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Hello from the Montana Osteopathic Medical Association (MOMA)! This newsletter is going to physicians and DO medical students on our mailing list (email and snail mail with our dues notice).

Hope this long winter is coming to an end soon--still snow here in Billings today. Hope all managed to enjoy an old-fashioned Montana winter as best as you could.

Just an update on our state association’s activities for the coming year:

1) Our CME conference will once again take place at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bozeman, MT, August 7-10, 2014. You can visit our website at www.mtoma.org for details as they become available. As usual, there will be about 25 CME credits; we apply for both AOA Cat 1A and American Academy of Family Practice prescribed credits. This is our 24th year or so of at least one annual CME event. We have had the benefit of the Billings Clinic co-sponsoring including awarding scholarships to DO students (mostly from the Northwest), and support of the states of Alaska, the future. One of the offered scholarships is the Shirley Carpenter Endowment Fund, mentioned because it gives 5860 Autumnwood Dr.

North Dakota and Wyoming that might have an interest in MOMA and what we might do to help them. If you reside in Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and Montana. Their website, www.nwosteo.org, contains info on how to apply for scholarships if you are a DO student, as well as how to donate to the foundation to support its efforts. The new director, David Tate, has done a great job, and we look forward to interacting with the Foundation in many ways in the future. One of the offered scholarships is the Shirley Carpenter Endowment Fund, mentioned because it gives preference to DO medical students from Montana, and to other states that Ms. Carpenter supported as the AOA’s representative to state associations (mostly the northwest U.S.) for many years. MOMA was instrumental in setting up this scholarship and has been the major donor to it (about $27,000 to date), which is why students from Montana have been given preference for this scholarship. I think it helps potential donors to know that their donation will stay as close to home as possible.

We look forward to seeing you at our CME conference! Any questions/correspondence that you have can be done thru our website. Hoping to interact with you and provide any support we can long into the future.

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