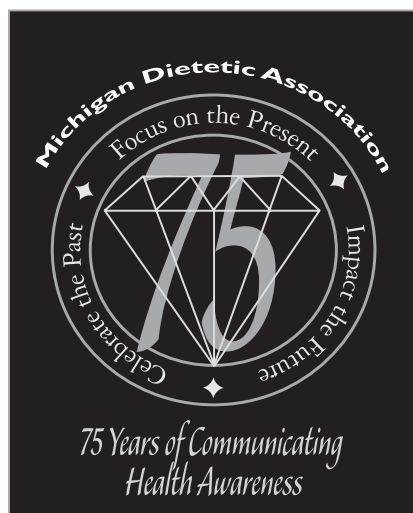


## Conference Edition 2004



### Celebrating 75 Years

In addition to an agenda for learning as part of the MDA 2004 Annual conference we look forward to celebrating MDA's 75th Birthday at a reception hosted by MDA's past presidents. Renew friendships from across the years of miles and smiles.

*Remembering who, what, where, when and why!*

**Celebrate the Past**

**Focus on the Present**

**Impact the Future**

### From the Board of Directors

A brief summary will be provided to update members on current MDA Board projects and actions.

- MDA will be hosting a Public Forum on Childhood Obesity on Saturday, May 1 in conjunction with our annual conference. The ENERGY Task Force is taking the lead on this project. This is an exciting program targeted to parents, teachers, coaches, other health care professionals as well as the dietetic professional. Please support the event with your attendance and participation.
- On May 11, MDA will have an exhibit table at the Chronic Disease Prevention Conference in Lansing. This is an opportunity to network with many health care professionals. Thanks to the Lansing Dietetic Association for staffing the table.
- The Legislative Team is continuing to communicate with other identified key leaders. Letters along with nutrition news articles have been sent four times to these groups. MDA's goal is to continue to be the source of nutrition information.
- Be sure to check out the website. The Webmaster Linda Harrison continues to keep the site well updated with the latest news and information you need. Especially look for the new link to the Oakland County's

*continued on page 3*

**For back copies of the MDA's  
"THE LINK" you may view at [www.eatrightmich.org](http://www.eatrightmich.org)**

# Legislative Update

The MDA Legislative Team is gearing up for another fight for licensure. Our bills are ready. Senate Bill S920 has been introduced by Senator Toy and House Bill HB5408 introduced by Representative Vander Veen. As Carol Grafford said, "We made it to the Governor's desk before, we can do it again"! Licensure will protect Michigan patients from nutrition misinformation, increase patients' exposure to dietitians and protect our scope of practice. We need to be licensed to be considered a true expert in healthcare field. This is NOT 'just another fee'. As always we need the involvement of all members for this to be a success.

Here are some ways you can help:

1.) The Legislative Team is currently collecting data for Licensure. We need Documentation of Harm Forms filled out by MDA members and non-MDA members. This data is vital to show that RDs protect the public. If you have an example of when a patient was harmed by inappropriate nutrition advice please take the time to document the incident on the documentation of Harm forms, found on the MDA website, [www.eatrightmich.org](http://www.eatrightmich.org), go to the members only section and click on legislative activities. Also, see the info. on the Documentation of Harm Contest in this LINK issue!

2.) The Legislative Team is still looking for volunteers. If you would like to help with one task contact Laura Freeland Kull at: [LKull@madonna.edu](mailto:LKull@madonna.edu).

3.) Watch for updates in the coming months and be ready to contact your legislators when the time is right. We will need emails/letters written to get our voices heard.

4.) Tell your friends and colleagues about the importance of this licensure issue. Do not assume that all RDs know about MDA's current goals. We need networking to get everyone involved.

5.) Attend the MDA Conference. The Honorable Senator Beverly Hammerstrom will speak on legislative issues in Lansing that effect RDs.

6.) Consider donating money to the MDA PAC (Political Action Committee). We need money to get things done in Lansing. Any contribution is welcome.

**Contact Laura Freeland-Kull at:  
[LKull@madonna.edu](mailto:LKull@madonna.edu),  
if you are interested.**

**If dietetics is your profession,  
politics is your business!**



## Board of Directors

President: ..... Michaeline Raczka ..... 248-624-7221 ..... [mraczka@att.net](mailto:mraczka@att.net)  
Pres Elect: ..... Lee McDonagh ..... 734-453-1029 ..... [mcdonaghRD@wowway.com](mailto:mcdonaghRD@wowway.com)  
Sec/Treas.: ..... Tanya Lesinski ..... 231-843-0341 ..... [mikeandtanya@chartermi.net](mailto:mikeandtanya@chartermi.net)  
Sec/Treas. Elect: ..... Heather Stanley-Sutton .. 616-966-5600 (5224) .... [Heather.Stanley-Sutton@med.va.gov](mailto:Heather.Stanley-Sutton@med.va.gov)  
Delegate: ..... Ocene Naglik ..... 248-553-4183 ..... [oanaglik@yahoo.com](mailto:oanaglik@yahoo.com)  
Delegate: ..... Betty Krauss ..... 616-242-0494 ..... [bkmda@aol.com](mailto:bkmda@aol.com)

## At Large Directors

Membership: ..... Marilyn Mook ..... 517-394-4753 ..... [fussy@msu.edu](mailto:fussy@msu.edu)  
Communications: ..... Karen Jackson ..... 248-262-9241 ..... [Kjackson@aaa1b.com](mailto:Kjackson@aaa1b.com)  
Legislative: ..... Laura Kull ..... 248-473-0364 ..... [Lkull@madonna.edu](mailto:Lkull@madonna.edu)  
Prof. Development: ... Cathy Lynn Francke ..... 989-894-0511 ..... [Franckemnt@aol.com](mailto:Franckemnt@aol.com)  
Marketing: ..... Ann Hoffman ..... 989-583-5029 ..... [ahoffman@chs-mi.com](mailto:ahoffman@chs-mi.com)

## Non-Voting

Nominating Chair: ..... Carol Witte ..... 989-839-7770 ..... [playalong\\_48611@yahoo.com](mailto:playalong_48611@yahoo.com)  
MDAI President: ..... Tonia Reinhard ..... 313-577-2963 ..... [tonia.reinhard@wayne.edu](mailto:tonia.reinhard@wayne.edu)  
Executive Director: ..... Dave Kasunic ..... 313-271-7543 ..... [managers@ampteam.net](mailto:managers@ampteam.net)

## Published By

association management professionals, inc.  
3319 greenfield rd. #321 • dearborn, mi 48120  
phone: (313) 271-7543 • fax: (313) 271-1102  
Email: [managers@ampteam.com](mailto:managers@ampteam.com)

## At Large Director - Communications

Karen Jackson  
1300 E. Lafayette #2211 • Detroit, MI 48207  
Phone: 248.262.9241 • Fax: 248.948.9691  
E-mail: [kjackson@aaa1b.com](mailto:kjackson@aaa1b.com)

## Congratulations

To the following Michigan members elected to National Seats: *Cecilia Fileti, MS, RD, FADA* elected to ADA Board of Directors for the Position of Director at Large. *Carol Sichterman, MS, RD* elected to Delegate Management and Nutrition

## Announcing MDA Elected Officers/Officials for 2004 - 2005

### President-elect

*Judy MacNeill*

### Secretary-Treasurer-elect

*Michele Naylor*

### Nominating Committee

*Jean Egan (chair-elect)*

*Diane Lindahl*

*Bernadine Scott*

### Delegate

*Eileen Mikus*

### Trustee- MDAI

*Judi Brooks*

*Laura Perrett*

*Lorraine Weatherspoon*

Congratulations to the 2004-05 MDA elected officers and officials!

Thank you to everyone who suggested candidates for the ballot and a special thank you to those who allowed their names to be placed on the ballot.

We are very fortunate to have these dietetics professionals join our incoming President, Lee McDonagh and look forward to a successful year.

Again, thank you to the MDA Teller Committee and the Nominating Committee and for making this election year a success. ■

## From the Board *continued*

*Count Your Steps Program.* MDA is continually looking for opportunities to partner with groups and organizations about the obesity problem as their experts of choice.

- Thank you to everyone who exercised his or her right to vote. See information on the election results included in this newsletter.

Stay tuned for more updates from the MDA Board of Directors.

On a personal note, as the end of another fiscal comes closer, I wanted to give a sincere thank you to all those who supported me during my term as President. It has been a wonderful experience. It is a pleasure and an honor serving the Association.

Michaeline Raczka, RD

MDA President 2003-04 ■

## Help The Institute

A tisket, a tasket, there will be many baskets available to bid on during the MDA Conference. The bountiful baskets, donated by the districts and individuals will have an assortment of goodies and gifts. Plan to take a few minutes during the conference to select your favorites and place your silent bids. All proceeds will go to the MDA Institute for scholarships. Winners will be announced during the Friday evening celebration. You must be present to obtain your basket.

MDA will also have a beautiful hand-made Diamond Anniversary Quilt on display at the Conference. The quilt was donated by MDA Member Marilyn Mook and is also available for bidding. Tickets are 3 for \$10.00. A keepsake as well as a conversation piece, you won't want to miss this opportunity!





*The Original  
Wandering Gourmet  
Chef Ken Depault  
Owner*

Do your clients have difficulty following your guidelines and complain about preparing the meals?

*The Solution:* The Original Wandering Gourmet. We will meet with you and your client to understand the nutritional requirements. We will then prepare up to 2 weeks of meals in one day. You and your clients can be confident that they are only eating what they are supposed to be eating. Visit us at this year's Conference.

**Phone: (586) 212-1599**  
**[www.personalchefmi.com](http://www.personalchefmi.com)**

association management professionals, inc.  
3319 greenfield rd. #321, dearborn, mi 48120

## **MDA Documentation of Harm Contest**

Win Free Registration to MDA' 2004 Annual Conference (a \$200+ value)! Generously donated by Ocene Naglik.

### **Contest Guidelines:**

- 1.) Obtain a Documentation of Harm form from the MDA website at: [www.eatrightmich.org](http://www.eatrightmich.org)
- 2.) Submit one case of Documentation of Potentially Harmful Nutrition Information and/or Products to be eligible to win free registration to the 2004 MDA Annual Conference.
- 3.) Documented incidents must have occurred in Michigan between January 1999 to March 1, 2004
- 4.) All cases must be sent/postmarked by March 1, 2004 and returned to:

**Email:** Laura Freeland-Kull at: [LKull@madonna.edu](mailto:LKull@madonna.edu) or

**Mail:** Laura Freeland-Kull, MS, RD  
MDA At Large Director of Legislation  
23917 Whittaker  
Farmington, MI 48335  
FAX: (248) 476-3660

- 5.) Contestant names will be placed in a drawing and one winner will be selected for free registration. For each case of Harm submitted, contestant's name will be entered in the drawing (that means you can send in as many as you have!)
- 6.) Please note that the Documentation of Harm forms must be completed thoroughly in order to be eligible for the drawing.