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Georgia Membership A True Concern for Members

As our members retire or move, it is a concern for all our members on the methods we should use to keep our state growing. At the Leadership Forum held at the National Conference, some important points were brought to the group's attention about membership. Here are a few methods that were suggested. We can expound upon these to increase our membership.

1. Have a Strong Membership Committee that includes someone from all the districts. (Usually one of the district officers or committee volunteers).
2. Have a Plan to Increase Membership by 5%, which would mean all members getting involved. (letters, e-mails and job fairs all over the state).
3. Complete a "Get Acquainted Package" with information about National, State, and Districts and send to DMA Students.
4. Encourage new members to get involved by joining a committee or running for office at the state or district level.
5. Train the district officers to promote DMA by phone calls, letters personal visits and presentations.
6. Ask district officers and vendors to find the names of the food service directors in their areas who are not DMA members. Send information about DMA. (follow-up).
7. Provide recognition to the DMA graduates each year. Have a workshop at the State Meetings to help them with their Certifying Test.
8. Add students to the newsletter roster.
9. Welcome all students to their first meeting free of registration fee.
10. "First Timers" are given a Special Ribbon to affix to their name badge plus have their pictures made and published in the newsletter.

Fall Conference and Food Show

Make plans to attend the Fall Conference and Food Show in Macon, Georgia.

The Dates are:

September 20th Thru 22nd, 2006.

It will be held at the Holiday Hotel Macon Conference Center at I-75 and Artwright Road.

Phone Numbers is:

478-474-2610.

Room rates are: \$64.00 plus tax. See you there.

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National Conventions Dates

It is Not too Early to Make Plans for these meetings for the coming years!

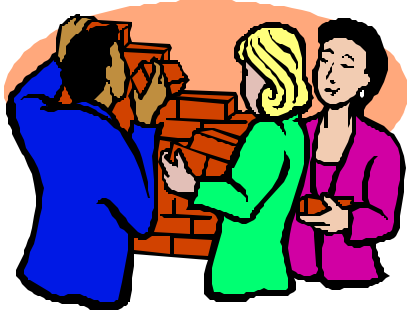
This is one of the most educational and enlightening meetings you will attend as a Dietary Manager. You will make life-long friends who have the same goals as yourself.

If you have not attended at National Conference. Here is the Golden Opportunity. It is coming to Georgia.

2007 San Diego, CA., Hyatt Regency . July 1-5

2008 Philadelphia, PA. Windham Philadelphia, July 27-31

2009 Atlanta, Ga. Hyatt Regency, August 9-13



DMA DOLLARS

Looking at our calendar we have plenty of time to save to go to national. DMA DOLLARS will help. Look in your Magazine for all the vendors that support the DMA DOLLARS.

When you buy the products ask your vendor to keep track of the amount you purchase each month. Go on the DMA Website and get the form follow the instructions and report your purchases.

The money that you accumulate will help pay for travel, lodging, and registration. The vendors hope you will participate.

DMA's

MISSION STATEMENT

“The Dietary Managers Association is an organization of professionals dedicated to providing optimum nutritional care through food service management.”

WHAT ARE VOLUNTEERS?

Poem submitted by
Joe Filipkowski, CDM, CFFP

Volunteers are like Ford
They have better ideas.

Volunteers are like Coke
They are the real thing.

Volunteers are like Continental
They make the going great.

Volunteers are like Pepsi
They've got a lot to give.

Volunteers are like Dial Soap
They care more.

Volunteers are like Hallmark Cards.
They care enough to give the very best.

But most of all, volunteers are like Frosted Flakes
Because.... **THEY'RE GREAT!**

VOLUNTEER LEADER INFORMATION FROM NATIONAL

Exciting New Look to Magazine:

The “new” Dietary Managers Magazine was recently unveiled during the Opening Session at the Annual Conference. It looks more contemporary and energetic and retains the most popular columns from our previous look, as well as introduces several new ones. Hope you enjoy it!

Meeting In A Box

National announced a new program designed specifically with DMA volunteers in mind. Meeting in a Box is an online program designed to provide chapters with ready-made, quality programs presented by knowledgeable industry partners. Learn more: visit dmaonline.org for step by step guidelines.

The DMA website is one of our most valuable tools. The Volunteer Resource Material that is available to ensure that our Chapter and District are on track to meet the need of our members. Also the Chat Room is great for information on our everyday endeavors, plus answers to the way others are solving issues that confront us everyday. Make the website one of your most Favorite sites.

**Letter From the National Past-Chairman
Phillis Fletcher**

Dear Fellow DMA Members,

Thank you so much for allowing me to serve on the National Board for the past five years. This has been such an honor for me, words cannot express how humble I feel that you trusted me with such a tremendous job. We now have another GA DMA member on the board, Ms Elsie Daugherty. This makes three members in the last six years that GA has represented at the National level. This says a lot for GA DMA as a hard working state. I would really like to see many more members step to the plate and volunteer their time to our great association. I know you feel like you cannot do it, but if I can anyone can. It is so rewarding to be able to help make decisions that bring about changes for the betterment of all DMA members. If you are not sure about what is expected of you to hold an office just ask some of the members that have been there. Call me any time. I will be glad to answer any questions that you might have.

My phone number is: 850-929-4608

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Cell phone number is 850-929-7150

I will help any way I can to continue to have one of the greatest State DMA Associations anywhere.

Thanks again for your support. One more thing, if you have never attended a DMA Annual Meeting you have missed a great time. We learn a lot, we have a lot of fun and make many life time friends. So start making your plans now to join us in San Diego in July next year.

Phillis Fletcher, CDM, CFPP

Immediate Past Chairman

Sad News

It is with a sad heart that I report the passing of Sue Courson's husband on August 5th.

He had been ill for some time and Sue had always been right by his side.

She is a true health-care provider.

GDMA is thinking of you Sue

*Election Results for the 2006-2007
Officers for the State of Georgia*

President: Geraldine Chandler
President-elect: Margie Widener
Secretary: Sharon Clark
Treasurer: Barbara Braswell

The committees will be filled at the fall state meeting. Please Look at the "I will Serve Form" on page four. Fill out the form as to how you would like to help and give it to the President or any of the other officers.

The Officers need all of us to participate in order to keep the Georgia Chapter live and well.

It is hoped that this year we will start thinking of what we as members can do to promote the Georgia DMA into one of the most outstanding Chapters in the US.

It would be GREAT for the GA DMA to start looking at receiving the National "DIAMOND AWARD". This award was given to one of our sister States this year, South Carolina.

To receive this award it takes all the members working as a team. We can do it!!

From the Pen of The President

To All Members:

As the year approaches to 2006-2007 we look forward to a great year with Dietary Managers Association members. We are pleased to have received the Platinum State Achievement Award in Milwaukee. The Platinum Award is given to the state that scores the highest on the State Achievement. Its hats off to all the Board and the members for all the great work you are doing. A special thanks to Denise Jackson, website chairperson, and to Emily Landrum, newsletter editor, for doing a wonderful job

I can not thank all the members enough for the cards I received during my surgery and especially thanks for the members at the spring meeting for the card.

We congratulate Elsie Daugherty as she accepted National Director at Large at the Conference Banquet. I know she will make us proud.

A special thanks goes to Phillis Fletcher on doing a wonderful job as National Chairman. The Dietary Managers Association continued to be on the cutting edge under her direction. We can continue to grow with the support of all the members, so please get involved by volunteering your time, come to meetings and encourage others to become CDM's.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Meeting. Please don't miss the banquet.

Respectfully yours,

Geraldine Chandler, CDM, CFPP

President for GDMA

I WILL SERVE FORM

As our chapter grows we need to keep in mind the importance of supporting and helping manage our Georgia DMA organization. By volunteering you help yourself and your professional organization stay active and keep growing. The Georgia Chapter needs your visions for the future. Please at the fall meeting, by phone, by mail or e-mail let the Secretary or President know that your are willing to help.

There are many areas that you can serve. The new President taking office at the fall meeting would like to have many good committee chairpersons that are willing to serve.

Your Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Work Phone:** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

I would be willing to serve as a State Officer: _____

I would be willing to serve on a State Committee: _____

A list of Committee's will be at the Fall Meeting. Please make sure that you sign up to help on one.

THE NEW DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S

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These are the active districts. Districts boundaries are by zip codes. If you are not sure of your district please call one of these District Presidents and they can help you. If your district is not meeting and you need the clock hours they can help with that also.

Dates for Newsletter Printing will be: Nov. 1, Feb. 1, May 1, and Aug. 1.

NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS

ATLANTA DISTRICT

The meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of the Month of Feb, May, Aug, and Nov.

Make plans to attend.

President- Kevin Thompson, 404-787-1916
President-elect –Ronald B. Scott, 770-466-2273
Carolyn Ford-treasurer, 770-427-8727
Caroline Estime -Secretary, 404-767-8115

CANOOCHEE DISTRICT

The CANOOCHEE District meetings will be held at RJ's Restaurant in Statesboro. The meeting dates are as follows: Feb. 9th, May 11th, Aug. 10th 7 Nov. 9th.

President: Susie Stansbery
President-elect: Daphne Brown
Secretary: Amy Scott
Treasurer: Beulah Hilton

OCONEE DISTRICT

Our meetings are held at Cobb Center on Turner Street in Royston, Ga. 30662 It is an all day meeting with Six (6) clock hours applied for.

Oconee District's next meeting will be held on May 18, 2006 at Cobb Center in Royston, Georgia. Registration will start at 8:30 am. Meeting begins at 9:00 am. Kathy Henry is our new President—Elect and Sharon Ayers is our President this year.

Past President– Mark Threkeld
President– Sharon Ayers
President-Elect Kathy Henry
Secretary– Mary Crunkleton
Treasurer– Pam Turpin
Chaplin– Charlie Mahoney

OCUMLGEE DISTRICT

The Ocumlgee District is trying to plan meetings for the Dietary Managers that live near Macon, Georgia. Anyone who's ZIP CODE starts with 310, 311, 312 please get in touch with June Davis. This was one of the most active districts in Georgia. We would like for that to happen again.

SOWEGA DISTRICT

Sowega Chapter of DMA met July 20th. The new officers for the year 2006-2007 were elected. They will be installed on Nov 15th. President: Ann Black, President Elect: Donald Epperson, Secretary/ Treas: Terry Sirmons, Chaplin: Nina Carroll.

These are good officers and I think they will carry on the job and keep us the best chapter in Georgia.

Past President-Carver Napier
President– Sherlene Johnson
President Elect-Ann Black
Secretary– Gayle Tucker
Treasurer-Nina Carroll
Chaplain-Evelyn Ray

Subject of Meetings

Sanitation
Nutrition and Wound Care
Managing Employees
Hospice Care
Charting Nutritional Care
Energy Management/ Cost Savings

District Meets every other Month:, Jan. 18th, March 15th, May 17th, July 19th, Sept. 20th or 27th and Nov. 15th.

290 MEMBER COUNT AS OF AUGUST, 2006

Please Welcome all new members and students:

Associate Member:

Patricia Thomas
Oglethorpe, GA 31068

Enrolled Student Cont.

Judy Johnson
Augusta, GA 30901

Student Member:

Gwendolyn Fair
Cuthbert GA. 39840

Venus Ann Reddish
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Enrolled Student:

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Villa Rica, Ga. 30180

Ron Ernest
Savannah, GA 31410

Tonya Childs
Elberton, GA 30635

Important Information for New Members

- **800 phone number**— for access to information and resources at the National Headquarters is 1-800-323-1908
- **Website**— for immediate access to information that can be used everyday.
www.dmaonline.org
- **Dietary Managers Magazine** — a premier source of news and education in the food service industry.
- **Regulatory Updates** — monitoring legislative issues affecting the industry
- **Networking** — attending chapter and district meetings puts us face to face with other professionals in our industry.
- **Educational Workshops and Seminars** — DMA is the best source of continuing education programs and services in the industry.
- **Employment Exchange** — a free service that matches job seekers with recruiting personal.

For Local District information please call the District Officers who are listed in this newsletter. The active Districts meeting times are also listed.

Make sure to visit our Georgia Website. It is linked from the National Website.

The Georgia Chapter meetings are always held the Third Week in April and the Third Week in September. The Spring meeting moves around and the Fall Meeting is held in Macon, Georgia.

**Please add New Members and Students to the nearest
Active Roster and Correspond with all New Members & Students.
This is the ONLY Way our Chapter Can Grow.
TAKE CARE OF OUR NEW MEMBERS AND STUDENTS.
Our Chapter revenues are based on our membership.**

NATIONAL CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

XCELLENT CONFERENCE: Good Speakers, Wonderful Banquet and Great Friends Made!!!!



International Chairman, Phillis Fletcher & Elsie Daugherty



Pres: Geraldine Chandler, Pres elect Elsie Daugherty



New Directors at Large



Friendship and Fun



Educational Seminars




National Chairman Working Breakfast

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- * Product Efficiency Analysis
- * Interactive, Web Based Training
- * ServSafe Training
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Resident Assessment
Software Solution

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