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FROM: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)
Southwest Chapter President

RE: Southwest Chapter Annual Report

The Southwest Chapter holds monthly meetings and two seminars offering CEU's. The chapter meets at Fawcett Memorial Hospital the first Thursday of the month. This year 17.5 CEU's were offered to members. We strive to provide continuing education to keep our members abreast of the ever changing healthcare field.

This chapter sent President Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA) to the two planning sessions held by FSMA. It was a great way to work together for the "Power of WE". Working chapters working with the state is a great concept and a promising better future for all chapters and FSMA.

This past July, Everglades Chapter joined the Southwest Chapter.

The chapter has been working with the Southwest Florida College and their medical assisting students.

Chapter events and contact information can be found on the FSMA website. The chapter continues to use Face Book, e-mail and personal contract as a way to help promote membership and keep members informed of what is happening in our area.

The Chapter did two community service projects this year. We donated over 90 gifts to needy seniors living in Assisted Living Facilities and are still collecting items for our local C.A.R.E.S. unit. We have collected at 200.00 dollars worth of personal hygiene items for woman and children who have fled an abusive relationship. We are still collecting items for this cause. If anyone has old cell phones or items they wish to donate please bring them to the state meeting.

The chapter had a great time at the local comedy club, Visani's. This was a fund raising effort by the chapter. Funds from this will be used to help members attend the FSMA General Assembly. Thank you Ruth Lapio, CMA (AAMA) for your hard work and effort to organize this great event.

The officers for this chapter will remain the same for 2014-2015. Installation of officers will take place during lunch at our May Annual Meeting. Look for information on the FSMA website regarding the seminar.

This President would like to thank all the chapter members for their hard work and dedication.

Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)
Southwest Chapter President