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NEWSLETTER

Pam Miles
2007 President

Message from the President

Greetings,
This year seems to be flying by. There is much to do and many decisions to be made. Announcing... Charles "Buddy" Daughdrill is our first Executive Director beginning June 1, 2007. I have signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the American Public Health Association, based in Washington, D. C. We have plans to apply for Grant funds to help us expand. Everyone is doing a wonderful job working on the conference for September 2007. Come join us and watch us grow!
Blessings, Pam Miles

2007 ANNUAL MEETING

September 19 - 21, 2007
Pearl River Resort
Philadelphia, MS

There is no time like the present, so call **1.866.447.3275** for your reservations. It is extremely important that you identify yourself with the MPHA group **#MISI07A**. Room rates for the conference are \$65 plus tax per night for the single or double room. Tuesday, **August 28, 2007 is the deadline** for reservations blocked by MPHA.



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MPHA MEMBERSHIP is convenient!



You can join today by downloading an MPHA application from our website www.msdh.state.ms.us/mpha and mailing it to:

Saundra Hill
5070 E Woodrow Wilson U-213
Jackson, MS 39215-7642

- If you would like to volunteer to work at the registration desk on Wednesday, September 19, 2007, please email Saundra at saundra.hill@msdh.state.ms.us

Remember, if you are registering for convention:

- Membership/Registration Application must be approved by your supervisor before you submit it to MPHA.
- \$85 must be entered in the window provided for MDH Employees Registration Fee
- MDH Employees are required to pay \$10 along with the submission of the Application.
- \$20 late fee is required for any registration after August 24, 2007

MPHA PRESTIGE AWARDS



The Mississippi Public Health Association is currently accepting nominations for Prestige Awards to be given at the Annual Conference in September 2007.

Nominations are being taken for the following awards:

- Felix J. Underwood Award
- John "Vic" Bailey Award
- Alton B. Cobb Award
- MPHA Outstanding Member Award

Please remember that all recipients of these awards must be current members of MPHA.

MPHA SECTION AWARDS

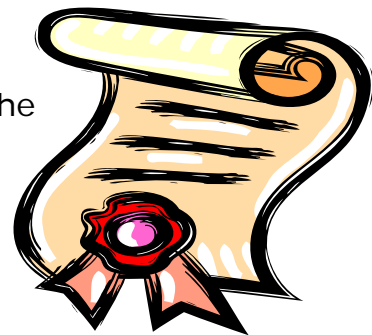
Nominations are also open for various MPHA Section Awards. Please contact the section chairs for closing dates and to nominate deserving co-workers.

- Wilma White Clerk of the Year
- Lynn Hartwig Community Health Service
- Paul M. Rankin Public Health Environmentalist of the Year
- Durward L. Blakey Epidemiology Award
- Randy Caperton Administrator of the Year
- Vonda A. Webb Nutritionist of the Year
- Judy Barber Social Worker of the Year
- John Barr WIC Distribution Clerk Award
- Mary D. Osborne Public Health Nurse of the Year
- Public Health Nurse Aide of the Year

MPHA LONGEVITY AWARDS

If you have been with MDH for 20, 25, 30, 35, or 40 years, and have not been contacted regarding a Longevity Award, please contact Louisa Young Denson at 601.576.7856 as soon as possible.

- The recipients of the above mentioned awards will be honored during the MPHA Awards Luncheon.
- Recipients must be current members of MPHA.



2007 MPHA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Officers:

President - Pam Miles
President Elect - Jim Johnson
Past President - Diane Hargrove
Treasurer - Dongela Matory
Secretary - Lawana Thompson
ARGC/APHA Delegate - Terri Sasser

Section Chairs:

Clerical – Jackie Beeler
Environmental Health – John Luke
Epidemiology – Andrea Miller
Health Administration – Vernesia Wilson
Nutrition – Rhonda Guttuso
Nursing – Sandra Mangum
Physician/NP – Amanda Jordan
Social Work – Melanie Williams

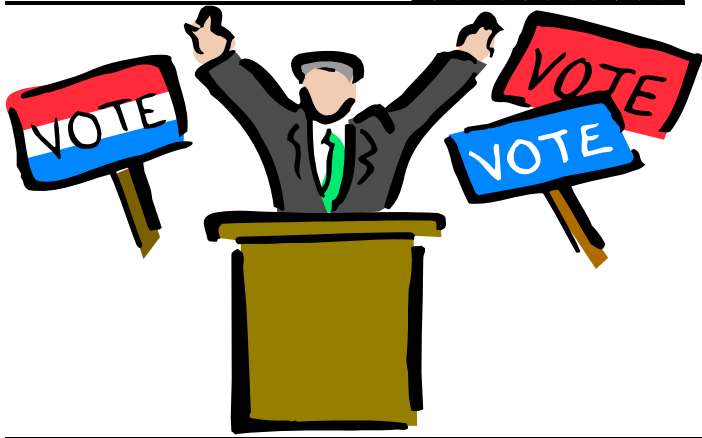
Standing Committees:

Audit – Jason Easley
Awards – Louisa Denson
Exhibits – Judy Parrott
Policy & Resolutions – Larry Rouse

Special Ad-hoc Committees:

Membership – Saundra Hill
Entertainment – Kay Walker
Exhibits/On-site – Bruce Chamberlain
Silent Auction – Karen Herrington
Door Prize – Judy Iazard, Esther Poe
Voting – Roger Riley
Workshop Coordination – Jean Grantham
Audiovisuals - Malcolm Dodd
Hotel Arrangements – Buddy Daughdrill

CANDIDATES WANTED



If you know of an interested person for MPHA President 2008-2009, please contact a member of the Executive Committee so that they can make the nomination in our next Executive Committee Meeting. The Committee will select two candidates from those who are nominated and the election will be held at this year's Annual Meeting in September 2007. Remember, candidates must be a member of MPHA to run for this position.

EXHIBITS NEEDED

We are still in need of exhibitors! If you know of anyone who would like to participate in the exhibitor booths, please contact Judy Parrott at 601.978.7864.



SILENT AUCTION & DOOR PRIZES



If you have donations for the Silent Auction, please contact Karen Herrington at (601.847.2755). If you have donations for the Door Prizes, contact Judy IZard at (601.894.2271) or Esther Poe at (601.825.2141).

ENTERTAINMENT

Wednesday night's entertainment will be "The Public Health View" and will be telecast live at the "Star". Thursday night's entertainment will be "Dancing with the Stars". Dress like your favorite movie star or celebrity and pair up for a dance "contest" to remember.



NURSING SECTION NEWS

The MPHA Nursing Section celebrated National Nurse's Week May 5th – 11th, 2007, by recognizing every Public Health Nurse, aide and practitioner statewide.

Each individual received a gift bag assembled by the officers and the representatives of the Nursing Section that contained a pin that reads: "Nursing that cares," and a poem for all you do!" Also, everyone was granted permission and encouraged to wear their Public Health Nursing Team t-shirts to work all week.



The Nursing Section has raffle tickets for sale again this year. Get yours today!! See your District Representative or contact Sandra Mangum @ (601) 978-7864. They are raffling 3 chances to win \$100 to be given away at convention. You do not have to be present to win.

The deadline to submit nominations for Public Health Nurse of the Year and Aide of the year will be July 16th.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



If you have information on members who have passed away since our last meeting, please contact Larry Rouse by phone @ 601.544.6766, by fax @ 601.583.1300, or by

email larry.rouse@msdh.state.ms.us . He will need the employee's name, work location, job title, and if the deceased was active or retired status. There is no ending date set, information can be sent anytime, even until the week of the convention.

- Order deadline July 27, 2007
- For your convenience, a prepaid order form is attached.

The MPHA Executive Committee would like to say *"thank you"* in advance for your support!

The following graphic will be on the front left side of the Tee Shirts:

MPHA is having a FUND RAISER!



We are now taking **prepaid orders** for MPHA 2007 Convention Tee-Shirts. The prices are \$12 for small, medium, large, and extra large, \$13 for XXL, and \$14 for XXXL. The Tee-Shirts are available in a variety of colors: neon orange, lime green, fuchsia, tan, bright blue, and red. Order as many as you like. We thought it would be fun for everyone to wear them during convention for the Friday morning Breakfast meeting. The tee shirts will be delivered to your District or Central Office MPHA contact person for distribution to you the first week of September 2007.



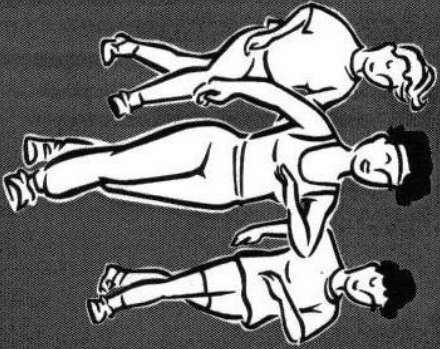
**Choctaw, MS
2007**

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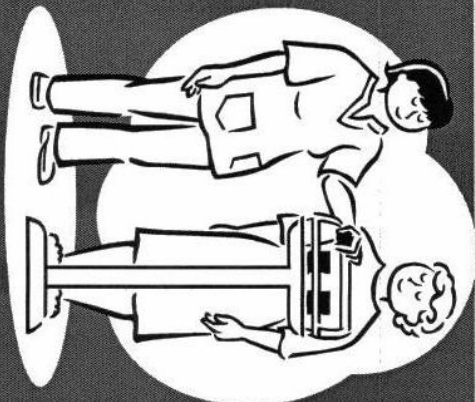


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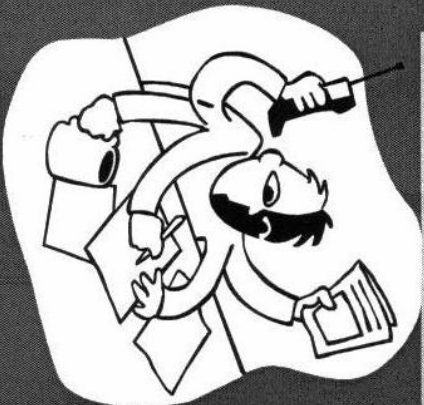


Focusing on Public Health

Weight Management



Workplace Wellness



Nutrition



Working Together For A Healthier Mississippi

MPHA T-Shirt **PRE-PAID ORDER**

(first name)

(last name)

(mailing address)

(city)

(state) (zip)

(work location ie: CHD, WIC Warehouse, District, Central Office)

(work phone number)

Check size, enter quantity, and circle Color(s) desired:

small \$12()qty___ **color:** neon orange, lime green, fuchsia, tan, bright blue, red

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XL \$12 () qty___ **color:** neon orange, lime green, fuchsia, tan, bright blue, red

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XXXL \$14 () qty___ **color:** neon orange, lime green, fuchsia, tan, bright blue, red

AMOUNT PAID TODAY: \$ _____

*******All order forms must include payment*******

Check/Money Order/Cash accepted until July 27, 2007 deadline

**Mail order form and pre-payment to:
Sandra Bomar, District V Office, P O Box 1700, Jackson, MS 39215-1700**