



Elaine Hale, President : FMA Alliance

Greetings,

Last week I had the delight of visiting the Hillsborough County Alliance for their Installation of Officers. When I arrived I was asked to judge their appetizer competition. I was in desperate need of Emeril, Paula, Rachel or perhaps the Take Home Chef to help me decide! Then I installed their new officers; a much easier task. We had a delicious lunch then indulged in spa treatments. It was a very relaxing afternoon amongst friends.

**The 2008 FMAA Annual Meeting has much in store for you!** As a highlight, we are hosting two wonderful speakers:

- Melissa Walthers, Project Coordinator for Screen Out! Melissa will speak about the 3-year campaign, which works to organize a parent-to-parent network of advocates who promote standards which would get smoking out of youth-rated-films.
- Wilbur Houston, a motivational speaker since 1988, will present "I Think I Can". Wilbur has presented to the Florida Hospital Association and other health care groups.

Your vote matters! Be sure to attend the House of Delegates because this year you will help decide where the FMAA is headed and how we are to get there. Contact either your county alliance president or [Allison Finley, FMAA Executive Director](#), if you would like to represent your county as a Delegate.

Everyone is invited to attend! To register for the 2008 FMAA Annual Meeting [click here](#). You can also review the [meeting agenda here](#).

I encourage you to apply for a Health Project Grant. The FMAA is the perfect resource to help your county alliance get started or further support your health projects. If you are interested please contact [Allison Finley](#), or our Health Promotions Co-Chairs [Kathy Johns](#) and [Joan Harmon](#) for more information. You can also go online to [download criteria and applications](#).

The "You Call and We Come" program has been so rewarding for me. I have been able to learn what your county needs, how the FMAA can better serve you and I've had the privilege to provide updates on new activities occurring on the state and national level. My schedule is still open for you. All you have to do is call and we'll come!

As always, never hesitate to contact me with any of your concerns or ideas.

Thank you for your continuing dedication to our Alliance!

Fondly,  
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