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TO: FSMA Executive Board
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FROM: Gayle Bell, CMA (AAMA) North Florida Chapter President

RE: North Florida Chapter Fall Activity Report

Date: September 29, 2012

The North Florida Chapter consists of St. Johns, Clay, Duval, Putnam, and Flagler Counties. We are working with local colleges to increase chapter membership.

Our chapter has been meeting quarterly, at various locations in St. Johns and Duval counties. Our September meeting was held on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at Ponte Vedra Beach Library.

Our fundraisers have been; meeting raffles. We will continue to have meeting raffles for 50 cents a chance at winning the prize.

A meeting email was sent to those on AAMA certification / recertification 2012 list. We had a great turnout of twenty First Coast Technical College students. We had a discussion of membership advantages, right to practice i.e.; Legal Eye CMS, credentialing, professional prestige, magazine keeps you up to date, and discounts. Suggestions were made of possible CEU topic interests for a CEU meeting we are planning in the spring. Colleen DeSantis was elected to be our Chapter Secretary pending CMA exam.

Lupus Day the week of May 18th members wore purple or Lupus buttons for awareness. FCTC had one hour of Lupus Awareness Education. Our current community projects; We have three members who volunteer on a weekly basis at Good Samaritans' Wildflower Clinic, and four more are looking into it. We will be assisting Haven Hospice with their 'Make your own crazy-happy-hat' booth Saturday, October 13, 2012 at Palencia Street Festival & Military Appreciation Day and Saturday, October 27, 2012 at Ancient City Kids Day 2012. We will be manning a water station near Bridge of Lions on Saturday, November 17th, 2012 for the St. Augustine Marathon. It was decided on a 'Healthy Hearts' Theme to encourage runners. The marathon will supply tent, table, everything. We will give out cups of water, Gatorade, bananas cut in threes and orange sections.