FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

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Speaker of the General Assembly

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Vice Speaker of the General Assembly

The South West Chapter of Medical Assistants has met the first Thursday of the month at Fawcett Hospital in Port Charlotte this past year. The chapter includes the following counties: Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Hendry and Southern Sarasota County.

At our recent meeting there was election of officer's. We welcome Vilma Matias, CMA (AAMA) as our new President-Elect. This will be updated to the FSMA President, AAMA and to Mary Lou Allison, CMA-A (AAMA), the FSMA Webmaster.

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. It was voted on at our last monthly meeting March 7, 2019 to discontinue monthly meetings. We will be holding three seminars a year for 4 CEU's each. For now, they will be offered for free to AAMA members and $5.00 for non-members. Students are always free. We will be meeting the first Saturday in March at Venice Hospital in Venice, the first Saturday in Port Charlotte (looking for a larger meeting room) and the first Saturday in October at Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers.

A recent seminar was held March 9, 2019 at Lee Memorial Hospital. We had a great turn out. This Officer appreciates all the help from members in the southern part of the chapter for obtaining the hospital meeting room and all the speakers. What great team work from members who were reached out too. Looking forward to seeing more of our members attend our Saturday Seminars as we move around the Chapter to reach out too all of our members.

This chapter looks forward host the Country Store. The chapter hopes to make Jim and Pat Allen proud. Cannot forget Ginny Halligan, as she helped Pat for many years. These are big shoes to fill.

This Officer would like to thank Loxie Kistler, CMA (AAMA) for all the E-Blasts to all 3 chapters on the west coast regarding meetings and seminars. Our chapter has been able to help members from all three chapters obtain CEU's.

This Officer would like to thank Mary Lou Allison, CMA-A (AAMA) for all of her help with the chapter website page.
The chapter will be changing its Facebook page. Right not it has the same photo as this officer's private page. A note has been placed on the page already letting members about the change so that when asked to join we have not been hacked.

This officer would like to thank the faithful chapter members for all their dedication and hard work this year. It was a big team effort to obtain meeting rooms and speakers this year.