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# The Bridge

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## Bridging the Divide

reconnecting through communication

As I step into the role of interim editor, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of our past newsletter editors you for your dedicated work and invaluable contributions to the Michigan Echo. Your commitment has laid a strong foundation for myself and future editors to build upon.

It is truly an honor to follow in your footsteps. I am excited to embark on this new chapter and am eager to bring fresh ideas while honoring the legacy you've created. My goal is to revive and strengthen our community, by bridging our community of CDMs across the divide caused by the pandemic.

Thank you once again for your hard work and for the legacy you've built. I look forward to what we can achieve together moving forward.

Warm regards,  
Rosemary Aho  
Interim Editor

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President

# Anne Walsh



I am Anne Walsh, currently serving as the Director of Food and Nutrition Services at Meadow Brook Medical Care Facility. With over 30 years in this field, I began my journey as a Dietary Aide and progressed through various roles within the dietary department, eventually assuming responsibilities as Cook for both day and afternoon shifts. My professional development includes completing the ANFP Approved Training Program at the University of Florida and obtaining my CDM, CFPP Credential in October 1997.

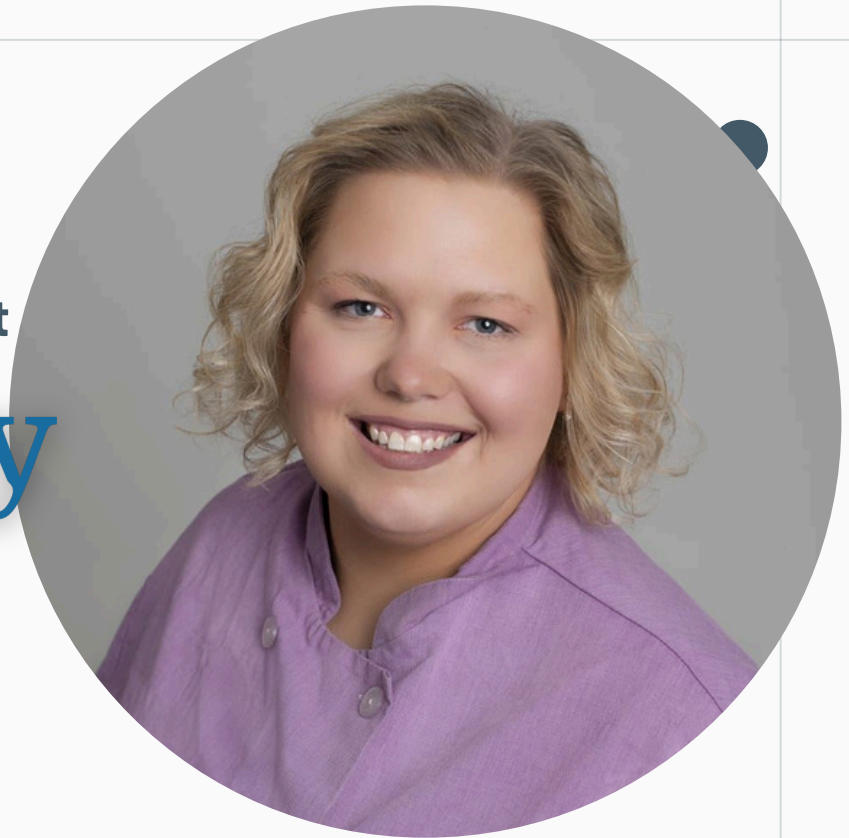
Throughout my career, I have actively participated in the MI Chapter District Four, holding positions such as President. Additionally, I served on the MI charter board as a Member at Large during 2004-2005, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021. Currently, I am honored to serve as the MI Chapter President for the term 2024-2025. My current objective is to restore the MI State Chapter to its pre-COVID vitality. Furthermore, I am certified as a Servsafe Instructor and Proctor, along with being Certified in Servsafe allergens specific to Michigan.

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President Elect

# Rosemary Aho



As a Certified Dietary Manager (CDM) for five years, specializing in skilled nursing care, I reside in Michigan's Upper Peninsula with my husband, two dogs, and a cat. My deep-seated passion lies in community building. I am committed to revitalizing and fortifying our professional community through my involvement on this board.

My primary goal is to foster opportunities for CDMs across the state, recognizing the myriad challenges we navigate daily. It's crucial for our members to feel supported by our organization. I am grateful for this opportunity to work with you to build back our chapter.

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Secretary

# Dennise Safford



For more than two decades, I've been an active member of ANFP, finding fulfillment as a CDM, CFPP despite the dynamic shifts in our industry. I find great satisfaction in networking with fellow CDMs, exchanging valuable insights and experiences. My passion lies in the realm of Senior Living, where I am dedicated to making a meaningful impact.

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Treasurer

# Kye Tidey



Since joining ANFP in 2015, I have held the role of Regional Support Specialist at my facility, responsible for managing over 50 communities across Michigan. Recently elected as Treasurer of MIANFP, I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute to our chapter's growth and serve as an advocate for Dietary Managers throughout the state.

In my position, I focus on supporting dietary teams in delivering excellent care and ensuring compliance with industry standards. My goal as Treasurer is to foster a cohesive community within MIANFP, promoting professional development and enhancing resources for our members. I am eager to collaborate with fellow leaders to strengthen our chapter's influence and impact in the field of food and nutrition services.

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Programming Chair

# Stacey Sheerin



As the current Programming Chair, my role involves coordinating meetings and events for our state chapter. I have a genuine passion for teaching, training, and organizing impactful gatherings. Revitalizing the Michigan ANFP chapter is a priority for me because I firmly believe in the power of collaboration and face-to-face interaction among professionals in food service.

With two decades of ANFP membership, I am proud to be part of a legacy—my mother was a founding member. In my professional capacity, I serve as the Regional Director of Dining Services, overseeing operations across 43 communities spanning seven states.

I eagerly anticipate the accomplishments of the new MIANFP leadership team and the positive impact it will bring to our community.

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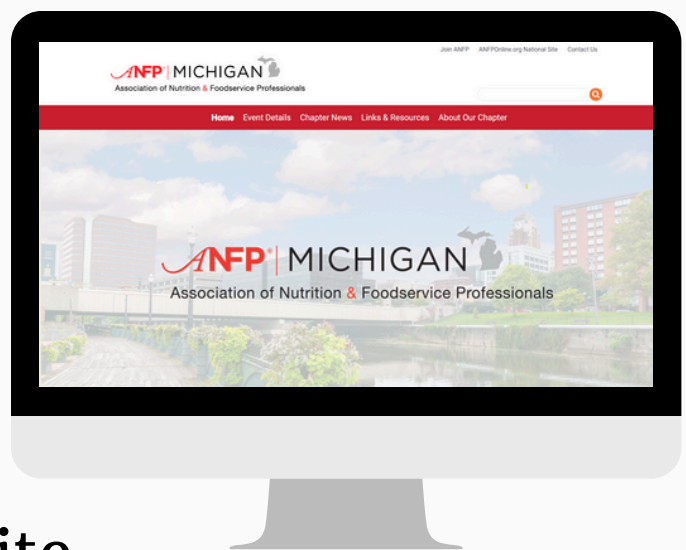
## 2024 Member Engagement Survey click here to participate

We want to get to know you and how we can best meet your needs. Please take the time to fill out this survey by August 15th, 2024.

All members who complete the whole survey will be entered into a drawing for 1 of 4 \$50 Visa Gift Card.

The member who is the very 1st person to complete the survey will be awarded a \$100 Visa Gift Card

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# Save the Date

## for Fall Conference 2024

# October 18th

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### Free Registration for Michigan Members

We simply ask you bring a donation of a non perishable food item to support local food pantries.

### Continuing Education

Topics will include Sanitation, Ethics, and a tour of the GFS headquarters and gardens.

### Reconnect & Relax

We look forward to seeing everyone again and meeting all our new members at a fun Thursday night meet and greet reception. There will be food, beverages, and Triva!

## Join us in Wyoming, Mi

for a one day conference that you won't want to miss!

