



FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, INC

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RE: Winter Seminar Report

The Southwest Chapter of Medical Assistants had the pleasure of having several guests at our fall seminar. They hope to attend more functions of our chapter. They are CAN's and non certified medical assistants in the community and thought that having education and networking was a great way to improve their own knowledge and have a new source of information.

The chapter will hold a 4 CEU session on April 4, 2009. Topics include Medical Billing and Surviving and Audit. This seminar will be held at Manatee Technical Institute. We cut down the number of CEU's so that when the seminar is finished we can meet the students and see how we can get them involved. Please see the brochure on the FSMA website. This chapter covers many miles and we are going to try to work it out that we can have meetings in different places. The Manatee area may hold a meeting the same day the rest meets in Charlotte County. We will try to have one all day seminar in the southern part of the chapter and another on in the northern part so we can at least get together twice a year. Everyone will be kept in touch via e-mail and President Jozefiak will be applying for all the CEU's so that AAMA does not get confused about who is sending what to AAMA.

This chapter held its Christmas dinner at the Olive Garden and had an ornament exchange. A great time was had by all who attended.

This chapter is in charge of Exhibitors at the Annual Meeting of FSMA and the Exhibitor form has been updated and posted on the web site for you to print out and invite vendors to our annual meeting. Please try to help with Exhibitors. This year is going to be rough, due to the economy.

This chapter continues to meet at Fawcett Memorial Hospital the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm for a business meeting (quarterly) and education at 7:00 pm. President Jozefiak was able to get the hospital to provide dinner at the meetings. The hospital will provide lunch for the seminars as well.

Some of the chapter members will participate in the American Cancer Relay for Life in March 2009.

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