

President's Welcome

Dear Alliance Member and Prospective Member,

The Collier County Medical Society Alliance - CCMSA- would like to welcome you to our new year 2025-2026. To our new members, we are excited for you to become a part of the Alliance. To our returning members, we are honored by your continued support!

The Mission of CCMSA is to enrich the lives of the local medical community by fostering a sense of community and friendship for physician families, promote health and wellness, and support the activities of the Collier County Medical Society. But to put it more simply, if you are new to Naples, joining CCMSA will provide you with a network of new connections which can be invaluable in navigating a new job, home, schools and living in paradise. At the same time, our long time members know that the Alliance has been a place where great friendships and memories are made.

This upcoming year we look forward to expanding our membership and continuing to offer social activities and fundraising events for the Dr. Ethel Trysgstad Scholarship Fund. Annually, the CCMSA Foundation awards at least \$10,000 to local students looking to pursue health care careers. Last year, we donated \$1500 to the Collier County Medical Society Wellness Fund. We will continue to support the Teenagers as Parents Program (TAPP) at Immokalee High School - which was recognized statewide (FMAA) and nationally (AMAA) as a leading community service program. Also, we plan to explore new areas in local health and wellness initiatives to lend our support.

Meanwhile, our event calendar is filling up! Our Fall Preview Luncheon is Friday, September 5, where we welcome back our existing members and hope to see new faces. So please invite a friend or colleague to a delicious meal at Cooper's Hawk and hear what 2025-26 has in store. In the coming weeks, we have our back-to-school Family Pool Party, Saturday, August 23 and the ever popular 3rd Annual Trolley Pub Crawl Fundraiser on Saturday, September 20. Later this fall, we will host "Moonlight & Martinis" on Saturday, November 1. And throughout the year, we will continue our Alliance Night's Out, bring back the "Around the World" Dinner Party, and introduce a Wellness Walk, family events, luncheons and our Spring Fundraiser - theme to be revealed. In order to make this happen, we encourage you to join our Activities Committee to help the Board of Directors plan and execute our fun-filled and impactful events. Member input and ideas are welcome to create a better Alliance for all our members. Also, we welcome members to become a part of the Membership Committee and Scholarship Committee to further our mission.

Our Board hopes that you will join our membership or renew your existing membership to allow us to continue the wonderful Collier County Medical Society Alliance tradition, which has been going strong for 50+ years. I look forward to seeing you all at the events listed above. Please feel free to contact us at colliercountymsa@gmail.com or call/text me at 773.610.8571 if there is anything we can do to make your Alliance membership more memorable.

In health and gratitude,

Robin Babbo CCMSA President 2025-26