FLORIDA SOCIETY OF MEDICAL ASSISTANTS

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To: Executive Council Members

From: Maria Wiegelmann, CMA (AAMA)
Central Florida Chapter President

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 2016 are on October 19, 2016 (Medical Assistants Recognition Day) and on November 16, 2016 (speaker confirmed – topic the Affordable Care Act and the Health Insurance Marketplace). We plan to offer 1 free CEU at each meeting. Since we have started doing so, attendance at meetings has increased slightly. We are also looking into alternate meeting sites – information will be posted on the FSMA website if there are any changes to meeting at I-HOP.

We will kick off our MARweek celebration at our fall seminar being hosted by Florida Technical College in Orlando, FL on Saturday, October 15, 2016 offering 7 CEUs with free registration for AAMA members. At this seminar we are supporting The Russell Home for Atypical Children in Orlando, FL., by collecting needed supplies or monetary donations. We thank Florida Technical College for again offering us their excellent facility for our seminar. Also good news for AAMA, FSMA, and the Central Florida Chapter – all MA students at FTC are taking the CMA (AAMA) exam.

We plan on holding our spring seminar on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Details to be advised.

As requested by AAMA we emailed them an updated zip code list for the Central Florida Chapter to ensure that chapter members are included in any eBlasts that are chapter specific – for example, employment opportunities, chapter meetings and seminars.

I want to thank Linda K. Evans, RMA for taking care of registration for the FSMA pop-up seminar on FASD on August 20, 2016 and Judy Allen, CMA (AAMA), John Fleming, CMA (AAMA), Carol Francis, CMA (AAMA), Norma-Anne Lopez, CMA (AAMA) for their help in setting up for the seminar. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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.

I have just begun attending local MGMA meetings to pass along information about AAMA, FSMA, and local chapter meetings and seminars.

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 more of you at our seminars and meetings – let us know what we can do to make it easier for you to participate. If you are able to volunteer a little bit of your time – we would look forward to working with you!