

**The Louisiana State Medical Society Alliance Report: Jan., 2018**  
*Sarah S. Kreutziger, President of the LSMSA*

**The Louisiana State Medical Society Alliance (LSMSA) will gather for its Annual Leadership Meeting at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capital Center on Friday, January 26, 2018, from 9 am until 4 am. We are meeting in conjunction with the Louisiana State Medical Society (LSMS) for the second time and in a one-day format for the first time. Highlights of the meeting are the installation of our 2018-19 officers (see below); recognition of our Flame of Excellent Award to Orleans Parish recipient, Mrs. Melba Grimm, posthumously; and information and project idea exchanges from our local alliances.**

**The guest speaker is Captain Bonnie Cook, retired Director (and founder) of the Juvenile Division of the St. Bernard Sheriff's Department, winner of multiple civic awards; mother and grandmother, whose topic is "Responding to Child Physical and Sexual Abuse by Law Enforcement." Captain Cook is an engaging speaker whose passion is protecting women and children.**

**Other highlights of our year are the reactivation of one of our local alliances; two, two-thousand dollar donations for flood relief to the Florida and Texas Alliances; and the convening of a task force, "The Alliance of What's Happening Now," to analyze where we are and where we want to go. Most important is the new spirit rising from the influx of young and competent new members in partnership with our experienced, foundational icons.**

**Our Nomination Slate of 2018-19 Officers includes:**

**President: Kati Antill**

**President-Elect: June Stevens**

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Jan Gold**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: Andrea Kopfler**

**3rd Vice-President: Teresa Pouw**

**Secretary: Allyson Bonner**

**Treasurer: Cindy Leopard**

**With thanks to current officers who are my inspiration and tutors: Kati Antill, Marci Freeman, Dana Bishara, June Stevens, Anita White, Emma Borders, and Rose Kuplesky.**