FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

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The South West Chapter of Medical Assistants meets the first Thursday of the month at Fawcett Hospital in Port Charlotte. Speakers have been set for the rest of 2018. There will be a mini seminar on November 3, 2018 at Venice Hospital. An e-blast has been sent to all three chapters in the West Coast.

Like other chapters, this chapter is finding the same few members attend monthly meetings. There has been discussion on cutting the monthly meeting out and doing three seminars in different areas of the chapter. This chapter is having problems finding speakers and it's the same few members attending and the same few doing the work. We have lost members due to death, family illness and retirement which has been the main reason for this.

Chapter members Ruth Lapio, CMA (AAMA) and Paul Steele, CMA (AAMA) will be talking to the one school in Charlotte County to see if we can get interest again from the students. We will be reaching out to all credentialed medical assistants in the area.

There is some interest in getting the Everglades Chapter back up and running. An email went out to all members of the South West Chapter asking for interest and participation. There has been no response to an additional e-mail that went out to those who responded to the original e-mail. It was explained that this President would be willing to do the paperwork if they obtained a meeting room and speaker. All meeting would be posted on the FSMA website and an e-blast would go out to all members of the chapter.

This chapter will be meeting on December 8, 2018 at Cartaba's for our annual Christmas dinner and ornament exchange.