

MMS Alliance President's Report 2018:

Good morning, it is a pleasure to see all of you here today. The weather is in our favor.

This year marks the Alliance's 70th Anniversary, congratulations to all Alliance members for an inspiring 70 years of exceptional service toward better health for the citizens of Massachusetts.

The alliance has received a proclamation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts signed by Governor Baker, in recognition of the alliance's 70 years of continued support provided in the practice of health education and charitable work throughout the Commonwealth.

We once again this year, continue our efforts to support young medical families, with sending medical textbooks to a newly built medical library in Brazil.

We continue to reach out to our communities at health fairs and educational programs in schools such as food day or soapy presentations at Massachusetts's public schools. We are very lucky to have many members who kindly volunteer their time, talent and share their resources for advancing the well-being of the commonwealth.

In recognition of SAVE (Stop America's Violence), our Boston North district cooked and distributed meals at homeless shelters, baked pies and delivered them to the New England Shelter for the Homeless Veterans in Boston, donations of clothing and shoes were made to Friends of Boston Homeless, and the Women's Lunch Place. We would like to acknowledge every member who joined us for this great cause.

Our annual holiday boutique this past Interim meeting was again successful raising funds for your foundation.

In the area of advocacy, our Worcester alliance members have hosted a program called “Addressing the opioid crisis in the community and at Home” that was held in January at Worcester High School and was open to middle school students and parents.

On April 7th, Physicians and their families celebrated Doctor’s Day at the Lyman Estate in Waltham, with an open buffet, and entertainment provided by the Tufts Medical School Docappella Group. Thank you to those who attended and made this another successful event.

I am happy to announce that the WE will be hosting our 2nd Northeast Regional Leadership Conference in October, with speakers focusing on Physician Burnout. The flyer is in your packet. I hope you all will attend.

It is great honor and privilege to be your Alliance president, I look forward to another year.

I would like to thank all my fellow Alliance members for their support. This organization is truly the sum of its members. I would especially like to thank Jill Cricones for her invaluable organizational skills.

Thank you.