



WESTERN RESERVE CHAPTER

## 2013 Summer Edition

### A Note from Nan.....

I hope you all are enjoying the wonderful weather. It's so nice to see people outside.....walking.....running.....doing yard work. Those of you with kids in sports, I'm sure you're already back in the routine of evenings at the ballpark or soccer field. Sunshine definitely does make us feel better!

Speaking of feeling better, the Revenue Cycle in healthcare is somewhat like the weather. We go along day after day, putting out fires, reacting to new federal regulations, managing staff and processes. I don't know about you, but I sometimes feel like Lucy and Ethel in the candy factory. So much is coming at me, I'm not sure whether to put it under my hat, down my shirt, or eat it!



Managing all of these tasks sometimes make us feel like we're in the dark days of

winter. So think of AAHAM Western Reserve as your breath of spring!

Over 60% of the AAHAM Western Reserve membership is comprised of healthcare providers.... a network of colleagues facing the same issues, each day that you do. Being a member of AAHAM is a vehicle that affords us the opportunity to be better healthcare professionals. I urge you to take advantage of your membership by continuing to attend our meetings and educational sessions. Aside from networking with your peers, these sessions allow you to get outside of your office to get a new perspective on life and work. Like Lucy and Ethel, you'll find that you're not on your own, but have plenty of friends experiencing the same trials and tribulations!

I hope to see you at our next meeting there and encourage you to invite others for whom the topics may be of interest. The networking itself is good bang for your buck!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want you to know that we value YOU in our chapter. Along with our Corporate Partners, we are committed to quality education and even better camaraderie.

We are about to begin nominations for Board positions for 2014-2015. Thanks to those of you who have expressed an

interest in running. Please let us know if you'd like to be on the ballot. Your participation WILL make a difference. If you are unable, consider nominating someone that you feel will serve our chapter well.

Have a wonderful and safe start to the summer and I KNOW you're planning to attend our Fall Conference in September. The Board has its work cut out topping last year's extravaganza....and we're up for the challenge!

I hope to see you at the June meeting.

*Nan*

"It's not how much we do, but how much love we put in the doing" .....Mother Theresa

### **Education Update: Toni Shamblin, BSBA Second Vice President**

As summer in Ohio begins with hot weather the Western Reserve AAHAM educational sessions are just as hot! The September 2-day event at beautiful **Glenmoor Country Club** will feature speakers on regulatory changes and much more! Of course, our favorite Charles Cataline will be on hand to give an Ohio Hospital Association update. All speaker topics for the 2-day event have not been filled yet so if you have a pressing question or what to learn more about an issue; email me and I will try to locate a speaker.

#### **2013 Meeting Dates:**

- ❖ Thursday, September 26th & Friday, September 27th – **Glenmoor Country Club**, Canton, OH
- ❖ Friday, December 13th @ AGMC Wellness Center – afternoon meeting

*Toni*

### **Membership Committee: Diane Murray, First Vice President**

Summer is finally here! We are all looking forward to warm weather and sunny skies!

As summer begins here in NE Ohio, we realize how quickly the year is flying by! Starting 2013 with a joint PFS meeting with NEO HFMA, the most highly attended meeting in recent history, and our April meeting discussing Medicare G Codes and HIPAA, we are off to a great start with educational meetings designed to address the topics and issues on everyone's radar!

This is a great time to be a member of the WR AAHAM Chapter! 2013 is an election year, and the perfect time to become more involved and consider running for an Officer/Board position. We are accepting nominations and will have ballot and voting information out soon! Our current membership is 133 members and still growing. Remember, if you join or renew your membership between July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>, the dues are \$140 for the rest of the current year. That cost is a bargain when you consider the educational and networking opportunities available to you as a member! To join or renew you may fill out the online form and submit it electronically. You may also download the AAHAM Membership Brochure, and print the application and send in along with your payment. There are no dues for membership in the WR AAHAM Chapter, you only need to be a National member and

designate Western Reserve as your Chapter.

It has been my pleasure serving on the WR AAHAM Board with such committed and talented colleagues! I hope you will consider giving your time and experience to an organization devoted to its members achieving professional growth, improved performance and bottom line results!

### **Secretary Report: Ann Buchheit**

The Western Reserve Board is excited to announce that five individuals applied for scholarships this year. Each applicant had to submit information about their future plans, financial need, and connection to WR AAHAM. The scholarship applications were received from all over Ohio. The students applying carried a GPA of 3.5 through 4.0 in high school. Colleges represented were Baldwin Wallace, University of Toledo, Kent State University, Rochester Institute of Technology, and Cleveland State-Marshall Law. The Scholarship Committee had a tough decision to make, in narrowing down these five very deserving applicants to two.

At Friday's education meeting, an announcement was made introducing our two scholarship recipients. First was, Sara Becker, a graduate of Twinsburg High School. Sara is a freshman who is to attend the College of Education, Health and Human Services at Kent State. Our second scholarship recipient is Eric Sindledecker, a graduate of Champion High School (Warren, OH) who will be attending the College of

Please contact me or any of the Board members for additional information and how you can help the WR AAHAM Chapter in the coming years!

See you at the next meeting!

*Diane*

Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Toledo.

On behalf of the Western Reserve AAHAM board, I congratulate our two newest scholarship recipients. From a personal perspective, congratulations should also be given to the parents of each of these applicants for keeping their young adults on the path to great grades and a college education!



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