



MEHA BULLETIN



President's Address

By **Kim Carlton**

It's like that dude, Journey, said: "Don't stop believing." Unless your dream is stupid. Then you should get a better dream. –Kid President

**President
Kim Carlton**

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When I was a little girl, I did not dream about a career in environmental health. I recently ran across a “biography” that my best friend from elementary school wrote about me. Apparently, I dreamed about being a cardiologist (fix hearts!), an archaeologist (Indiana Jones!), or a paleontologist (I was never into dinosaurs – not sure where this one came from). I can’t pinpoint exactly when those dreams fell off of my radar, but it probably had a lot to do with the fact that I was never cut out for medical school or long days sifting through dirt.

At this year’s Spring Conference, I looked around at the group assembled there, wondering how many people in the room had intended to work in environmental health. What did these people dream about doing when they were little? Did they want to be Firemen? Teachers? Nurses? Astronauts? Police Officers? Auto mechanics? Scientists?

During my first week as an environmental health specialist, one of my coworkers pulled me aside and gave me some of the best advice I have ever received: “If you don’t love it now, get out. Go do something else.” At the time I was a bit taken aback, and frankly I was a little bit offended. But now I get it. Environmental health careers are tough. We wear the unfortunate “bad guy” hats a good portion of the time. Our days take place in locations that under the worst conditions are hot, foul, freezing, wet, and/or surrounded by wary faces. Although we try our best to take a “work with you” approach to our jobs, some days that is just not possible.

I am very proud of our members. Collectively, we do great things. I firmly believe that environmental health professions are essential to our quality of life. MEHA members work daily to ensure that Minnesotans have safe food to eat and water to drink, that waste is disposed of responsibly, that our homes are healthy places to live in, and that we will not be harmed by the vast array of recreational opportunities available to us.

Regardless of how we came to be in this profession – whether it was an intentional choice, an accident, by a series of unrelated events (or dare I say destiny?)- we are called upon to give it our best, each day that we are on the job. Does that mean that every day will be flawless and productive? Absolutely not. On those days that are just a little bit tougher than others, try to find one thing that you did that made a difference in somebody’s life. It doesn’t need to be something earth-shattering; it could be as simple as providing great customer service when somebody cold-calls you asking the same question you’ve answered for others dozens of times before. It may be annoying to you, but it makes a difference to that caller.

Even if you didn't dream of a career in environmental health, I urge you to take a moment to think about the differences that we make in the lives of others. More importantly, I am going to encourage you to put as much effort into your job as you would expect others to. Let’s all hold ourselves to the same standard we expect of our friends, coworkers, and colleagues across the state.

I will leave you with another of my favorite quotes, to keep in mind on the days that wear us down:

Finish each day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities have crept in; forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it serenely and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old nonsense. –Ralph Waldo Emerson

Save the Date...

NEHA Region 4 Conference La Crosse, WI

September 25-26, 2013

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Olden, US Environmental Protection Agency

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News Release

Governor recognizes communities for source water protection efforts

Annual drinking water report says public water systems in good shape in Minnesota

Declaring May 5-11 as Safe Drinking Water Week in Minnesota, Gov. Mark Dayton has recognized the Anoka County Municipal Wellhead Protection Group and the cities of Cold Spring, Detroit Lakes, and Shakopee for their leading efforts to protect the sources of drinking water in their areas.

These cities serve as examples to other communities of how local involvement by land owners, community residents, and government can lead to innovative and effective implementation of source water protection efforts. Their activities improve the likelihood that drinking water sources will not be adversely affected either by potential sources of contamination or by the unwise use of water resources. The cities received certificates from Governor Dayton.

In conjunction with Safe Drinking Water Week, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) today released its annual report on the status of drinking water in the state. The results of monitoring for the past year revealed only rare contamination problems in Minnesota's 961 community water systems. Water samples from those systems were subjected to nearly 23,000 separate tests for more than 100 potential contaminants. The vast majority of community water systems have met all the requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

None of the systems exceeded current federal or state standards for pesticides or industrial contaminants. Bacterial contamination was detected in only nine municipal systems. Contamination problems in those systems were quickly resolved, and normal water service was restored in the affected communities, typically within a week.

The report includes test results for 730 city water systems throughout the state. Also included were 231 nonmunicipal systems that provide drinking water to people in their place of residence - in locations such as manufactured home parks, apartment buildings, housing subdivisions, colleges, hospitals, prisons, and child care facilities.

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Among the other highlights of the report:

- Detectable levels of coliform bacteria were found in nine community water systems, including eight municipal systems. While not all coliform bacteria cause illness, they provide an indicator of possible contamination in the system. Systems with coliform problems are routinely disinfected, flushed, and retested to ensure that the contamination is gone before being returned to normal service. The process typically takes less than a week.
 - While several cities in Minnesota continue to wrestle with arsenic in their groundwater, the vast majority of municipal drinking water systems in the state report few problems. By the end of 2012, 10 community water systems, including eight municipal systems, still exceeded the standard for arsenic. These systems in exceedance are working with MDH to come into compliance and are also communicating regularly with their residents about the situation.
 - Nine community water systems—including eight municipal systems—exceeded the standard for radium 226 and 228 at the end of 2012. No restrictions were placed on water consumption although residents were notified of the situation. Residents were told that this was not an emergency situation and were advised to consult with their doctors if they have any special concerns. Each of these systems has either started to make infrastructure changes or is studying alternatives to meet the maximum contaminant level.
 - No community water systems exceeded the standard for inorganic chemicals in 2012.
 - No community water systems exceeded the standard for disinfection by-products in 2012.
- “Safe drinking water is no accident,” said Minnesota Health Commissioner Ed Ehlinger. “Many dedicated professionals work together to treat and test the water and maintain the infrastructure. Because of their work, we can have confidence in the quality of the water that comes out of our taps.”

Everyone, however, plays a role in keeping water safe, Ehlinger noted. “We all need to be involved in helping to protect our drinking water sources from contamination.”

The results and other information are in a revamped annual report, which MDH has issued since 1995. The report for 2012 highlights additional areas, such as success stories related to source water protection and water treatment around the state, and has information about grants that have been awarded, plan review that is performed for new and renovated infrastructure, and training and certification for water operators in Minnesota.

As part of Safe Drinking Water Week, MDH partnered with H2O for Life, Dow Water and Process Solutions, Bongard Corporation/Elkay, and the Minnesota Section of American Water Works Association on a drinking water poster contest within Minnesota schools. The partnership provided grants to pay for bottle-filling stations in four schools that had winning entries. The four schools were Bluffview Montessori in Winona, Salem Hills School in Inver Grove Heights, Highview Middle School in New Brighton and Burnsville Senior High School.

The 2012 report is available online at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/com/dwar/report2012.pdf>.

Reports from previous years back to 1995 are online at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/com/dwar/index.html>.

-MDH-

Minnesota Food Charter Comes to the 2013 MEHA Spring Conference

by Frank Sedzielarz

The Minnesota Food Charter (MFC) was introduced to MEHA by Tim Jenkins, MPH, REHS, Food Access Coordinator, from the Minnesota Department of Health. The MFC is a work in progress and will be a guideline for providing Minnesotans with affordable, healthy, and safe foods. It's funded by the Centers for Disease Control and is a part of MDH Statewide Health Improvement Program. At the conference Tim provided a display in the vendors' area with MFC information, and conducted a focus group for conference attendees who wished to provide input for the program.

The MFC booth at the conference was well received, and visitor comments and ideas were noted by Tim. With booth visitor comments and the focus group thoughts, he was able to provide valuable feedback to the MFC program. Obesity, health problems, and the nutritional challenges of needy communities were discussed, however, food safety issues were the leading topics. Among the suggestions and ideas expressed were:

- Work with the religious community which is very involved in hunger relief efforts and may not always be aware of regulations and safety concerns in the distribution of donated foods. Food regulators need to work with such groups and provide education on safe food handling.
- Promote the use of science and critical thinking, and the application of HACCP principles in food distribution, from receiving to serving, to those involved in community food programs.
- Provide guidance on safe food salvage.
- Provide education for those working in gardens and/or with animals about disease risks, and good practices such as hand washing.
- Encourage collaboration of Environmental Health and Public Health to coordinate their interests in food system issues.
- Advise institutions (for example, school districts) moving to complex cooking processes may not have the technical competencies to make such transitions. There is increased potential for illness outbreaks, especially for children. The MFC can provide guidance on proper training and infrastructure needs for those institutions.

MFC is looking at the whole food chain, farm to table, including policies, regulations, practices, nutrition, and environmental factors, to bring healthy, safe, and affordable foods to the plates of Minnesotans. This is an ongoing effort and Tim will be conducting future focus groups to determine needs and solicit ideas. To share any of your thoughts about MFC, or for further information, Tim can be reached at (651) 201-5965 or tim.jenkins@state.mn.us. The web page for MFC can be found at <http://mnfoodcharter.com>.



Tim Jenkins at the Minnesota Food Charter Booth during the MEHA Spring Conference



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NEHA AEC Recipient for 2012

Submitted by John Tracy

Each year the Minnesota Environmental Health Association (MEHA) sends the President and the President Elect to the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Annual Education Conference (AEC). Along with these two officers, MEHA sends one additional individual to attend this Conference. I was the individual chosen for the 2012 NEHA AEC in San Diego, California. I would like to thank MEHA for this opportunity. Not only was the experience educational and motivational, the weather was nice and the city was beautiful.

In applying to attend the NEHA AEC, one of my goals was to improve the MEHA by learning as much as I could from other association treasurers. My idea was to get together with other association treasurers attending the conference and learn how they run their local associations. I wanted to improve our Association's financial condition and operation. Boy was I naïve! As far as I know, not one other treasurer attended this conference. At least I could not find one. I even e-mailed the NEHA Treasurer to see if I could meet him there. He responded with, "I would be happy to talk to you; however, I am not attending the conference." Now what was I going to do at the conference for the benefit of the MEHA?

I asked the President and the President elect, both having attended the NEHA AEC previously, what I could do to benefit our Association. They both told me that something would come up and not to worry. I took them at their word and went to San Diego with high hopes that something would materialize.

As I looked over the conference sessions, a theme emerged. I saw that a variety of technology was a new means of improving restaurant inspections. So I decided to attend the following sessions:

- The use of smart mobile devices & apps for Environmental & Occupational Health Surveys"
- Capturing inspection information in the field using SWEEPS.
- The role of Rapid Cycle Improvement in addressing recurrent critical violations in restaurants.
- Electronic inspections & data collection.
- There's an app for that.

Still not certain how this would benefit the MEHA membership, I decided to stay confident that it would become clear with time. At the President's Dinner on the last day of the conference, they gave away the annual Crumbine Award. This year's (2012) recipient was Salt Lake City, Utah for instituting a Risk Based inspection program and going mobile with their inspection program. This gave me the

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Essentially, the idea was to use e-learning modules to increase the food safety knowledge and compliance level of our food establishments with the ultimate goal of reducing critical orders and follow-ups for our routine inspections. Our proposal included that on the first year of our program an establishment must have the Certified Food Manager (CFM) and or Person in Charge (PIC) complete an online e-learning solution (approximately 50 minutes long) and pass a test in order to obtain their license for the year. This requirement would be modified for limited food establishments and additional modules would be created in the second and third year. We also wanted to take this solution mobile (on tablet computers or I-pads) so that we can conduct enhanced education on-site at each restaurant. The idea was to provide a consistent message to our food service workers. In addition, this consistent message would be available to the workers when they have time to take the training (on an Iphone or Ipad). We hope that this will increase the level of food safety knowledge among all food service workers and reduce the violations noted on inspections.

The FDA did accept our grant proposal and awarded us a three year grant in the amount of \$300,000 in September of 2012. Planning took place this past winter and we just had our kickoff May 21, 2013. A vendor is assisting us with the e-learning modules. Our hope is the data we collect from this project will demonstrate an increase in food safety knowledge level among establishments and reduce the follow-up visit for inspectors.

Additionally, the AEC helped me learned a lot about computer programs and I have become more confident with using computers as an efficient tool. I have been able to assist the Association with website issues and e-commerce this past year. So as you can see from the story, something positive and potentially beneficial to our members did come out of this trip. I just needed to have faith in the process. I encourage more of our members to apply for the AEC stipend in the future. This year, MEHA has chosen Lisa Schreifels to attend the NEHA AEC in Washington DC. Who will be going next year? It could be you.

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U of M Film Festival

MEHA partnered with the University of Minnesota to promote the National Public Health Week Film Festival at the School of Public Health.

Jessica Jutz and Kim Carlton staffed a table with brochures and information to promote MEHA.



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October 16 & 17	8-5:30pm - St. Cloud, MN
October 23 & 24	8-5:30pm - Bloomington, WI
November 6 & 7	8-5:30pm - Duluth, MN
November 20 & 21	8-5:30pm - St. Paul, MN
November 20 & 21	8-5:30pm - Onalaska, WI
December 4 & 5	8-5:30pm - Mankato, MN
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NEHA Washington DC

Submitted by Lisa Schreifels

Washington D. C. was a flurry of fun and education during the 2013 National Environmental Health Association Annual Educational Conference and Exhibition (NEHA AEC). The high caliber of the presenters was complemented by the collective insight of the attendees.

Environmental health professionals encounter a myriad of workday challenges. The NEHA experience brought together expertise to answer those challenges. Participants gained new tools and knowledge to more effectively protect public health.

There were several tracks offered including this years' highlight of a policy involvement track. Our REHS professional lives are intertwined with government policies and regulations. The policy track sessions developed concrete skills for promoting positive change in environmental health and its profession.

Highlights and take-aways:

- The way we do food inspections is changing as a result of our measurable successes in preventing foodborne illnesses. FDA program standards are part of this change. Side conversations revealed that there is great support for the program standards. But there is still overwhelming frustration with the quantity of paperwork involved to participate in the program. *Take-away: Embrace the change! But FDA needs to hear from local agencies regarding the need to streamline standards paperwork.*
- Before, during and after policy changes, influence can be gained by establishing connections with the staff of elected officials. By offering ourselves as resources for staffers, we can direct our expertise more effectively. Email communication is preferred over phone calls. *Take-away: Congressional and state legislative staff emails are generally not listed, but will be easily given with a phone call to the office. Just ask which staffer deals with environmental health or health policy.*
- While the Senate is in session, all Minnesota visitors to D.C. are invited to a free Mahnomen porridge breakfast with Senator Al Franken. This conveniently occurred on a Wednesday morning during a NEHA conference schedule break. Senator Franken talked about upcoming issues including the filibuster, student loan rates, and took questions and answered with his classic wit. *Take-away: There are fun opportunities to visit elected officials without an agenda. We followed up the breakfast event with an email offering MEHA expertise for upcoming issues.*
- MEHA President Kim Carlton rounded up most of the Minnesota folks for a night of networking and relaxation. The timing coincided with Minnesotans awaiting the judge's decision on the St. Paul/MDH delegation agreement. The respect showed among colleagues was admirable and supportive during this difficult time. *Take-away: New connections and friendships are made during the best and worst of times.*
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Attendance at the NEHA AEC is a wonderful experience to gain professional growth and connections. The wide array of educational tracks guarantees something for everyone. In addition, the vendors at the exhibition were top notch and their demonstrations are an efficient way to browse new products and software hands-on. Attendance at the NEHA AEC is highly recommended for all environmental health professionals to hone and expand skills in protecting public health.

The author wishes to thank MEHA for the opportunity to attend the NEHA AEC through a generous scholarship.

NEHA Washington DC 2013



All the best,

Al Franken



MEHA Spring Scholarship Recipient

Submitted by Shannon Engelman
Masters of Public Health Candidate– U of M

On my drive to Rutgers, the location of the 2013 MEHA Spring Conference, I made several observations that spoke to the tremendous role of environmental health professionals. Starting in the northeastern suburbs of Anoka and Coon Rapids, endless forms of indoor, build environments prevailed. A little farther out, and the landscape was dotted by sparse housing and select highway pit stops. Approaching the Mille Lacs area, a thick fog set in, and I thought about the complex intersections of tribal and non-tribal lifestyles. It was fascinating to reflect on the essential role of environmental health in each of these areas.

Greg Abel gave the first presentation at the conference, speaking on the role of the FDA in large, special events. Prior attendees at events he has overseen include the Obamas and numerous other politicians or celebrities. Although bioterrorism and other food security issues are of importance, he emphasized that preventing temperature abuse is one of his most important roles at these events, given their transient nature. What a unique role he holds!

Moving out of the food world, AJ Axtell gave a poignant and alarming presentation. She focused on the role of the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District in recovery efforts in Duluth, MN, following last summer's epic flooding. She spoke of the challenges that amount after unforeseen natural disasters. This tied in nicely with Hilarie Sorenson's presentation on the health impacts of climate change. We can only expect events like the Duluth flood to become more difficult and frequent as a result of climate change. For those who missed her lecture: I urge you to research this topic on your own. Climate change is expected to impact nearly every topic in environmental health. It is important to understand the potential impacts to best prepare for them.

Finally, Samantha Adams gave an illuminating presentation on feedlots. Did you know that MPCA has been able to take bodies of water off the impaired waters list simply by fixing manure flow on nearby farms? This presentation emphasized the vital link between environmental health and agricultural policy.

In summary, the 2013 MEHA Spring Conference succeeded in bringing together environmental health professionals to discuss topics of utmost importance. I left the conference feeling a sense of rejuvenation and pride in the work of MEHA members across the state. A thank you goes out to those of you who welcomed me, a first year MPH student at UMN, to MEHA. **And last (but of course not least), a hearty thank you to MEHA for offering me the conference stipend.**



Runoff settling basin in Stearns County, MN. Photo courtesy Stearns SWCD.



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Minnesota State Science & Engineering Fair Awards

On April 8, 2013 MEHA presented the fourth annual “Excellence in Environmental Health Science” awards to high school and middle school students at the 76th Annual Minnesota State Science and Engineering Fair at the Doubletree Hotel in Bloomington. Awards were judged by six (6) MEHA members for the best project for environmental factors impacting public health:

- Kim Carlton, MPH, REHS, Minnesota Department of Health
- Mike Greene, RS, City of Minnetonka
- Sarah Leach, REHS, Minnesota Department of Health
- Stephanie Meyer, MPH, Minnesota Department of Health
- Katherine Waters DVM, MPH, Dipl. ACVPM, University of Minnesota
- Molly Wellens, RS, City of Maplewood

The award recipients in the high school division were:

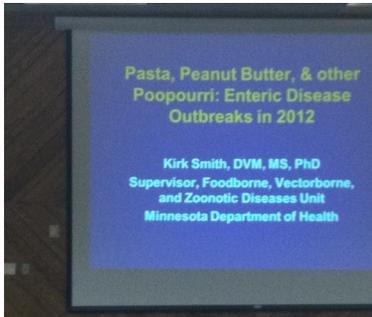
- First Place: \$200 to Timothy Renier, Duluth East High School, *The Effects of a Multi-Factor Hand Hygiene Intervention with Motivational Interviewing on Hand Washing Effectiveness, Behavior, Attitudes, and Absences of High School Students*
- Second Place: \$100 to Maria Lorensen, Perham Senior High School, *E. coli Happens: Surfaces, Cleansers, and Bacterial Connections*
- Third Place: \$50 to Lexi Madlom, Park Christian School, *Is Earth’s Best Friend Slimy and Green? Algae Based Carbon Dioxide Sequestration From Simulated Flue Emissions and Nutrient Extraction From Eutrophic River Water*
- Honorable Mention: Certificate to Katie Morris, New Prague High School, *The Effect of Heat Shock Protein 33 on the Development of Sodium Hypochlorite Resistance in Escherichia Coli*

The award recipients in the middle school division were:

- First Place: \$100 to Connor Watson, Cooper Klotzbach & Ater Koth, Lincoln K-8 Choice, Rochester, *The Consequences of Secondhand Smoke*
- Second Place: \$50 to Charis Edwards, Ordean Middle School, Duluth, *When Cleaning Gets Dirty: A Scientific Paper*
- Honorable Mention: Certificate to Anjali Goradia, Friedell Middle School, Rochester,
 - *Is the 5 Second Rule a Myth?*

MEHA would like to congratulate all students who participated in the science and engineering fair!

MEHA SPRING CONFERENCE 2013



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Keynote Speaker, Tim Renier, Duluth East High School, with MEHA President Dan Disrud.

Thank you so much for revising the schedule for the conference and sending it to me. It will look great on a college application. Thanks again for the opportunity to attend your conference and share my research. I learned a lot and really appreciated all of the great support from your members. I just got back from the Intel ISEF competition in Phoenix, AZ. My exciting news is that I won a second place grand award, which means that I won \$1500 and will have an asteroid named after me.

Thanks again for giving me such an incredible experience,

Tim Renier

<http://www.northlandsnewscenter.com/news/local/Duluth-High-Schooler-is-Taking-Science-Skills-Across-Nation-210715361.html>

Congratulations to the following people who passed the R.E.H.S/RS exam on April 18, 2013 administered by MN Department of Health

Joshua Aul

Daniel Devers

Tamara Gerdes

Michael Greene

Kathleen Held

Andre Reed

Amy Zagar

Welcome to the following new board members:
President– Kim Carlton, MDH
President-Elect– Erin Gutnecht
Vice President– Jim Topie, MDH
1st Year Director– Sharon Smith, MDH
Member at Large–Kris Keller, Washington Co.

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*MEHA 2013 Mary Lauren Olson Annual
Golf Tournament*



*MDH Team Danger Zone Members:
"Angivil" (Angie Cyr), "Kim Possible" (Kim
Carlton) "Mess 'Er Up" (Michelle Messer) &
"Nicoleon Dynamite" (Nicole Kockavy)*



*Congratulations to Lynn Moore, City of Bloomington, recipient of the
2013 Frank A. Staffenson Environmental Health Professional
of the Year!*



Awards Banquet

**MEHA 2013 Merit
Award Recipients:**

**Kim Carlton, MDH
Jessica Jutz, City of
Bloomington
John Tracy, Stearns
County**



**MEHA 2013
recipient of the
Emerging
Professional of
the Year Award**

**Nicole Kuktavy,
MDH**

Calendar of Events

October 18, 2013
Sanitarians Exam
St. Paul

**September 25-26,
2013**
NEHA Region 4
Conference
LaCrosse, WI

January 30, 2014
MEHA Winter
Conference
U of M Continuing
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Conference Center
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May 1-2, 2014
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MEMBER UPDATES

WELCOME : The City of Minneapolis is excited to announce the addition of four new inspectors: Janna Beard who was with Darden Restaurants and also works as a freelance writer and editor for medical advocacy. James Donovan who was with Steritech for the last four years. Justo Garcia who has worked for Hennepin County for the last 11 years as a Sr. Community Health Worker and has experience conducting outreach with numerous Minneapolis community groups. Nathan Kelly is a recent graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in Environmental and Public Health.

WELCOME and CONGRATULATIONS to new supervisors Cindy Weckwerth and Ryan Krick for the City of Minneapolis..

CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Covelli, City of St. Cloud on her recent wedding.

CONGRATULATIONS to Manny Camilon, City of St. Louis Park, on the birth of his grandson.

ON THE MOVE... Barb Krech from MDH to MDA.

ON THE MOVE... Doug Dyer from the City of Bloomington to Washington County.

ON THE MOVE... Cheri Lewer from Waseca County to Director of Operations with South Country Health Alliance in Owatonna.

CONGRATULATIONS to Greg Boe, Scott County, on his re-election to the Chaska City council.

Thank You to the following people who contributed to this newsletter: Jessica Jutz, Kim Carlton, John Tracy, Colleen Paulus, Angie Cyr, Lisa Schreifels, Shannon Engelman, Sadie Pulk, Greg Boe, Manny Camilon and Frank Sedzielarz.

Request From The Editor

An important part of the newsletter is the human element—what is going on with MEHA members. Please let the editor know about any comings and goings, births, weddings, honors...
Deadline for the next issue is

March 1, 2013

Send to:

Lori Green, R.S.

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