FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

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The Central Florida Chapter continues to meet 6 times a year at 6:30pm at the I-HOP located at 1345 Lee Rd, Orlando, FL. The remaining meetings for 2017 are on October 18, 2017 (Medical Assistants Recognition Day) at Grace Medical Home, Orlando, FL (new location – testing to see if we get more attendees here) and on November 15, 2017 at I-HOP (possible topic Grief Counseling). We're trying to offer 1 free CEU at each meeting – attendance has increased slightly.

Our fall seminar will be held at Southern Technical College, Orlando, FL on October 21, 2017 from 8am – 12:30pm. We'll offer 4 CEUs - $10 for members, $15 non-members, $5 students – breakfast included. At this seminar we are again supporting The Russell Home for Atypical Children in Orlando, FL., by collecting needed supplies or monetary donations. We thank Southern Technical College for hosting this event.

We plan on holding 2 seminars next year – one in February and one in October. Details will be posted on the FSMA website when available.

I am privileged to serve on the Program Advisory Boards of 2 local schools. It gives me the opportunity to keep up to date on what is being taught and also to network with providers on what their needs are. This information is passed on to MAs and students attending chapter meetings and seminars. Employment opportunities also come from attending the advisory board meetings. Everyone stresses the importance of being a credentialed medical assistant. The large hospital groups in the greater Orlando area are hiring only credentialed medical assistants.

We want to thank Betty Springer, CMA-C (AAMA) our Marketing/Communications Chair, for sending out all the eBlasts to keep our members informed. Thank you also to Mary Lou Allison, CMA-C (AAMA), our Webmaster, for posting our many updates on the FSMA website.

Thank you Central Florida Chapter members for your help and support. We look forward to seeing you at our seminars and meetings – let us know what we can do to make it easier for you to participate.