



AMA Alliance–AMA Foundation Connection

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Welcome to the AMA Alliance – AMA Foundation "Connection" e-newsletter, which you will receive monthly, after the Foundation posts the latest monthly [contribution report](#) online. The newsletter will inform you of the Foundation's latest activities and provide dates, deadlines, facts and ideas to help make your fundraising efforts successful.

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1. Thank You!

We've reached the end of the 2006-07 fundraising year. The AMA Alliance would like to thank every state and county that raised money for the AMA Foundation. We rely on your hard work to provide valuable dollars for medical students and community health projects across the country. Thank you. We look forward to a vibrant fundraising year in 2007-08.

2. Boutique for Better Health

The AMA Alliance introduces a new event for their Annual Meeting at the Drake Hotel in Chicago. The Boutique for Better Health will feature a handful of artisans selling their one-of-a-kind creations; which includes jewelry, handbags, cards, magnets, and other fun items. 20% of all sales will be donated to the AMA Foundation Scholars Fund and Fund for Better Health. The boutique will be open Saturday, June 23rd from noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday, June 24th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the French Room at the Drake Hotel. Come shop and contribute to the AMA Foundation.

Fundraising success stories

The AMA Alliance congratulates every success story this year. From the small county that held their first fundraiser to the state that increased donations by thousands of dollars, we applaud your efforts. Even the counties and states that felt a decrease this year, every time you ask one person for a donation and they say "yes," that's a success story.

3. Roanoke Valley Alliance Supports Virginia Tech Victims

In response to the events at Virginia Tech, Foundation for Roanoke Valley, the region's community foundation, will use one hundred percent of contributions to provide support to victims of school violence and their families, with first preference being given to those affected by the senseless tragedy at Virginia Tech. For more information on how you can donate to the Fund, write to info@foundationforroanokevalley.org.

4. AMA Foundation Activities

AMA Foundation President-Elect, Ronald Bangasser, MD, dies at 57

It is with great sadness that the AMA Foundation informs you of the passing of Ronald P. Bangasser, M.D., the AMA Foundation president-elect. He died on May 2nd in Redlands, CA, after his struggle with cancer. Dr. Bangasser, a family practitioner, was always an example of what a doctor should be, operating his wound care clinic, his practice and treating patients at Redlands Community Hospital. He had practiced medicine since 1975. He was active in state and national medical societies for nearly 30 years.

In addition to his extensive involvement in the AMA Council on Medical Service and the California Medical Association, Dr. Bangasser was dedicated to philanthropy and giving back to the health care community. Five years ago, he was appointed to the AMA Foundation Board of Directors. During his terms, he served as Chair of the Audit, Development, and Nominations committees. As president-elect, he was scheduled to take over leadership of the AMA Foundation next month.

“Ron Bangasser added value to every group he worked with. He was by far the best intended, most straightforward man I have ever known, and we will all miss him dearly. His loss is felt deeply by our organization, his family, his patients, and the many lives he touched in the state of California,” said Peter W. Carmel, MD, president of the AMA Foundation.

AMA Foundation's Celebration of Giving

Preceding the Annual Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates, the AMA Foundation will hold its Celebration of Giving from 6 to 8 p.m. June 22 in the International Ballroom of the Hilton Chicago. This event celebrates the generosity of the Foundation's donors and creates awareness about

the Foundation's many worthy programs.

We are also celebrating the life of Ronald P. Bangasser, MD for his contributions to patient care, organized medicine and philanthropy by naming him posthumous honorary chair of this year's event.

Come join us to celebrate the spirit of giving with *complimentary* cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and live music. This year's celebration will include a silent auction and fortune cookie raffle. You can bid on items such as a trip to Vail, Colorado or a golfing trip at Indian River Golf Club in Florida with three of your closest friends. Many experiences await your bidding and many friends and fellow physicians await your company.

Central to this year's event is our *Celebration Donor Booklet*. This booklet is distributed to everyone in attendance reaching approximately 1000 guests consisting of AMA delegates, leaders, medical students, residents and more. We are in the process of gathering a host of individual and congratulatory tributes from our many friends and supporters and would be delighted if we could include your Alliance among them. Celebrate your fundraising efforts by telling everyone how much you've raised for the Foundation. You may also wish to tribute Dr. Ronald Bangasser in his memory.

- *A Tribute*: full page - \$1000
- *A Grateful Acknowledgement*: half page - \$500
- *A Shout-Out*: quarter page - \$250

(Quarter page sponsorships are "fixed messages" that you drop your name into. A couple of messages will be provided to choose from – logos/artwork not included.)

If you would like to sponsor a page in the Celebration Donor Booklet or honor Dr. Ronald Bangasser's memory with a pledge to the *Uniting for the Future of Medicine California / Ronald P. Bangasser, MD Memorial Honor Fund*, please contact Anne Smith, AMA Foundation Fundraising Coordinator at 312 464-4701. Deadline for booklet sponsorships is June 1st.

Electronic Donation Form

The AMA Foundation and AMA Alliance are introducing a new way for volunteers to submit donations to the Foundation. Starting in June, an excel spreadsheet will be available to download from the AMA Alliance website. The goal of this spreadsheet is to provide Alliance volunteers an easier way to collect the data necessary to process the donations.

Some features of the spreadsheet include dropdown menus and automatic calculation of the worksheet donation total. The hard copy forms that require handwritten information will also be available.

Apply for a Fund for Better Health Grant to receive assistance for a community violence prevention project. For more information, look at the Fundraising Programs section of the web site at www.amaalliance.org.

Wear your Alliance colors at your next fundraiser! Visit the [AMA Alliance website](#) to purchase the new Alliance logo wear.

[DATES AND DEADLINES](#)

Early June	Year-End Contribution Report will be placed online
June 22, 2007	Save the Date for the AMA Foundation Celebration, 6-8 p.m. (immediately preceding the AMA Annual Meeting).
June 23-24, 2007	Boutique for Better Health, 12-5 p.m. on Saturday & 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, Drake Hotel, Chicago, IL
June 24-26, 2007	AMA Alliance Annual Meeting, Drake Hotel, Chicago, IL
July 16, 2007	Fund for Better Health applications due

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