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DVSA Newsletter

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President's Message

Hello fellow DVSA members. Spring is here and we are emerging from a long winter and a period of extended quarantine that few if any of us have experienced in our lifetimes. This inevitably has caused us to not be able to see our friends and co-workers and for many that means not even seeing family members or keeping with our normal holiday traditions.

Many of us are feeling alone depending on our situations. All of us feel some degree of fatigue with the closing of so many venues and feel the pain of friends we know who have suffered from the disease or from the economic consequences that this pandemic brought. I do hope your inner strength has kept you reasonably well and able to cope with this situation that none of us expected.

This kind of isolation has forced us to do more phone time, and more ZOOM, than we ever planned on doing. Even doctor visits are via tele-medicine and it sure feels strange to hold a phone up to your throat, so the doc can take a look.

We miss the comradery of people to people meetings such as the DVSA. It has been well over a year since we last met in person for a luncheon. So much has happened in the past 18 months, and several of our friends have passed away, and the pandemic has impacted our community and our nation. With the release of effective vaccines, things are starting to look better, and we remain optimistic. The DVSA board is hopeful that we will be meeting again in person later this year.

Spring Luncheon - CANCELLED

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The board has been meeting on ZOOM still and we are trying to do our part with you to help those most in need. We saw the lines for food around the country, and we have continued to provide our food pantry program and have awarded several donations in the name of DVSA. We dug into our general fund and transferred money we did not spend on luncheons to fund pantry donations as well as making our holiday donations to the Ronald Mc Donald house and Children's hospital.

It would also be remiss if we did not also give a shout out to all of those who provide essential services to all us during this time. We have friends and relatives who had to work in high risk, high contact jobs to keep the economy functioning. We also express the deepest thanks to the doctors, nurses, EMT's, and respiratory therapists and others who went to work to save our friends and neighbors and our family members. We thank them all and offer them a virtual toast of gratitude.

We do look forward to the day when we can see each other face to face and appreciate what we all mean to each other. Stay strong, stay healthy, and if you need a friend, know that we are here for you.

Kindest Regards,
DVSA Board of Directors