

## PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL NEWSLETTER

It's been a year full of changes, challenges, errors, and learning experiences. The ride was bumpy at times, but I think we all came out of our experiences a little more enlightened, though possibly a little weary at times. I encourage all of you to volunteer some time to LVHIMA. You'll meet interesting people, learn things about yourself and others, and maybe even be forced to improve your computer skills.

### GOALS WE MET THIS YEAR:

- PROGRAM:** Hosted 4 educational meetings with 12 CEUs offered.  
Co-hosted 1 educational meeting with PHIMA with 6 CEUs offered.  
Sent program announcements via e-mail and postal mail.
- EDUCATION:** Continued the Kathleen A Lynch scholarship program.  
Used donations from job ads in newsletters and blast e-mails for scholarship fund.  
Strengthened our ties with HIM educators and students.
- NOMINATING:** Electronic voting for election of Officers.
- BYLAWS:** Revised bylaws in entirety.  
Membership vote for approval via e-mail and postal mail.
- TECHNOLOGY:** Board approved a new committee to be named Technology Committee. This committee will oversee the website and electronic communications of LVHIMA. Will explore electronic archiving of LVHIMA records.
- WEBSITE:** Posted business meeting minutes, treasurer's report, and the membership list in the Members Access Section.  
Posted membership application on website.  
Used blast e-mails to contact members.  
Posted President's newsletters on website.  
Posted program announcements on website.  
Posted scholarship application on website.
- PHIMA:** Had LVHIMA link on PHIMA website.  
Had PHIMA send our program announcements to their members.  
LVHIMA President attended 3 PHIMA meetings to strengthen our relationship and explore future cooperative projects.  
LVHIMA President-Elect to attend PHIMA Annual Meeting.

## **FUTURE GOALS OF LVHIMA**

MENTOR PROGRAM: LVHIMA will ask members to act as Mentors for students in HIT and HIM programs. You will be asked to make your name, contact information, and areas of expertise available on a Mentor List. The list will be given to HIT and HIM educational program Directors. Students are then given permission to contact Mentors with questions about the HIM field. **You are not to be asked to provide jobs and clinical experiences for these students!** So if you have a few minutes to answer an e-mail or telephone call from a student, please volunteer to be a Mentor. You will be notified later with specific details regarding the program.

## ***THANK YOU.....***

...to the Executive Board for all your hard work and for not calling for my resignation, even though it probably crossed your mind at times!!

...to Members who assisted LVHIMA.

...to David Schneck, Kim Haggerty and other PHIMA Board and Committee Chairs.

...to Local Association Presidents who willingly shared ideas.

...to sponsors of our meetings and job ads.

...to LCCC and Gwynedd Mercy College for allowing us to address classes.

...to our Web Designer who solved a lot of problems.

...to everyone who will serve LVHIMA next year.

...to all our Members who keep this Association going.

...to Barbara Thompson, who will take us into the future.

**It was an honor to serve as President of LVHIMA!**

Sincerely,  
Dana K. Sharkey, RHIA

**PLEASE ATTEND THE JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING AT HOTEL BETHLEHEM AND  
VOTE IN OUR ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**