

Newsletter of the MAG Alliance



The Georgia Legislature is in full swing and the MAG Alliance is ready to help. MAG is busy watching the bills related to health care, safety, and other physician issues. Some of this year's big issues include patient surprise billing, opioid abuse, distracted driving, and rural health care. Please watch for email action alerts for the remainder of the session.

MAG Alliance President Dave Street hosted a luncheon for past state presidents of the MAG Alliance on January 31 at the Georgian Club near Suntrust Park. Former presidents from the past six decades were the guests of honor at the event, including 95-year-old Pellie Manning of Marietta who presided at the House of Delegates for the MAG Auxiliary in 1968. She stole the show with stories from a lifetime of belonging to the family of medicine.

Dave represented the MAG Alliance at a legislative event that was hosted by the Patient-Centered Physician Coalition at the Capitol on February 15. Advocates from various specialties visited with legislators and hosted both Georgia Governor Nathan Deal and Lieutenant Governor Casey Cagle. Dave also represented the MAG Alliance at an awards luncheon that took place

on February 20 that was hosted by the Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition as it honored legislators who have worked to improve the health and welfare of children and mothers in our state.

Past President Merrilee Gober and her scholarship committee (Kirsten Scott and Takiyah Kaser) are ready to begin reviewing candidate applications for the MAG Alliance's scholarship for lactation certification as part of our commitment to improve mothers' access to lactation consulting after childbirth.

You should be making reservations at the Brasstown Valley Resort for MAG's annual Legislative Education Seminar, which will take place on June 1-2. The event was well-attended by both physicians and legislators in 2017 and this year's conference offers an excellent opportunity to work with legislators on issues that concern all of us who are part of the family of medicine. Call 1-800-201-3205 and mention MAG's Annual Legislative Education Seminar to get the group discount. The discount is available until May 2 or until the block is full.

The MAG Alliance will co-host the AMA Alliance Southern Regional Meeting with the Tennessee Alliance in Chattanooga on August 24-26. Please make plans to work with Dave and Merrilee in planning this wonderful meeting. Information on making hotel reservations will be shared very soon.