



Message from the President

July 2014

Hi Friends,

It is hard to believe the year is half over. Time does fly....Let's revisit what's been happening in MAHVRP these last few months.

I was delighted to see so many of you at Spring Conference. 2014 Spring Conference was held Friday, May 2nd, at Citizens Memorial Healthcare, Bolivar, Missouri. The theme was On the Fast Track of Volunteer Services. The conference was filled with outstanding education, generous sponsors, silent auction items and lots of fun. I wish to recognize the following MAVRP members for their creativity and hard work to organize the conference, Jean Morrow, Paula Gangel, Sherree Bryant, Tina Pridgeon, Linda McIntosh and many more!

MAHVRP awards a number of scholarships each year to make it possible for members to attend national and regional conferences. Our priority has always been to provide education and networking opportunities for our membership. This year I am delighted to announce that Barbara Frogue and Paula Gangel are recipients of \$500 scholarships to AHVRP Conference, August 18-22, in Washington D.C. Congratulations Barbara and Paula. I wish to thank everyone who applied for the scholarships. Scholarships will also be awarded for MHA Convention, November 2014.

Upcoming activities include an August 14th MAHVRP Board Meeting, MAHVRP Award for Excellence and Outstanding Auxilian Awards and MAHVRP Regional Meetings and MHA Convention, November 5-7, TanTarA, Lake Ozark, Missouri.

Let's continue to "Be Brave" as we are challenged by changes in our organizations that include budget cuts, regulatory issues, and operational changes. I encourage you to be creative, innovative and inspirational while leading volunteers. Let MAHVRP be a resource that you rely on when you want to celebrate achievements or seek counsel and support. We learn so much from each other and our shared experiences.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance or answer questions.

Have a great summer! Hope to see you in Washington D.C.

Pam Keenan, 2014 MAHVRP President
Community Blood Center
Kansas City



**Pictures from the Spring Conference
A big thanks to Jean for hosting our event and all the hard work!!**

Top 10 reasons why it's cool to be a member of MAHVRP:

- 10.** Networking through the discussion board, e-mail, phone and meetings with peers in MAHVRP is priceless!
- 9.** Informative MAHVRP e-newsletter published 3-4 times per year.
- 8.** Our web site, www.mahvrp.org is an excellent resource. Members-only section has lots of educational materials.
- 7.** Regional Roundtables in each district offered throughout the state several times a year.
- 6.** MAHVRP members involved in AHVRP (national organization)—keeps MAHVRP up-to-date on national news.
- 5.** Spring Education Conference is a good time to rekindle new ideas and friendships.
- 4.** Fall Education Convention at Tan-Tar-A is a highlight, and you'll be invited to a special member dinner.
- 3.** Fall Membership Meeting and officer installation is a perfect time to meet incoming and outgoing MAHVRP officers. Have your photo taken for the photo directory to match names and faces all year long.
- 2.** MAHVRP has more than 75 CAVS professionals who can guide you toward professional certification.
- 1.** It's fun to hang out and "recharge your batteries" with MAHVRP members whenever you have a chance!

Message from Professional Development



MAHVRP offers a variety of ways to grow in professional development and I encourage you to take advantage of at least one opportunity in 2014. Whether it is attending our Spring or Fall conferences, or gathering for a Regional Meeting you won't be disappointed in taking the time out of your busy schedule to grow professionally. Getting together with peers and sharing is an excellent way to network, problem-solve, keep up with the latest trends in volunteerism, learn best practices, and bring back new and fresh ideas to our respective organizations.

In addition to MAHVRP, our national affiliated organization, AHVRP offers three free webinars to its membership with CEU's for participation and their website has a variety of offerings to assist in leadership development. Washington DC is this year's location for the AHVRP 2014 Conference at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City to be held August 19-22, 2014.

Interested in serving in a leadership capacity...AHVRP has several committees that volunteer professionals can utilize their skills and talents. A complete list can be found on their website under the tab, "About Us" ⇒ "Leadership" ⇒ "Committees." Interested in adding CAVS credentials to your name...The Certified Administrator of Volunteer Services (CAVS) Credential testing is available October 5-11, 2014 through a web-based e-testing service. For more information visit www.ahvrp.com.

And remember to use our own best resource...each other! I would encourage you to use the MAHVRP discussion board that allows members to post topics for best practices and also answer questions in problem solving issues related to our profession. Visit our website at www.mahvrp.com, attend a conference or regional meeting, or call a peer. You'll be surprised at how energized and revitalized you'll feel afterwards.

Tina Pridgeon, BS, CAVS



**46th Annual AHVRP
Conference & Exposition**
August 19-22, 2014
Washington, D.C. Metro Area
Hyatt Regency Crystal City



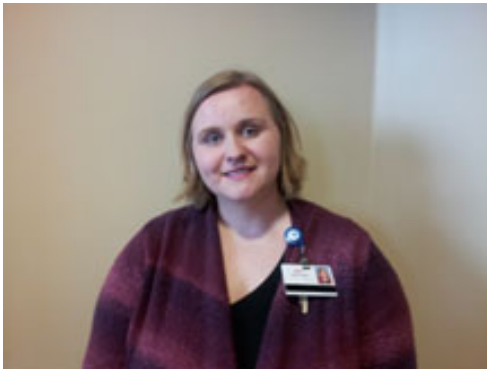
Please join us for the AHVRP 2014 *Transforming and Inspiring Volunteerism with Innovation and Passion* national conference, to be held August 19-22 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City.





MHA's 92nd Annual Convention & Trade Show
Nov. 5-7, 2014 | Tan-Tar-A Resort | Osage Beach, Mo. |

Regional Meetings



Region 1 – Amy Wiedmaier



Region 2 – Marianne Franz

(No Picture Available) Region 3 – Deb Gibson



Region 4 – Shantelle Posten



Region 5 – Terri Hall

Legislative Update ~

Medicaid reform/expansion did not occur in the state of Missouri this legislative session, but please don't give up! Legislators need to be reminded that our state's hospitals are suffering due to this lack of income. Many hospitals and clinics are either shutting their doors or laying off staff. Please make your voice heard by contacting your state legislators and explaining what this means to your organization. Visit www.senate.mo.gov/LegisLookup or www.house.mo.gov/legislatorlookup.aspx to determine your legislators and for contact information.

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