FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

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To: Deniece Jozefiak, CMA (AAMA)
Speaker of the General Assembly

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Vice Speaker of the General Assembly

From: Mary Morris, CMA (AAMA)
Central Florida Chapter President

Re: Annual Central Florida Chapter Report May 2020

The Central Florida Chapter now services the following counties: Lake, Levy, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Polk and Volusia counties.

A business meeting to plan education for the October 19th seminar took place at Perkins in Altamonte Springs. Those in attendance were myself, John Fleming, Laura Hyakawa, Maria Wiegelmann, and Linda Evans.

Our seminar in October (10/19/19) was held at the new location of Grace Medical Home. (1417 E Concord Street, Orlando, FL 32803) Topics included: Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention, Cultural and Linguistic Competence, Motivational Interviewing and Medical Jeopardy. Approximately 25 were in attendance, less than expected due to a tropical system that weekend. 4 CEUS were approved by AAMA.

Our seminar on Saturday January 18, 2020 was held at VFW Post in Orlando (3500 South Goldenrod Road) from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm with a short business meeting that followed the seminar. Topics included: Domestic Violence 101 Training, Alzheimer's disease and Dementia, and Jeopardy. 4 CEUS were approved by AAMA. We had 22 attendees.

The Saturday mini seminars are so far proving to be successful with 39 attendees at our January 2019 seminar, 15 attendees March 2019, and 25 in October 2019. Our attendance continues to be greater when the seminar is more centrally located than when we go greater distances outside the Orlando area. We will continue to watch the trends on the number of attendees.

Mini seminars to come in 2020: Saturday March 28, 2020 at Rasmussen College in Ocala from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Short business meeting to follow the seminar. At the time of this writing, the topics and speakers are not finalized. The chapter has been to this location before. We are hoping for better attendance this time around.

Saturday October 17, 2020 at VFW in Orlando from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. A short business meeting will follow the seminar. The topics and speakers will be decided upon at a later time in the year. MA pins and posters will be given out to attendees for Medical Assistants Recognition Week.

At each business meeting this chapter officer will continue to remind attendees the importance of volunteering for officer positions so that this chapter can continue to be active with new members stepping up to help out. We will have election of officers on Saturday May 16, 2020 at Brick N Fire in Orlando at 11:30 am.

We want to thank Loxie Kistler, CMA (AAMA), FSMA Communications/Marketing chair for sending out the eBlasts to keep our members informed of all chapter happenings. Thank you to Mary Lou Allison, CMA-C, (AAMA), our Web Master, for posting all updates to the FSMA website.

This Chapter President wants to again personally thank Maria Wiegelmann, CMA (AAMA), for being a continued integral part of keeping this chapter going with the endless work she does getting speakers for our seminars and chapter communications as well as making sure everything is handled in a timely manner. Thank you Maria!

We invite all members to follow the Central Florida Chapter of Medical Assistants Facebook page for the latest updates and happenings with the chapter.