

LEHIGH VALLEY HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

President's Newsletter

Fall 2006

❖ **Greeting LVHIMA Members**

As the leaves start to change color and fall, memories of summer fun fade. I welcome the 2006 – 2007 Executive board, Committee chair, Co-chairs and EVERY member to a year of CONTINUED SUCCESS for our organization. We have a team full of enthusiastic and motivated professionals ready to network, mentor, and promote LVHIMA.

❖ **CHANGES**

The organization is forging as a “paperless association”. Therefore on this year’s membership application, we added the following clause:

Please check if you DO NOT have access to e-mail and wish to receive postal communications ** IN ORDER TO RECEIVE POSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, PLEASE ADD A \$5.00 FEE TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES**

The clause ONLY applies to members who DO NOT HAVE E-MAIL ACCESS.

❖ **CREDENTIALS:**

I requested the membership applications be USPS mailed as an initial communication and a personal touch to our membership.

Print clearly, complete demographics and return to the Treasurer with dues. No membership card will be issued unless requested.

❖ **CALENDAR of EVENTS;**

Dates and locations are subject to change due to availability of facility. Programs offered TBA as the date draws near. Check www.lvhima.org at all times for updates.

- FALL Sept. 21, 2006 @ LVH-Muhlenberg Hospital
- CHRISTMAS Dec. 7, 2006 (location to be announced)
- WINTER Feb. 3, 2007 @ Lehigh Valley Hospital
- SPRING Apr. 11, 2007 @ Gwynedd Mercy College
- ANNUAL June 8, 2007 @ Hotel Bethlehem

❖ **EDUCATION;**

Lynn Wall at WallL@slhn.org and

Ed Mink at hirola61023@hotmail.com

Welcome ideas for assistance in establishing the mentoring Guidelines in the Work place. Every member is a potential “mentor” with our wisdom and talents to be given to any student or new HIM professional.

❖ **PROGRAM:**

Iris Horvath at ihorvath@gsrh.org or IDH1220@rcn.com

Welcomes contact from any member with suggestions regarding topics of interest or speakers for the meetings during the year.

❖ **PUBLIC RELATIONS;**

Rosemary Velten at rvelten@amh.org

Welcomes contact from any member with articles of interest to be shared and published statewide in THE KEYSTONER

❖ **TECHNOLOGY;**

Yeva Zeltov at Yeva.Zeltov@siemens.com .

Yeva plans on being busy receiving, editing and forward to LVHIMA website designer, pertinent – need to know information of the association.

One Program which I am instituting is the “MEMBER ADD A MEMBER” campaign. Current members will invite a peer, co-worker or allied health person to join our organization, by instructing the person to retrieve a hard copy of the application from the website, complete and send with dues fee to the Treasurer.

❖ **PHIMA NEWS**

Remember to check www.phima.org for job opportunities’, points of interest, seminars and events.

❖ **LVHIMA NEWS**

The 2006 – 2007 Executive Board are as follows:

President	Barbara J. Thompson
President Elect	Mary Lou Nevins
Past President	Dana Sharkey
Secretary	Stephanie Donovan
Treasurer	Mary Beth McFadden

The 2006 – 2007 Committee Chairs and Co-chairs are as follows:

By-Laws Chair	Kathy Gemmell
Credentials Chair	JoAnne Glenn
Education Chair	Lynn Wall
	Ed Mink
Nominating Chair	Christine Staropoli
	Tina Cuth
Program Chair	Iris Horvath
Public Relations Chair	Rosemary Velten
Technology Chair	Yeva Zeltov
Tech, Support Adviser	Dawn Criswell
Website Support Chair	David McCann

The Officers job description modifications are in progress and will be posted in the near future on our web site.

Until we meet in September, enjoy the last bit of summer and remember, I can be reached at jthomps4@comcast.net for concerns, questions, and ideas or just to chat. Thank You

Barb Thompson, RN, RHIT
LVHIMA PRESIDENT

Friendship is a plant that must often be watered