

Georgia Scroll

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I write my president's message for the GA HFMA Winter Scroll, the holiday season is right around the corner. I know that my family and I are excited about Thanksgiving and Christmas. Then I remembered that by the time you receive your edition, the holidays will have just passed. So, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with the ability to spend time with family and friends. May your New Year's resolutions and wishes come to fruition and 2010 prove to be a better year for everyone!

At the Fall Institute we kicked off our community outreach for the 2009-2010 year. Region V has collectively decided to help our soldiers who serve our country. Region V activities range from a coat drive for veterans to sending coffee to soldiers. The GA Chapter of HFMA has partnered with Operation Homefront. They primarily serve enlisted service members (E6 and below) but exceptions can be made on a case by case basis. Operation Homefront is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) with more than 4,500 volunteers in 30 chapters nationwide and has met the needs of more than 105,000 military families. Christina Anthony, a representative of Operation Homefront, spoke during General Assembly and expressed their gratefulness for our fundraising efforts. Operation Homefront provides emergency and morale assistance for our troops, the families they leave behind and for wounded soldiers when they return home. They provide aid to families struggling not only with emergencies but also with the problems of everyday life. Christina described how finances can change for an active reservist when called to duty. They leave behind their regular paying jobs to resume a position in the military (at military pay) to protect and defend our country. Please do your part by helping us raise funds to support these men and women during their times of financial need. We are proud to sponsor Operation Homefront along with the Region V initiative to give back to the soldiers who are serving to serve our country. Please be sure to visit www.georgiahfma.org and click on the Operation Homefront Donation link to

help us meet and exceed our \$5000 goal! If every member would donate \$25 and ask friends/coworkers to do the same from our website link, then we should easily exceed our goal!

On behalf of the 2009-2010 GA HFMA Officers and Board of Directors thank you to all volunteers who continue to LEAD The Way in our chapter. Thank you to the volunteers who coordinated the content, logistics and registration for our many workshops, webinars and fantastic Fall Institute; published the Fall GA Scroll; published and distributed the annual membership directory; administered CPAR, ACPAR, CFC and national certifications; outreach to students and other trade associations; promoted membership initiatives; monitored/updated our website and PR news; and reported all of our events. Thank you to new members for joining TEAMS especially to Mike Lenehan for taking over DCMS and Scott Luton for spearheading our Operation Homefront fundraising initiative. Please know if I have not mentioned your efforts, it was an oversight. I appreciate everyone's time and dedication to the chapter. Thank you for making my job as president of the chapter an easy role!



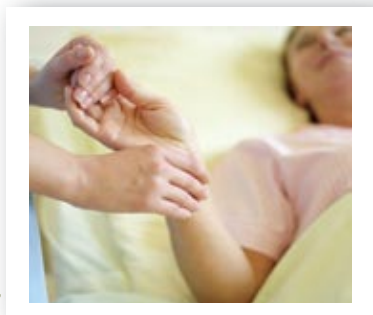
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I hope everyone has a wonderful New Year! See you at Winter Institute at Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro, GA from January 20 -22, 2010 and/or at the Region V Dixie Institute in Charleston, SC from February 16 – 19, 2010!

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