

MAG ALLIANCE

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1 The MAG Alliance held its 2019 Annual Meeting on September 24th at the Georgian Club in Atlanta,
2 Georgia. President Dave Street presided and conducted business. AMA Alliance President-Elect Suzanne
3 Manning from South Carolina was the guest speaker.
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5 Membership in the Alliance continues to grow. Paid and honorary memberships total approximately 250
6 for 2020, up more than 25% from the year before. Membership dues are payable at any time during the
7 year and membership remains a priority for the Alliance. The Alliance hosted a statewide Zoom call in
8 May to connect Alliance members who were sheltering in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr.
9 Florence LeCraw spoke to the virtual group about physician resiliency during the pandemic. The Alliance
10 also announced a statewide project, the Peanut Butter Challenge, encouraging Alliance members to
11 collect jars of peanut butter to be donated to local food pantries.
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13 The MAG HOD was held in Stone Mountain in October 2019. Attendees were treated to an ice cream
14 break hosted by the Alliance. Dave Street gave a PowerPoint presentation to the HOD of the Alliance's
15 activities.
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17 The Alliance is proud to announce that its scholarship recipient in the Georgia Northwestern Technical
18 College's (GNTC) Lactation Consultant program completed her degree in December 2019. Alliance
19 member Merrilee Gober chairs the advisory committee for the program at GNTC.
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21 Merrilee Gober also spearheaded the Alliance's legislative efforts during the legislative session. The
22 Alliance is proud of its members in the Georgia Legislature, including Representative Sharon Cooper,
23 Representative Deborah Silcox, and State Senator Kay Kirkpatrick, MD. The Alliance is also proud of the
24 efforts of its member, Beth Beskin, who ran for a seat on the Georgia Supreme Court.
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26 Dave Street and Merrilee Gober were among Georgia's AMA Alliance members who participated in the
27 AMA Alliance Annual Meeting, held virtually, in June, 2020. Mr. Street sits on the AMA Alliance Board
28 of Directors as Director of Communications and Mrs. Gober is the Southern Regional Representative as
29 well as a member of the Legislative Committee. August 29, 2020 was the third annual Physician Family
30 Day, recognized by the AMA Alliance as a time to honor the impact of physicians and their families in
31 their local communities.
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33 The MAG Foundation began the endowment of a scholarship aimed at encouraging the practice of
34 medicine in Georgia's rural areas during the past year. The funds were provided from the W.R. Dancy
35 Trust Fund, which was created and sustained by the MAG Alliance over the course of many decades of
36 dedicated fund-raising.

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