

# Frontline Newsletter

June 2011

## Message from the President

### BACK TO THE FUTURE OF TSMA

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*The purpose of the Texas Society of Medical Assistants is to promote the professional identity and stature of its members and the medical assisting profession through education and credentialing.*

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BACK TO THE FUTURE OF TSMA MAY SOUND A BIT REDUNDANT BUT LET ME EXPLAIN. MOST OF YOU KNOW THAT LIKE MIKE, THIS IS MY THIRD TIME TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT. WHEN I JOINED TSMA IN THE EARLY 1980S WE HAD ALMOST 800 MEMBERS AND TWICE AS MANY CHAPTERS AS WE DO NOW. THAT WAS DEFINITELY A DIFFERENT TIME. OUR EMPLOYERS LET US HAVE PAID TIME OFF WORK FOR EDUCATION AND EVEN HELPED WITH EXPENSES AND PAID OUR DUES. OVER THE YEARS, BUSINESSMEN HAVE TAKEN OVER OUR WORKPLACES AND OUR EMPLOYERS NO LONGER HAVE THE OPTION TO SUPPORT US AS THEY DID IN THE PAST. CONSEQUENTLY OUR MEMBERSHIP HAS FALLEN AND WE HAVEN'T HAD THE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT WITH OUR MEMBERS LIKE WE ONCE DID. AND OUR DREADFUL ECONOMY HASN'T HELPED EITHER. NONE OF US HAS DISPOSABLE MONEY ANYMORE. MY GOAL THIS YEAR IS TO RECONNECT WITH OUR MEMBERS. YES, CONTINUE TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION, BUT ALSO TO SPEND QUALITY TIME MENTORING AND GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER. SOME AREAS WHERE I'D LIKE TO SEE US FOCUS WOULD BE:

WITH EXPERIENCES WE'D LIKE TO REPEAT  
WITH THINGS WE'D LIKE TO IMPROVE.  
WITH GOALS WE'D LIKE TO REACH AND  
WITH THINGS WE ENJOY DOING.

BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, MEETING AND MENTORING WITH OUR MEMBERS. WE NEED TO RECHARGE OUR BATTERIES AND PUT SOME FUN BACK INTO OUR ORGANIZATION. WITH KINDNESS AND LOVE FOR EACH OTHER, PRAYER AND A LITTLE HARD WORK THROWN IN, I BELIEVE WE CAN BRING TSMA "BACK TO THE FUTURE". YOU, THE MEMBERS ARE THE TEXAS SOCIETY AND I ASK YOUR HELP IN MAKING THIS A REALLY GOOD YEAR FOR US ALL!

MARY C. DYER, CMA-A  
TSMA 2011-12 PRESIDENT

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*I believe in the principles and purposes of the profession of medical assisting. I endeavor to be more effective. I aspire to render greater service. I protect the confidence entrusted to me. I am dedicated to the care and well being of all people. I am loyal to my employer. I am true to the ethics of my profession. I am strengthened by compassion, courage, and faith*

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**REMINDER:** 1<sup>st</sup> time Chapter Presidents are eligible to receive a \$50.00 stipend to attend a TSMA Annual Educational Conference.

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## TSMA Officers

President:	Mary C. Dyer, CMA-A (AAMA)
Vice-President:	Donna Gibbins, CMA(AAMA)
Secretary:	Rachel Enriquez, CMA (AAMA)
Treasurer:	Patty Watkins, CMA (AAMA)
Speaker :	Debbie Monnich-Mobley, CMA (AAMA), COTA/L
Immediate Past President:	Mike Pfeil, LVN, CMA (AAMA)

## TSMA Chapter Presidents

Bay Area:	Rachel Enriquez, CMA (AAMA)
Bexar County:	Joan Vanderbrink, CMA -A(AAMA)
Dallas:	Tomaria Thomas, CMA (AAMA)
Gillespie:	Jay Triebs, CMA (AAMA)
Gregg:	RaShawn Woodson, CMA (AAMA)
NE Harris:	Debbie Monnich-Mobley, CMA (AAMA), COTA/L
Rio Grande:	Petra York, CMA (AAMA)
SW Harris:	Patty Watkins, CMA (AAMA)

## Congratulations:

**Lone Star College (North Harris)** Medical Assistant Program granted accreditation by Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

**College of the Mainland in League City** Medical Assistant Program granted accreditation by Commission on Accreditation for Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

## Upcoming Events Mark your calendar

July 21-24, 2011 **SW Regional Conference**, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
Best Western Academy Hotel 8110 N. Academy Blvd

July 30-31, 2011 – Houston – See Registration Form Hotel Deadline July 8, 2011

September 23-26, 2011 **AAMA Educational Conference** will hold its 55th Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Ind. at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/indcc-indianapolis-marriott-downtown/>

Jan 14-15, 2012 – San Antonio meeting location still pending – Please let us know Joan Vanderbrink, CMA –A for head count and parking  
[jjvandy@peoplepc.com](mailto:jjvandy@peoplepc.com)

April 20-22, 2012- 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference - Dallas Come have fun CEUs - 1920's

**Remember to pay your dues on time. Dues that were paid by December 31, 2011 – you will be able to vote at the 2012 general session.**

For TSMA Scholarship information Contact Lorraine E. Schoenbeck, MS, CMA(AAMA) [Lorraine.E.Schoenbeck@lonestar.edu](mailto:Lorraine.E.Schoenbeck@lonestar.edu)

## AAMA News

**AAMA House of Delegates approved dues increases starting 2012. Regular membership will increase by \$10 and Student Membership will increase by \$5. So TSMA Members total dues will be \$108.00 for Regular Membership and \$33.00 for student**

**Check out AAMA website for:** Link into Articles about the Profession. Find out how AAMA Executive Director Donald A. Balasa, JD, MBA, is working to advance your profession by Legal Eye on medical assisting blog and Balasa extends his expertise.

TSMA July 30th Quarterly meeting sponsored by Southwest Harris County Chapter of Medical Assistant  
Annual Summer Splash  
**Saturday July 30, 2011**

**Location:** Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital (Info Below Chart)

Room / Location	Event/ Topic	Time
Education Room room A, B, C, and D	Registration Opens & Breakfast provided by <b>Eric Olsen with St. Jude</b> (Pacemaker and Defibrillator Company)	7am
Education Room room A, B, C, and D	St. Jude (Objective Learning: Coding & Billing along with diagnosed reason for Pacemaker's and Defibrillators)	8:00 am – 9 am
Education Room room A, B, C, and D	<b>Pending CEU Approval</b>	9: 00 am - 10 am
Education Room	Health Care Reform by Margaret A. Nosek, PhD	10:00 am – 11am
Education Room room A, B, C, and D	Parliamentary Rules Speaker: Mary Dyer, CMA-A (AAMA)	11:00 am - Noon
	Lunch provided by Scott Shirey with Philips Remote Cardiac Services Free Time to network with other TSMA Members and Have FUN	Noon – 1:00pm
Education Room room A, B, C, and D	Philips Remote Cardiac Services by Scott Shirey (Objective Learning: Telephonic Pacemaker Checks, 24 hour Holter Monitors, 30 Event Records different devices used for different types of arrhythmia disorders)	1:00 pm – 2 pm
Education Room room A, B, C, and D	Alere Home Prothrombin Time Coagulation Monitoring Speaker Patty Vega	2:00 pm – 3 pm
Education Room room A, B, C, and D	EMR & Meaningful Use along with PQRI by Curriッサ P. Alsobrooks, MD	3:00 pm – 4 pm
Education Room room A, B, C, and D	Patient Preparation and Assisting the Physician by Edward A. Colon, PhD, PA	4:00 pm – 5 pm
	<b>Free Time for Networking, site seeing and Having FUN</b>	5 pm - ????
<b>Eight Continuing education hours with breakfast and lunch along with validated parking for \$50.00 provided by Southwest Harris County Chapter of Medical Assistants and it will be divided by two and half of the profits will go to TSMA.</b>		
<b>SUNDAY July 31, 2011</b>		
Hotel	<b>Complimentary Breakfast at Hotel for those staying at hotel</b>	7am to 8:15am
Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital room A, B, C, and D	TSMA Executive Board and <b>Membership Meeting</b> - No Breakfast on Sunday	9am to 12noon

**Hospital Location:** [www.memorialhermann.org/locations/southwest/](http://www.memorialhermann.org/locations/southwest/)

Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital  
7600 Beechnut  
Houston, Texas 77074  
713.456.5000

**From US 59 N**, travel South, exit Beechnut and go left under 59 to Brae Acres Rd., which is the first light, and turn left onto the Southwest Hospital Campus.

**From the Sam Houston Tollway**, travel North on US 59, exit Beechnut, turn right and go to Brae Acres Rd., which is the first light, and turn left onto the Southwest Hospital Campus.

**From IH 10 W**, exit South to the Sam Houston Tollway, then North on US 59, exit Beechnut, turn right and go to Brae Acres Rd., which is the first light, and turn left onto the Southwest Hospital Campus.

**From IH 10 E**, travel West to US 59, then South on 59, exit Beechnut, turn left under 59 to Brae Acres Rd., which is the first light, and turn left onto the Southwest Hospital Campus.

**Meeting Location at Hospital:**

**Memorial Hermann Southwest Hospital in the concourse level in education room A, B, C, and D next to the cafeteria.**

**Members would come in through the main entrance of the hospital pass the gift shop and take the elevators to the concourse level and look for the cafeteria. The education rooms are to the left if facing the cafeteria.**

TSMA Hotel Information  
LA QUINTA INN HOUSTON STAFFORD SUGARLAND  
12727 SOUTHWEST FREEWAY  
STAFFORD, TX 77477  
Phone 281-240-2300

Group Reservations Department  
Please ask for LA QUINTA INN HOUSTON STAFFORD SUGARLAND and  
Group#: 327

**Reservation Deadline prior to July 8 , 2011**

Any rooms booked after this date will be at the going rate of the La Quinta Inn  
Room Details 2 double Beds  
Rate: \$72.00 per night plus tax

## Hope to see you all there.

Reminder Your CMA Credential will expire the end of the month of your birthday. You must keep your Credentials current to be able to use them.

AAMA is now on Facebook for those members wishing to be friends and join AAMA on facebook. Join through your own facebook account.

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