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President's Message

Whew! Now that I'm able to catch my breath and relax, it's time to sit back and reflect on the events and accomplishments of this past year. In looking back at our calendar for 2008, the GJC or the state association was able to offer an educational opportunity or social event almost every month. We had three chapter meetings and our fall forum with outstanding speakers and presentations in addition to being the host chapter for the annual state conference in April. We supported the Advocacy Summit in Washington, DC, with letter writing to our local and state representatives. The AHDI Annual Conference and Expo took place in our own backyard in Orlando in August, with many of our members actively contributing to its success. We toured the Proton Therapy Institute and were awed by the technological advancements taking place there. We raised funds at the flea market and took part in a student career night at Nemours Children's Clinic. We have been involved in certification study groups, and in doing so have seen our membership grow. I'd say that's not bad for a year's work!

As anyone in a leadership role knows, one is only as successful as the people who support them and work at their side. I have been truly blessed these past two years by being surrounded by talented, hard-working, dedicated professionals who have been a great encouragement to me. I thank you, members, and the ladies of the executive board for the privilege of working for you and with you and know that the GJC will continue to serve a vital role in the MT community in the future.

I am proud now to turn the reins over to your new president, Sherry Martin, CMT, knowing that she brings with her many years of experience in the profession in a variety of settings. Sherry has her goals set for the coming year, with increasing membership a top priority, and I know you will give her your full support!

May the season and the new year fill you with good health, peace, and contentment. See you in 2009! ♦

Rose Hayden
2008 GJC President

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



January 10
8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Open forum discussion with
Peter Preziosi, Lea Sims, and
Victoria Davis
Baptist Medical Center
downtown



January 31
AHDI-FL Technology Summit
Winter Park, FL
*Early registration ends Jan 24
Visit www.AHDI-FL.org for
more information and to
register



March 17
7 p.m.
Chapter Meeting, TBA



May 14-17
AHDI-FL 27th Annual Meeting
& Educational Conference
Radisson Worldgate Resort
Kissimmee, FL
Visit www.AHDI-FL.org for
more information and to
register

January Event Please Join Us!

The Greater Jacksonville Chapter is very excited to announce that Peter Preziosi, PhD, AHDI's CEO, will be visiting Jacksonville while on business in Florida next month. On Saturday, January 10, 2009, you are invited to attend an open forum panel discussion from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Baptist Medical Center downtown on Prudential Drive. Also on the panel will be Lea Sims, CMT, AHDI-F, AHDI director of communications & publications, and Victoria Davis, Transcription Services Supervisor, Mayo Clinic Jacksonville. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to share your views with the association's executive officer and have your questions answered about state and national issues, advocacy initiatives, what you need to know as a voice recognition editor, RMT and CMT certification, or any other subject of interest to you. Ms. Sims will also be demonstrating the new BenchMark KB workstation application portal just released from AHDI.

Please share this information with your co-workers and other MTs so we can "get the word out" to the MT community and have a good showing in support of this event.

Two CECs offered.

There is no charge for this meeting; however, notice of attendance is appreciated. Please RSVP to Sherry at the number below.

For questions or further information, please contact Sherry Martin, CMT, GJC President, at (904) 641-4484. ♦

I apologize that I'm a bit late in getting the newsletter out, but I hope you all enjoy these holiday poems. - Kristin



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This
H o l-
iday end
a quarrel.
Seek out a
f o r g o t t e n
friend. Dismiss
suspicion; replace
it with trust. Write a
love letter. Share some
treasure. Share a talent.
Give a soft answer.
Encourage youth. Manifest
your loyalty in word and deed.
Keep a promise. Find the time.
Forego a grudge, forgive an enemy.
Listen. Apologize if you were wrong.
Refuse to envy. Try to truly understand.
Examine your demands on others. Think
first of someone else. Sit quietly. Embrace life.
Appreciate. Be kind. Be gentle. Laugh a little.
Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Breathe
deeply. Oppose malice. Decry complacency.
Express gratitude. Seek joy. Go to worship. Welcome
a stranger. Affirm yourself. Affirm someone else.
Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the wonder
and beauty of earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak
it still
o n c e
again.

An MT Christmas Poem



'Twas the night before Christmas
And in MT town
Tired MTs were longing
To lay their keys down.

Their earphones were hung
On their skull caps with care
In hopes that new words
Wouldn't bring them despair.

Some in their sweatpants
And some in their tights
Had just settled down
For a long evening's type.

When over their headsets
The sounds were so jumbled
They couldn't quite make out
The words that were mumbled.

They hit the fast forward
Reverse, stop and slow
Trying to make out
The message below.

They checked in their Dorland's,
Drug books and spellers,
Some called class buddies
Or even asked their fellers.
If they had an inkling
Of what the tape said

Or why someone was trying
To mess with their head.

When no one could answer
They listened less quick
And suddenly knew
The "doc" was St. Nick.

Now he spoke very plainly
Since they needed to hear
For his message was urgent
As Christmas drew near.

It was quite simple
No long words to spell
Dictated but heartfelt
And clear as a bell.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays
Best wishes and cheer
And thanks from Doc Santa
For your hard work all year.

Written by Pat Stettler, CMT, AHDI-F

It's Official!

ANNOUNCING THE 2009 GREATER JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER-AHDI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Congratulations to the following newly-elected board members:

Sherry Martin, CMT, President
JoAnne York, CMT, Vice-President
Angela Muhammad, Secretary
Lynne Sicignano, Treasurer
Janice Blanco, CMT, Director, 2-year term
Sherise Mills, Director, 1-year term

and

ANNOUNCING THE 2009 AHDI-FLORIDA EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: Debbie Wolfe, CMT, AHDI-F
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Delegate: Ellen Drake, CMT, AHDI-F

Good Luck in the year ahead!

Make the choice to help your chapter by serving on a committee this year. It is a rewarding experience that you won't regret! **We are especially in need of help with fundraising.**

Openings available!

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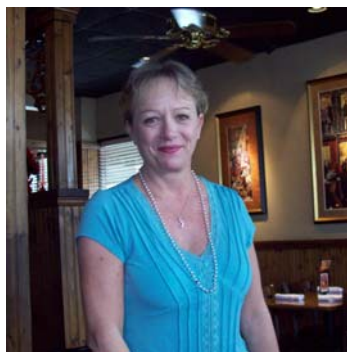
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Pictures from the GJC Holiday Luncheon December 6th



Back row: Carmen Tyler, Suzanne Green, Sherry Martin, Jeanne Nienhuis, Rhonda Bradley, Angela Muhammad, Sherise Mills, Sandy McCorvey
Front row: Lynne Sicignano, Rose Hayden, Mary Beth Evans, Dar Myers, Cathy Parow



Carolyn Grady



Dar Myers and 2008 Member of the Year recipient Jeanne Nienhuis

Members of the Greater Jacksonville Chapter also donated items to give to **The Clothes Closet**, a nonprofit organization, operated by Church Women's Christian Ministries and run 100% by volunteers, who provide food, clothes, and household items to people in Clay County in a crisis situation who need assistance getting back on their feet. Items needed included food, clothes, household items, and furniture. If you would like to donate items or volunteer your time, call (904) 264-5239 for more information. **Thank you** to everyone who donated items.

October 11, 2008 Greater Jacksonville Chapter Fall Forensics Forum

The Truth About Crime Scene Investigations Karen Smith, Crime Scene Investigator



Dar Myers and Karen Smith

Karen Smith, officer of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Crime Scene Unit, presented an interesting discussion on the "truth" about CSI.

Most often, crime scene investigations in Jacksonville involve burglaries. However, of late, shootings have occupied the majority of Officer Smith's time. The length of time to process a crime scene depends on the type and circumstances of the crime. The more meticulous the procurement of evidence by the crime scene unit (CSU), the more likely a conviction.

As indicated, the CSU is called to all scenes wherein evidence needs to be procured. The investigator will observe the scene to get an overall picture and then begin collecting the evidence for processing by the appropriate agencies. The investigator must maintain the chain of evidence so the evidence is not subject to "tampering" claims by the defense.

When processing a scene, anything that appears to be evidence is collected. If in doubt, the suspect item is taken. This collection of evidence includes the usual fingerprinting, collection of clothing, spent bullets, tire tracks, etc. However, there may be times that furniture and parts of a wall or floor may need to be collected to process the scene. The investigator must attempt to re-create the crime scene and get a picture of what has transpired that led to the outcome. Multiple pictures are taken of the scene to help shape this picture. Karen shared her experience and need to extend her knowledge of cameras throughout her time with the Crime Scene Unit. Technology has advanced from the black and white camera to the sophisticated camera of today.

Karen shared stories of cases where the crime scene occurred at a different location than where the body was found. Piecing together the evidence can lead officers to the truth of what actually happened, including those that have two or more locations. Meticulous collection of evidence, from a strand of hair and pictures of blood spatter (not splatter) to the remnants of a smoked cigarette, can lead to the capture of a suspect with eventual conviction based on the evidence.

Being a member of the Crime Scene Unit can take a toll. In Jacksonville, there are only 26 members to cover Duval County. The proverbial statement, "police officers are on call 24/7" holds especially true for crime scene investigators. Once on the case, they follow through to the very end, that of

obtaining an arrest, conviction, and/or confession. CSI officers must try to detach themselves from the emotional aspects of the case, though all in all the emotions connected to a case can stay with the officer for a long time. Karen has been with the CSU for six years and feels that the time has come to change fields so she can get another perspective of law enforcement.

In conclusion, Karen reiterated the television shows *CSI* and *CSI: Miami* are not a true depiction of what crime scene investigation is all about. The depiction of Horatio Caine ripping off his glasses and placing his hands on his hips is strictly for effect for the television audience, not what true crime scene investigators do in real life. CSI officers do not have the time or energy to take on that “cool look” as they spend all their time collecting and maintaining the integrity of evidence as it is given to the appropriate agencies for processing. ♦

Darlene F. Myers

DNA Evidence and the Public Julie Sutton, PhD, MBA



Dr. Julie Sutton works for Florida Forensics, a private laboratory specializing in DNA testing and paternity testing.

This facility performs screening tests, nuclear DNA analysis, YSTR analysis, mtDNA analysis, and damage and stain interpretation. The analysis of DNA can be used to identify genetic differences between individuals within a population. Sources of biological evidence include blood, semen, saliva, urine, hair, teeth, bone, and tissue.

DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) is found in two places in the cell, the mitochondria and the nucleus. Dr. Sutton discussed the inheritance patterns: autosomal, which is passed in part from all ancestors; and the lineage markers, which including the Y-chromosome, which is passed on completely but only by sons and the mitochondrial, which is passed on completely but only by daughters.

The steps in DNA sample processing involve three phases: biology, technology, and genetics. In the biology phase, the DNA is extracted, quantified, and undergoes PCR amplification of multiple STR markers. The technology phase involves the separation and detection of PCR products (STR alleles) yielding sample genotype determination. The final phase, the genetics phase, provides a comparison of sample genotype to other sample results. This phase also provides a generation of case report with probability of random match. If a match occurs, comparison of the DNA profile to population databases is carried out.

Dr. Sutton discussed various types of DNA extraction and provided scenarios as to why one type of DNA extraction would be implemented over another. A case in point would be nuclear DNA (STR), which is utilized to determine parentage, delineate what is used in a poison pen, identify missing persons, determine the driver in a motor vehicle accident, and provide evidence in infidelity cases.

Y-STRs is DNA typing (genetic analysis) of specific segments of DNA on the Y chromosome. This Y-STRs will tell you the sample is from a male. It may or may not match the person of interest, and could be a relative of the person of interest. Y-STRs extend the range of available male-specific samples, enabling DNA typing to obtain probative DNA evidence. Samples may be obtained from fingernail scrapings and seminal plasma from aspermic males.

Dr. Sutton discussed the elements of the sample requirements, i.e., size and sensitivity, as well as went over the procedures for sampling and storing of DNA, such as utilizing a moist swab and transporting it to the lab as soon as possible for analysis. Dr. Sutton also explained aspects of maintaining a line of evidence for use in future prosecutions.

In conclusion, DNA is an indicator test; it does not conclusively prove a subject committed a crime but verifies the presence of that subject's DNA. With DNA testing, the phrase "could have come from" is interpreted to mean a person has NOT been excluded. The length of time to complete DNA testing depends on the amount of evidence submitted; this can range from two weeks to five months. DNA testing is the way of the future. ♦

Darlene F. Myers

More pictures from the Fall Forum



Congratulations Corner

Mary Beth Evans, CMT, was recognized and given an award for 5 years of service by her employer, Mayo Clinic. Job well done, Mary Beth!



Sherry Martin, CMT, is the new transcription manager of the Baptist Health system. The transcription department covers all four of the Baptist Hospitals in the Jacksonville area plus Wolfson's Children's Hospital. Way to go, Sherry!

If you or someone you know deserves a big pat on the back, email the editor at tricky7@bellsouth.net.

Reasons to Join GJC-AHDI

- ◆ All members receive the quarterly e-newsletter *GJC Keystrokes*. Every newsletter contains articles from recent GJC, AHDI-FL, and AHDI events, mentoring information, industry updates, contact information, items just for fun, and more!
- ◆ Members receive FREE classified advertising of up to three (3) lines in the GJC newsletter. Members receive a FREE 3-line job/classified text ad listing per month on the GJC web site.
- ◆ Continuing Education Credits (CECs) offered at all GJC events.
- ◆ Receive a \$5 voucher for the recruitment of each new member of GJC. This means that if, for example, you bring a fellow MT co-worker to a meeting and they join the Chapter, YOU receive a \$5 voucher for use at any GJC event (voucher good for one (1) year from date of issue). You can simply refer another MT to the Chapter, and if they join, you will receive a voucher (new members must be sure to write your name in the "Referred by" space of the membership form).
- ◆ The Chapter shall waive the registration fee for one (1) GJC Fall Forum for any GJC member who passes the AHDI Registered Medical Transcriptionist exam or the Certified Medical Transcriptionist exam. This offer is valid only for the forum immediately following the date of notification of successful completion of the exam. To qualify, said member must pay Chapter dues by January 15 of the year in which the exam is taken and must notify the Treasurer within 30 days of notification of passing the exam.
- ◆ Opportunities abound for developing leadership skills in your particular area of interest.
- ◆ Networking, making new friends, and socializing with fellow MTs are some of the most beneficial rewards of all.
- ◆ The GREATer Jacksonville Chapter has a reputation for being one of the most dynamic chapters in the association, with our members being on the cutting edge of what is happening in the medical transcription profession in many different areas.

Why not join or renew today! ◆



January Birthdays

Lorraine Sitton – 22nd

February Birthdays

Glenda Boskovits – 10th

Wanza Kaiser – 11th

Sherry Martin – 13th

Lea Sims – 26th

March Birthdays

Mary Martin – 4th

Joy McCulley – 5th

Sandy McCorvey – 11th

Pamela Hosch – 28th

April Birthdays

Rose Hayden – 16th

Mary Beth Evans – 19th

GJC-AHDI Treasurer's Report ending 11/30/2008

Balance 11/01/2008

\$1,822.71

Deposits

Membership \$240.00

Pay Pal \$0.09

Fundraising \$24.00

Interest \$0.39

Total Deposits

Expenses

Fall Forensics Forum

Refund - Amy Woodward \$25.00

Refund - Darlene Myers \$10.00

MOY award \$14.98

T-Shirt disbursement \$20.86

Total Expenses

\$264.48

Balance 11/30/2008

\$70.84

\$2,016.35

UPCOMING AHDI WEBINARS

Go to <http://www.ahdionline.org/Source/Meetings/cMeetingProcessSearch.cfm> to register for any of the events listed below and to see more upcoming webinars.

Benchmark KB - Your Complete Dashboard of Professional Resources

How much do you invest each year in dictionaries, specialty word books, and resources that assist you with documentation research? How many hours do you spend chasing down new terms, trying to find the name and address of an unknown physician, or looking for the right expression for something you need to transcribe? The need to have accurate, up-to-date clinical information at your fingertips is more critical now than ever before. In response to this need in our professional marketplace, AHDI and InterFix LLC are proud to introduce you to Benchmark KB - a subscription-based, online resource that delivers a wide array of research tools via one user interface. If you want a reliable, one-stop resource for the things you look for every day, then join Jerry Simmons of InterFix for a walk through the KB and a peek at what you're missing!

Presenter: Jerry Simmons
Date: 01/15/09
Time: 10am PT, 11 MDT, 12 CT, 1 ET
Registration Closes: 01/08/09
Cost: \$0

Your Association, Your Benefits - Webinar (FREE)

In this one hour presentation you will learn what is included in association membership and how to take advantage of those benefits. Availability for this complimentary webinar is on a first come first serve basis.

Kelly Kappmeier has worked in a variety of settings in her eight years of service on the AHDI staff. Most recently, she has spent two years in the Member Services Manager role which has given her unique insight into the advantages of AHDI membership.

Presenter: Kelly Kappmeier
Date: January 21, 2009
Time: 10am PT, 11 MDT, 12 CT, 1 ET
Registration Closes: January 14, 2009
Cost: \$0
CE Credit Given: n/a

CMT and RMT: Steps to Credentialing - Jan. Webinar (Free)

Do you want to get credentialed but don't know where to start? This comprehensive FREE webinar will cover everything you need to know about how to become an RMT or CMT, including an overview of the content of both exams, test taking tips, information on how to register, and even sample test questions.

Kim Buchanan, CMT, AHDI-F, is the director of credentialing and education for AHDI. She earned her CMT in 2002 and is passionate about the need for a credentialed workforce.

Date: January 22, 2009
Time: 10 a.m. PDT, 11 a.m. MDT, 12 p.m. CDT, 1 p.m. EDT
Duration: 1 hour
Registration Close: January 15, 2009
Cost: \$0

A Guide to Getting Started & Finding Work as a New MT

We've all heard horror stories about the difficulties of becoming an MT. Holly will share her success story of going from stay-at-home-mom to MT business owner. This presentation will cover tips, tricks, experiences & advice.

Holly Parker holds a BS degree in Comm Disorders & an MA in Education. She has taught all education levels and was the director of a therapeutic horseback riding center for the physically and mentally challenged. She is a full-time MT instructor for Kaplan University in

the school of Health Sciences since Jan. '08 and began her transcription business in '04 handling medical, corporate, legal, & entertainment transcription
Presenter: Holly Parker

Date: January 23, 2009
Time: 2 p.m. PT, 3 p.m. MT, 4 p.m. CT, 5 p.m. ET
CEC Given: 1 PD
Registration Close Date: January 16, 2009
Cost: \$15 Member \$15 Non-Member

Successful Marketing On A Limited Budget - Webinar

Crafted for small to medium sized MTSO's, this presentation offers easy to follow steps to establish brand identity, craft messaging, and ultimately influence the decision process of your targeted buyers for a minimal expense. Developed over years of marketing experience supporting Siemens, WebMD and fast-track MTSOs, this session also includes ad agency secrets to maximize your advertising and printing dollars.

Dale Kivi, Director of Business Development for FutureNet, is a frequently published author and speaker with 25+ years experience guiding healthcare and tech companies toward superior business performance. Dale received his BS degree from the University of Wisconsin and his MBA from the University of Richmond

Date: 01/27/09
Time: 10am pst/ 11 mst/ 12 cst/ 1 est
Registration Close: 01/20/09
Duration: 1 hour
CEC Given: 1 TW
Cost: \$25 Members / \$30 Non-Members

Credentialing Bootcamp

Are you looking for some last minute practice before you sit for your RMT or CMT exam? The one hour Credentialing Bootcamp is just what you ordered. Kim Buchanan, CMT, AHDI-F, AHDI Director of Credentialing and Education, will provide some sample questions that mimic those on the exam, a brief overview of the content on the exams, some test taking tips, and some time for questions at the end.

Date: January 28, 2009
Time: 1pm pst/ 2 mst/ 3 cst/ 4 est
Registration Close: January 21, 2009
Duration: 1 hour
CEC Given: 1 MT
Cost: \$20 Members / \$30 Non-Members