

Midwest Surgical Association

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Dear Members of the Midwest Surgical Association:

You are cordially invited to the 53rd annual meeting of the MSA hosted at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan from August 1-4, 2010. Return hotel registration form by July 1 to guarantee room availability. Breakfast and dinner are included in the Grand Hotel room rate (American Plan). Those choosing to stay at off-site hotel or bed & breakfast need to pay banquet fee detailed on enclosed MSA conference registration form.

Registration begins Sunday, August 1, 3:00 p.m. at the Garden Terrace. New members reception is in the Terrace Room from 5:00- 5:30 p.m. followed by "Meet and Greet" in Terrace Room till 6:00 pm, followed by cocktail reception on the Porch 6:00- 7:00 pm. Dinner for Grand Hotel guests is in the Dining Hall following the reception (opens at 6:30 p.m.). "Spectacular Problems in Surgery" will be in the Theatre at 9:00 p.m.

A 5K run is planned for Monday morning followed by Scientific Program and special lectures. Golf and tennis tournaments follow Monday afternoon the Jewel (front 9) and the Woods (back 9- a longer, more challenging course). The annual banquet will follow a cocktail reception on the Porch. Children's program and spouses' program will be available both days. Tuesday afternoon will include walking tour of the West Bluff, golf and tennis on your own, or a sailing tour of the islands and harbor.

Featured event Tuesday evening is dinner and festivities at Fort Mackinac from 7:00-10:00 p.m. including guides in period costume exhibiting children's games of the era, music, musketry and firing of the cannon as well as a fudge maker from Ryba's Fudge with the history of fudge on the island. Carriages will begin leaving the Grand for the Fort at 6:30 p.m. for those choosing not to walk up the hill. Those who would rather skip the Fort and enjoy eating at the Dining Hall at Grand Hotel may certainly do so, but we ask that you let us know by indicating so on your registration form. The Fort will be open until 10:00 p.m. for those who would like to tour the grounds later (after dinner) and watch the sunset with after-dinner drinks and dessert. Carriages will depart for Grand Hotel at the end of the evening, but you may decide to walk down the steps to the lakefront (Main Street) as some shops, hotel lobbies and bars remain open late for business. Babysitting services will be available upon request on a first-come, first-serve basis (see concierge).

Grand Hotel continues to offer a breakfast buffet for those in a hurry in the morning. Option for a children's buffet is offered at dinner as opposed to ordering off the menu. "Luggage sweep" early each morning delivers luggage to the docks and onto the ferry for those leaving the island each day. Arrange the day prior to checkout, place appropriate tags on luggage, and set luggage outside room late night before or very early prior to the "sweep."

Many other bed & breakfasts and hotels are available on the island for lodging, if desired (see below). There are many opportunities for family fun on the island including shopping, swimming, biking, hiking, horseback riding, sailing tours and carriage rentals for families or groups, or you can enjoy a game of bocci ball, croquet or horseshoes on the Grand Hotel Front Lawn. For those interested, the Governor's Mansion is open for tours every Wednesday morning from 9:30- 11:30 am (August 4). I urge you to make your arrangements early as July and August are the busiest times for tourism on the island. As always, we hope for excellent weather and an outstanding meeting to catch up with old acquaintances and colleagues in a family friendly environment. See you all on the Island!

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Local Arrangements

www.mackinac.com

Sailing on your own:
<http://www.mackinawbreeze.com/sailto.htm>

Alternate off-site hotels:

Mission Point Resort (800) 833-7711
Chippewa Hotel- Waterfront (800) 241- 3341
Hotel Iroquois (906) 847- 3321
Inn on Mackinac (800) 462- 2546
Lilac Tree Hotel (866) 847- 6575