

# MADVS NEWS!



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## President



Our first MADVS Board Meeting for 2007 was held January 8 at MHA in Jefferson City, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who serve on our Board. I also want to welcome again our newest Board members...Lynn Hardy, CAVS, Rita Raffaele, Debbie Gibson, Barbara Frogue, Tina Pridgeon, Paula Moore, CAVS, Debbie Gibson, Donna Abney and Valerie Weber. Together, you bring such a wonderful mix of knowledge, enthusiasm and creativity... it is awesome to watch the process unfold.

Special thanks to Linda McIntosh, Emily Smith, CAVS, Stephanie Spradling, CAVS, and Barbara Frogue who accomplished the monumental task of putting together an excellent budget for 2007. We truly appreciate all your hard work and preparation.

And to Cindy Fishman, CAVS who is diligently working on the two conferences...another monumental task!!

Everyone was so very well prepared...We have wonderful Region Reps this year...Lynn Hardy, Rita Raffaele, Debbie Gibson, Barbara Frogue and Valerie Weber...I'm looking forward to your sharing your reports with us at our meeting in May.

Donna Abney is definitely the right person to head up Professional Development. I have a feeling that Donna is going to make sure the "CAVS" (Donna calls it "calves") test will be given in Missouri some time soon. If anyone would like information about preparing for the exam, etc., you can contact Donna and/or go on line [www.asdvs.org](http://www.asdvs.org)

Tina Pridgeon made sure that we had plenty of candy and other goodies on hand to satisfy our sweet tooth...and none of us could escape until she took our picture! Maybe we should put the picture in a time capsule and bury it deep behind the MHA building! In a hundred years, when those MADVS Board Members dig it up...they will probably say..."PATHETIC!"

We had a couple of suggestions that we may want to include with our Policies and Procedures, and Jean

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Moorefield is preparing the information to be voted on first by the Board and then by General Membership.

We are looking forward to Paula Moore, CAVS, keeping us updated about legislative and advocacy issues.

Also a reminder to send Region reports to Barbara Hutchison, CAVS so she can include them with the Secretary's Report to members.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Valerie Weber, who ordered the best pizzas I have ever eaten! AND, last, but not least.... my predecessors....Kathy Hoff, CAVS, Emily Smith, CAVS and Stephanie Spradling, CAVS for all their assistance, encouragement and support.

Barbara J. Fradkin, CAVS  
 Manager, Volunteer Services  
 St. John's Mercy Medical Center, St. Louis

### MADVS OFFICERS -- 2007

<u>President</u>	Barbara Fradkin, CAVS
<u>President-Elect</u>	Bev Taulbee, CAVS
<u>Vice President</u>	Cindy Fishman, CAVS
<u>Secretary</u>	Barbara Hutchison, CAVS
<u>Treasurer/Membership</u>	Linda McIntosh
<u>Members at Large</u>	
Region 1	Lynn Hardy, MSM, CAVS
Region 2	Rita Raffaele
Region 3	Debbie Gibson
Region 4	Barbara Frogue
Region 5	Valerie Weber
<u>Nominating Committee</u>	
Chair	Kathy Hoff, CAVS
	Pam Crump
	Carol Steward, CAVS
	Laura Tague, CAVS
<u>Professional Development</u>	Donna Abney
<u>Hospitality/Historian</u>	Tina Pridgeon
<u>Promotions/Web</u>	Janell Patton, CAVS
<u>Legislative/Advocacy</u>	Paula Moore, CAVS
<u>Policies &amp; Procedures</u>	Jean Moorefield

## REGION NEWS

### Region 1

Dear Friends in MADVS,

After 20 years at St Joseph Medical Center, I have decided to turn in my heels for tennis shoes and my brief case in for a suitcase! I plan to enjoy some of the activities all of our volunteers tell us about while I can still walk upright! What a wonderful group of professionals you are and it has been my great pleasure to be a member of this group. My last day will be Friday, February 9. Gods' blessings on each of you,

Rita M. Laws



Director of Volunteers &  
Patient Rep. Services  
St. Joseph Medical Center  
Kansas City

### Saint Louis Council of Directors of Volunteer Services Annual Conference

MADVS Member, Ashley Gross, would like to share the following Educational Opportunity with all MADVS Members.

The Saint Louis Council is pleased to announce their Annual Conference, featuring Martin J. Cowling of People First, Total Solutions of Australia.

**Make Your Volunteer Program SOAR** will be held on Friday, February 23, 2007, 9:30am – 3:30 pm at Humane Society of Missouri, Administration Building, 1201 Macklind Avenue, Saint Louis, MO. Cost is \$60 for CVD members, \$85 for non-members.

Details are posted on the [www.madvs.org](http://www.madvs.org) website.

### Region 2

Region 2 meeting is set for Friday, February 16 from 11:30am to 3:00pm (N.B. the early starting time), at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in the Gillis Board Room. This is a very special meeting because we are hosting a party for and celebrating the retirement of Jean Rathgeb, Louanne Kennedy and Linda Billington, and to officially thank them for all the many years of dedicated service and commitment to their communities.

We will be ordering pizza and beverages. In addition we will serve special dessert cake in their honor. The cost will be \$7.00.

After the party if time allows, we will have a roundtable discussion starting with the words, "In the year 2007, in my role as a volunteer leader I resolve to-----" or whatever else you wish to address.

At this time you will also receive the rest of the meeting dates for 2007.

Look forward to seeing everyone.

All good things in Lucky 2007!

Warm Regards,

Rita Raffaele  
Manager, Volunteer Services  
Saint Louis University Hospital, St. Louis

### Region 4

A Region 4 Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10am – 2pm at Cox South.



Barbara Frogue  
Director, Volunteer Services  
Cox Health, Springfield

### DUES REMINDER

MADVS dues were delinquent February 1. Please submit dues if you haven't already.

Linda McIntosh  
Membership Chair

**Newsletter Schedule for 2007**

Please submit your newsletter articles for  
MADVS News by:

February 12

May 1

July 9

October 1

to

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Newsletters will be distributed via e-mail to  
MADVS members on:

February 13

May 7

July 13

October 5

A copy will be posted on the [madvs.org](http://madvs.org)  
website also.

**Save the Dates**

"Meet Me in St. Louis" is the theme of the 2007 Spring Conference. It is scheduled for *Thursday, May 17*, in where else?? St. Louis.

Annual Fall Conference will be held *November 7-9* at Tan-Tar-A.

More details will follow on both of these educational opportunities from our Education and Programs Chair, Cindy Fishman.

Snowman Builder  
Or  
Volunteer Manager ???



As I drove through my neighborhood during our last snow, I noticed several snowmen. Each one was very different, creatively crafted by the hands that packed the snow, molded it into a shape, and built by the imagination of the builders. Each one had been lavished with a scarf, a hat, a carrot, or a variety of other items that completed the uniqueness of the snowman. I could tell by the height and details that these were team efforts, perhaps built by children and their parents or a group of neighborhood children.

Building a snowman is very much like building a volunteer program. Each service to our patients and community is unique, and it takes a group of us to build a really good one. This could apply to your own volunteer program, but I also think it applies to MADVS. How we work together, sharing information, learning, and leading helps build our skills and talents in our field. Our different strengths and our differences help create some of the best snowmen I've ever seen. Missouri is truly a leader - a snowman builder - in our profession!

Thank you for working together so closely, growing like a snowball as we "roll" on into 2007, and sticking together to build great snowmen.



Kathy Hoff, CAVS  
Past-President MADVS  
St. Mary's - Blue Springs

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