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GREETINGS!

Fellow Chapter Members:

I want to thank everyone for the **GREAT START** our Chapter has seen in 2008. We have had several noteworthy accomplishments thus far:

- Expanded the application criteria for Chapter Educational Grants
- Reviewed and updated the Chapter Bylaws
- Developed and distributed our first Chapter Membership Brochure to enhance
 - Member recruitment
- Developed and distributed our first Chapter Member Certificate and lapel pin
- Working with the PA Statewide Planning Committee to develop an all-day CMRP
 - Study/Prep Class
- The Chapter's website is now "fully-functional" and looking for additional information to "populate" the site to make it more useful to the Membership.
- Achieved **GOLD CHAPTER AFFILIATE** status from AHRMM

Our March 28th meeting saw a **GREAT TURNOUT** with 34 registrations. To help maintain this momentum, please remember to send in your registration for the June 6th meeting. And Dan Sweigert promises that this meeting will be an engaging panel discussion on "Supply Chain" and how it relates to the strategic mission of the individual healthcare provider.

PLEASE continue to solicit sponsorships for our annual Golf Outing on September 10th. By expanding our criteria for educational grants and opening ourselves up to more applications, we need to raise more money to fund the grants we distribute each year. To-date, we've received checks for three hole sponsorships and The Phillips Group has once again agreed to be our **GOLD SPONSOR!** Also, I'm still looking for a volunteer(s) to be the Chairperson of this event. If you think you may be interested, please contact me at sduke@magnetgroup.com to discuss what all is entailed.

As stated earlier, the Chapter is off to a tremendous start, but only with your help and participation will we maintain our momentum!

Regards,

Steve Duke
2008 Chapter President



Driving for Success - Scholarship Golf Planning in Full Swing!

Just a reminder, our annual **Scholarship Golf Outing** is planned for **September 10, 2008** at the Carlisle Barracks Golf Course. Please keep in mind that this event is our **only** fundraiser. It's the profits from this event that allows the Chapter to do all of its educational and philanthropic activities! The profitability of the golf outing is driven solely by "vendor sponsorships" and it is not too soon to start making solicitations of vendors to support this event! (Sponsorship information will be sent out soon, but if you need information now, it is available by contacting me directly at (sduke@magnetgroup.com)). I also need to fill critical vacancies filled...on this Committee as well as find a willing Tournament Chair, to make this event a repeat success. Please let me know if you are interested.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION EVENT PLANNING

Chapter President Steve Duke and the Executive Committee are already hard at work on pre-planning on this "new" tradition for the Chapter. Last year's event was a rousing success where many of you were recognized for your dedication to the profession and the Chapter. Keep up the great work...you could be selected for one of this year's awards.

2008 Leadership Candidates Still Needed

YOUR Chapter still has opportunities for you to fulfill. Steve and the various committee chairs still have the following vacancies. Please contact Steve Duke if interested in serving:

Golf Outing Chair - VACANT

Nominations Committee – Tom MacVaugh (with Steve Duke and 2 vacancies)

Great Program for June 6th -

Dan Sweigert and the Program Committee have really put together a winning program for our next meeting scheduled on June 6th at Phillips Corporate offices:

Program: "Comparative Perceptions of Materials Management – Gaining Strategic Balance"

Panelists: Representing Orthopedic & Spine Specialists
Todd Lord – CEO
Sarah Boyer – CFO
Alyce Peiffer – Manager, Materials Management

Representing Altoona Health System
Gary Zuckerman – VP Supply Chain
Steve Tambolas – President SSCM5, Inc.

Representing Wellspan Health System
Keith Noll, Sr. VP for Ambulatory & Post Acute Services
Jim Smoker – Director, Material Resource Service

More than two dozen attendees are already pre-register....don't miss out on this one!



Mark your calendars NOW!

June 6th – Chapter Meeting and Educational Forum

July 20-23 – AHRMM 46th Annual Conference & Exhibition (San Antonio, TX)

September 10th – Annual Scholarship Golf Outing, Carlisle Barracks

October 8-10 – 30th Annual PA Statewide Meeting for MM, (State College, PA)

November 7th – Annual Awards Luncheon

30th Annual PA Statewide Meeting Being Planned

Plans are already underway for this year's event slated for the Penn Stater Conference Center on **October 8-10, 2008**. Our own **Mike Schwalm, Ron Townsend and Jim Smoker** are leading this event's planning and are being assisted by others of our membership. If you can help, or if you have suggested topics or speakers please contact Mike, Ron or Jim.

CMRP Training – As an added element of this year's PA Statewide the Planning Committee has responded to requests to hold a special CMRP Prep class. This training is designed to help AHRMM members gain certification and will be facilitated by Dave Hinkle, FAHRMM. This all day workshop will take place on Weds. October 8th. Watch you mail for additional registration information.

New Website Up & Running!

Our new Chapter website www.cpc-ashmm.org is up and running well. Check out this great new communications tool which also now features regional job opportunities along with other information on the Chapter and the educational and networking opportunities provided, this will greatly enhance our communications to all of you, as well as help with the recruiting of other healthcare professionals in the supply chain / materials management arenas from throughout our region.

Check out the site and please let us have your comments and suggestions (Jim Smoker – jsmoker@wellspanhealth.org or Tom MacVaugh – tommacvaugh@comcast.net). We want this new tool to meet your needs and reflect your interests. Thanks again to **Jim Smoker** for leading this important enhancement to the value the Chapter can bring throughout Central PA.



Chapter Growth – Key Goal for 2008

Congratulations to All

As noted in Steve's intro letter above, we have received the great news from national that CP-ASHMM has been recognized as a ***GOLD Award Chapter*** for 2007.

This is a huge achievement and is directly attributable to all of ***YOU*** who have dedicated your time, efforts, energies and professionalism for the advancement of supply chain and materials management within your healthcare provider organizations and for actively supporting you local Chapter.

CPC-ASHMM has been very successful over the years and despite our relatively small size we are one of only a very few of the highest ranked chapters nationally in all of AHRMM. Our success is directly attributed to the great membership and the many strong friendships that have formed over the years. We have always been able to call upon the veteran and newly active members to help assure success with our various projects and educational mission, and we have delivered substantial value to our members and the healthcare facilities they serve.

Leadership Retention

Despite this great achievement after several years in pursuit of this goal, we can not sit back and rest on our laurels. Each year we lose a few key members due to retirements or career changes so we always need new members to bring their energy, expertise and fresh ideas. The Chapter had a very successful 2007 recruiting year as we added 9 new members. Steve and the Board would like to build on this momentum, and we are considering some enhanced recruiting efforts including:

- Distribution of our Newsletter to non-member professionals in hospitals, long-term care, surgery centers and other HPOs throughout central PA.
- Utilization of our new website as a key element of communication so our existing members can more readily share with their staffs the plans and activities of the Chapter; as well as use the website as a repository for newsletters, recruiting materials, educational program content to help attract new members.
- Potentially sponsoring formal recruiting events and / or incentive programs to entice you to invite others on your staff, or contacts from neighboring facilities, to join the Chapter
- Developing a Recruiting Brochure (already done) for distribution to administrative and materials management offices of HPOs throughout the region.

But you do not have to wait for these efforts to be finalized. If you know of a potential member, contact them and invite them to check out the website and/or bring them along to the June 6th meeting, and be sure to contact Cindy Petry (cbpetry@comcast.net) to follow up with a Membership Packet.



Other Educational / Networking Opportunities

We are fortunate in that we are surrounded by other AHRMM chapters in Philadelphia, Allentown, NJ and Maryland; all of which offer routine programs and chapter meetings to help broaden our knowledge and skill sets. In addition, National AHRMM offers an array of webinars, publications and regional conferences to supplement their Annual Conference. Check out the AHRMM website to learn more about these great opportunities to bring enhanced value to you, your staff and your facility.

Speakers and Authors Wanted

The Chapter is always looking for any of you folks who have a worthwhile success story to tell, or who are willing to share their expertise and knowledge in the field with your fellow members. If you would like to present a seminar or submit an article please contact Dan Sweigert, Education Chair or Tom MacVaugh, Newsletter Editor.

Need help preparing for either a seminar or article...or just want to run an idea up the flagpole? Dan or Tom would be glad to help.