing so we can include it in our next newsletter.