

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the stroke of midnight, a champagne toast and a kiss or hug from loved ones, 2011 is now history. For us in North Georgia, 2012 quietly arrived with balmy temperatures and thank goodness, no ice storms! College football is over and NFL teams are headed to play-offs.

As we look forward to 2012 and another year full of adventure, time with family and achieving personal goals, one thing is for certain; Healthcare finance continues to be a challenge! Many of you are acquiring facilities, implementing new systems, had budget cuts or budget freezes in addition to trying to stay on top of the day to day payer requirements.

How can the Georgia Chapter of HFMA help you? My New Years resolution is to ensure the Chapter continues to provide education through various avenues so you can stay informed on current Healthcare issues, regulations, compliance and technology and stay "Fiscally" Fit.

In addition to taking advantage of the education opportunities we provide, I challenge you to take time to keep your self "Physically" Fit. Focus on healthy eating and exercise. Take daily walks, ride a bike, jog (running isn't my favorite), play tennis, yoga etc. A healthy body will give you the needed strength to deal with the day to day healthcare challenges.

So, what might you have missed since the last Scroll addition and what is in the near future?

Cynamin Kinard and I attended the Fall President's meeting. We shared and obtained great ideas and successes from the other Presidents and President Elects in Region V. In November, we had a great turn out for our Fall Institute

held at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort in Savannah and once again, the Chapter members came through with donations for the Savannah Salvation Army. In addition to delivering the donated items, we made a monetary contribution to the Salvation Army. CPAR and CFC participants have all sat for their exams and were honored, in addition to CHFP and Fellow recipients, at a Certification luncheon held at Maggiano's restaurant in Buckhead.



KAREN NEWTON

The Forums and Outreach committees continue to provide education events outside of the Institutes and are busy planning another Payer Forum to be held in March. Keep checking the Georgia HFMA web-site, www.georgiahfma.org for registration information.

The Georgia Chapter is excited to be hosting The Region V Dixie Institute to be held February 21 – 24, 2012 at the Ritz Carlton, in Reynolds Plantation. Please visit the Dixie web-site, www.hfmadixie.org for a complete copy of the brochure listing key note speakers, education sessions, information pertaining to the golf tournament, the 5K run/walk and the Blood drive that will be held during the Institute, in addition to other special activities.

Cheers and Happy New Year!

*Stay "Fiscally Fit",
Karen Newton*



**Join us for the
DIXIE INSTITUTE at
The Ritz Carlton at
Reynolds Plantation
February 21-24, 2012**

WHERE'S THIS?

Calling all Georgia Travelers!

Put on your thinking caps and dust off the old memory banks. Have you ever been here before? See page 9 and find out!

