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***President's Message***  
***May 2011***

Dear Members,

As we wind down the VHIMA year, I want to first thank you for your loyal commitment to our profession and your support to VHIMA. A special thanks to the VHIMA Board for making this year successful and we always appreciate the interest and participation from our membership. We are preparing to close out the fiscal business year the end of June and the new fiscal year starts July 1<sup>st</sup> under the direction of a new VHIMA President and Board. At this time, I would like to highlight the accomplishments of this past year:

- Summer Team Talks – President and President Elect attended in order to prepare / train for their upcoming positions to lead VHIMA. They accepted the Core Service Award for VHIMA – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Coding Education
- Strategic Planning Session held to discuss goals for the year which included: Convention Plans, Coding Roundtable Education and Hill Day
- Five Delegates attended AHIMA Convention in Orlando, FLA to represent VHIMA and vote on house activities (name informatics and delegate #)
- AHIMA House Teams Participated
  - Education – Terri, Lisa and Arnita
  - Environmental Scan – Arnita and Cindy
  - House Operations – Patty
  - Volunteer and Leadership - Teresa

- VHIMA Hill Day with about a dozen members/students participating
- Winter Team Talks and AHIMA Hill Day – President and President-Elect attended
- Submitted applications for Core Service Awards this year focusing on Member Communications (highlighting revised website) and Coding Education
- THIMA – 3 meetings offering 15 CEUs  
SWVHIMA – reorganizing and offered 2 meetings and 12 CEUS
- Coding Roundtable
  - 2 joint roundtable meeting with 2 locals
  - 3 additional face to face meetings – Warrenton, Fredericksburg, Bassett
- Initiation of AHIMA ICD-10 train the trainer session
- Newsletters created and produced 3 times during the year
- Website updated and maintained
- We had a wonderful, exciting and educational 60<sup>th</sup> VHIMA Convention! We were honored to have 15 of our Past Presidents attending the 60<sup>th</sup> Gala Event
- Awarded 2 scholarships to student members

To wrap up the year we will be completing the following:

- Updating VHIMA Policies & Procedures
- Auditing Financial Books



## *President's Message*

### *May 2011 Continued*

**Congratulations to our VHIMA Members who volunteered their time with AHIMA as Delegates, ACE Members, COP Facilitators and served on Practice Councils.**

**You will find a listing of these members in this newsletter.**

**Congratulations also to our VHIMA Award Winners! You will find a listing of these winners in our newsletter for Scholarships, Board Member of the Year and Distinguished Member of the Year.**

**And now my journey comes to an end as President of VHIMA. It has been an honor and privilege to serve you along with this great VHIMA Board! Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to serve VHIMA as your leader. Thank you for the honor of the Distinguished Member Award which I share with Patty Campola. You certainly surprised me! I encourage each of you to volunteer your time and talents as it is a very rewarding experience with many wonderful people. I wish Teresa Brown the very best as she steps forward to be your President.**

*Have a great summer!*

*Cindy*

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 540-224-6836



Cindy Phelps speaks of the joys of serving on the board for VHIMA before recognizing past presidents.



McCray Simmons from MedQuist speaks of Cindy's dedication and hard work as she accepted the role as president of VHIMA in December.

### ***VHIMA 2011***



Past VHIMA presidents receive corsages just before the 60th Celebration dinner



It was a full banquet room as VHIMA celebrated 60 years by having dinner together on Tuesday night.



Past VHIMA presidents who honored us with their presence at the dinner on Tuesday night were: (First Row) Pat Mays, Florence Bishop, Mildred Taylor, Linda Vernon, Patty Campola and Cindy Phelps; (Second Row) Mildred St. Leger, Kathy Byrd, Carol F. Smith, Paula Cottee, Gloria Litton and Karen Phipps.

***VHIMA officers for 2011—2012***



(left to right) Patty Campola, Terry Jones, Lauri Perry, Allison Viola, Terry J. Santana-Johnson, Cindy Phelps, Lisa Smith, Teresa Brown

**VHIMA OFFICERS  
2011-2012**

President Delegate	Teresa Brown, RHIT
President Elect Delegate	Lisa L. Smith, MBA, CCS
Past President Delegate*	Cindy Phelps, RHIA
Vice President	Terry J. Santana-Johnson, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P
Secretary	Louise Nunn, CCS, Certified ICD10 Trainer
Treasurer	Allison F. Viola, RHIA, MBA
First Year Delegate	Patty L. Campola, RHIA
Second Year Delegate	Teri Jones, RHIT, CCS, CCS-P
Elected Director	Lauri L. Perry, RHIA
AHIMA Nominating Committee	Margaret S. Bass, RHIT, CCS

\*Arnita Perry, RHIA, MA, will serve as Delegate for Cindy Phelps. RHIA  
AHIMA 2011 Convention, Utah

## **THANK YOU to 2011 VHIMA Silent Auction contributors:**

- Evelyn Bickley
- Teresa Brown
- Patty Campola
- Sharon Mills
- Arnita Perry
- Lauri Perry
- Cindy Phelps
- Karen Phipps
- Lisa Smith
- Kim Spencer
- Tina Stevens
- Christina Upton
- Linda Vernon

### **Business Contributors:**

- Carilion
- Carilion—Roanoke Memorial
- Carilion—Roanoke Memorial—HIM Department
- Southern Virginia Regional Med. Center
- Tazewell Community Hospital

*Each year, Silent Auction items are donated by VHIMA members, businesses, funds are donated to F.O.R.E. and the VHIMA Scholarship fund.*

*For information on the 2012 Silent Auction contact Kim Spencer: [kim@emiimaging.com](mailto:kim@emiimaging.com)*



*The 2011 Silent Auction raised \$849.50  
A special Thank You to all who contributed.*

## A Special **THANK YOU** to 2011 VHIMA SPONSORS!



### **HEALTHPORT: sponsor of the President's Celebration / Dinner**

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## **AHIMA WINTER TEAM TALKS & HILL DAY UPDATE**

Hello everyone! Cindy Phelps (President) and myself were fortunate enough to attend the AHIMA Winter Team Talks and Hill Day in Washington, DC on March 28-29, 2011. We were there just in time for the Cherry Blossoms!

At the Winter Team Talks we learned of some potential upcoming AHIMA Bylaw changes which will be voted on at the Annual Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah this fall. These changes will be pushed out through the different Communities of Practices in the upcoming months so be sure to keep an eye for those and let your delegates know your thoughts so we can make sure to vote your way! We also had the opportunity to network with representatives from the other States and compare notes.

For Hill Day, we were able to team up with other members from our State – Joan Arruabarrena, Tom Golden and Nina Payne-Phillips (please see the scrapbook on the VHIMA website for pictures of our team!). We had a fantastic time getting to know each other a little better as we made our treks back and forth across the Capitol grounds! It was a beautiful sunny day but a little on the cold side! We were able to meet in person with representatives for Senator Jim Webb, Representative Gerald Connolly, Representative Robert Wittman and Representative Eric Cantor. These meetings, while brief, were very informative for both sides.

We were all pleased to learn that AHIMA is making a name for itself on the Hill and everyone we met with were familiar with AHIMA and our concerns – electronic health records, HITECH training programs, HIM education programs and of course ICD-10 implementation.

We were able to leave packets of information for Senator Mark Warner, Representative Frank Wolf, Representative James Moran, Representative Bob Goodlatte and Representative Robert Scott. By the end of the day our feet were tired but we were proud to say we had represented AHIMA and VHIMA AND we survived the Washington DC Metro System!



Cindy Phelps and Teresa Brown stop for a moment for a quick picture



Tom Golden, Nina Payne-Phillips, Joan Arruabarrena, and Teresa Brown

## *Memorial Day, 2011*



Did you know...

**Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.** There are many stories as to its actual beginnings, with over two dozen cities and towns laying claim to being the birthplace of Memorial Day. There is also evidence that organized women's groups in the South were decorating graves before the end of the Civil War: a hymn published in 1867, "Kneel Where Our Loves are Sleeping" by Nella L. Sweet carried the dedication "To The Ladies of the South who are Decorating the Graves of the Confederate Dead" (Source: Duke University's [Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920](#)). While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day. It is more likely that it had many separate beginnings; each of those towns and every planned or spontaneous gathering of people to honor the war dead in the 1860's tapped into the general human need to honor our dead, each contributed honorably to the growing movement that culminated in Gen Logan giving his official proclamation in 1868. It is not important who was the very first, what is important is that Memorial Day was established. Memorial Day is not about division. It is about reconciliation; it is about coming together to honor those who gave their all.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his [General Order No. 11](#), and was first observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring



The following article was taken from the electronic newsletter  
“The Ben Growl Growls Again” May 26, 2011 (27<sup>th</sup> Edition)

**On Mon, May 9, 2011 at 1:01 PM, Bob Simm wrote: They are trying to get 500,000 people to watch this before Memorial Day.**

**We have missed the above Memorial Day target date, but may still be worth watching.**

**Please watch the whole thing to be counted; It's only 2 min long.....very moving.**

**Seth has been working on a full-length feature documentary about a program to honor WWII vets and has now released a trailer, and it would really help out if you watched it in full, and spread it around to other folks who would enjoy it. Working on this has been a very emotional experience, because the story is so, so powerful.**

**[http://media.causes.com/1060527?p\\_id=175378540](http://media.causes.com/1060527?p_id=175378540)**



## **Coding Changes Are Coming!**

**Schedule your training with one of the VHIMA dates below.**

### **Upcoming Roundtable Events**

June 8-10<sup>th</sup> – AHIMA Academy for ICD-10: Building Expert Trainers in Diagnosis and Procedure Coding-  
Virginia Beach, VA

June 17<sup>th</sup> – SWVHIMA/VHIMA Coding Roundtable-Roanoke, VA

### **2010-2011 VHIMA Coding Roundtable Committee**

Gloria Litton, Coordinator – Charlottesville

Sharon Elstein – Tidewater

MaryBeth Dunlap – Tidewater

Christina Brown – Richmond

Kim Galloway – Richmond

Louise Nunn – Roanoke

Kimberly Wallace – Roanoke

Kim Spencer – Bassett



# Scholarships:



## VHIMA SCHOLARSHIP Calling all students!!!!

Are you pursuing a degree? If so, please apply for the VHIMA scholarship. You can find more information on the VHIMA website scholarship link: <http://vhima.org/scholarships.htm>

If you are interested in applying for a scholarship through VHIMA, simply complete the scholarship application form that is available at the above web site.

All applicants should review the guidelines to determine if they meet the eligibility requirements. **The scholarship will be awarded at the VHIMA Annual Meeting** and the recipient(s) will be listed on the VHIMA web site.

Mail your application and required documents to:  
Kristin Williamson, RHIT  
Carilion Clinic  
P.O. Box 13367  
Roanoke, VA 24033-3367  
Work: (540) 981-7969  
Email: [klwilliamson@carilionclinic.org](mailto:klwilliamson@carilionclinic.org)

Please contact Kristin Williamson for any questions @ 540-981-7969.

*“This is a wonderful and exceptional gift from VHIMA, and I encourage all students to apply, whether taking classes on-site, or on-line”*

*Kim Spencer, VHIMA Scholarship recipient 2011 - Stephens College pursuing on-line Bachelor Degree in Health Information Administration (on-line)*

## News from AHIMA:

The results are final for the 2012 AHIMA Board of Directors and members of the Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM). Congratulations to the newly elected leaders, and all candidates that agreed to be included on the ballot. We would like to thank our Teller, John Ruth, MBA, RHIA, for verifying the results of the 2011 AHIMA Election Ballot. The results are:

### AHIMA Board of Directors

#### President-elect

Kathleen A. Frawley, JD, MS, RHIA, FAHIMA

#### Directors

Ann Frischkorn Chenoweth, MBA, RHIA

Dwayne M. Lewis, RHIT, CCS

Melissa M. Martin, RHIA, CCS

Commission on Certification for Health Informatics and Information Management (CCHIIM)

Karl J. Koob, MMIS, RHIA, FAHIMA, CPEHR

Lou Ann Schraffenberger, MBA, RHIA, CCS, CCS-P, FAHIMA

Cynthia A. Spann, MIS, RHIA, CHPS, CCS, CCS-P

A total of 6,173 votes were received. We are excited to report that this is an increase from 10% last year to 13% this year! We continue to strongly emphasize and encourage more members to vote in the future. Please visit the State Leader and HOD CoP to see how your state participated in the election. The CSA Voter Listing is located in the State Leader and HOD CoP, under the "Community Topic, "AHIMA Election-2011."

### Thank You Nominating Committee

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for their excellent work in developing the slate of candidates, monitoring the Candidate CoP and marketing the balloting process.

The committee is:

Rose Dunn, MBA, CPA, RHIA, FAHIMA, FACHE-Chair

Members:

Sue Biedermann, MSHP, RHIA, FAHIMA

Alicia Blevins, RHIA, CHP

Jill Callahan Dennis, JD, RHIA

Ginna Evans, MBA, RHIA, FAHIMA

Diane Larson, MA, RHIA, CHPS

Jennifer McManis, RHIT

Julie Wolter, MA, RHIA, FAHIMA

Kurt Zimmermann, RHIA

*Thank you for making this election a priority!*

## **BELOW IS A LIST OF VHIMA PAST PRESIDENTS**

**May we always remember and honor their contributions to  
VHIMA**

<b>Helen Titus, RRL 1951-1952</b>	<b>Naomi Thacker, RRL 1970-1971</b>	<b>Kathy Byrd, ART 1991-1992</b>
<b>Betsy Smith, RRL 1952-1955</b>	<b>Barbara Lee Peace, RRL* 1972-1973</b>	<b>Paige Ashley, RRA 1992-1993</b>
<b>Clarence Cauble, RRL 1953-1954</b>	<b>Linda Kasey, RRA 1972-1973</b>	<b>Edna Jones, RRA 1993-1994</b>
<b>Ellen Willis, RRL 1954-1955</b>	<b>Tommi Tomlinson, RRA 1973-1974</b>	<b>Don Hardwick, RRA 1994-1995</b>
<b>Clarence Cauble, RRL 1955-1956</b>	<b>Pat Mays, ART 1974-1975</b>	<b>Marion Swaim, RRA 1995-1996</b>
<b>Margaret Appleman, RRL 1955-1956</b>	<b>Becky Davenport, RRA 1975-1976</b>	<b>Arnita Perry, RRA 1996-1997</b>
<b>Nina Hayes, RRL 1957-1958</b>	<b>Barbara Fuller, RRA* 1976-1977</b>	<b>Carol Smith, RRA 1997-1998</b>
<b>Carolina Beattie, RRL 1958-1959</b>	<b>Barbara Fuller, RRA* 1977-1978</b>	<b>Kathy Byrd, RRA 1998-1999</b>
<b>Ruth Johnson, RRL 1959-1960</b>	<b>Lore Grob, RRA 1978-1979</b>	<b>Linda Vernon, RHIA 1999-2000</b>
<b>Marie P. Turner, RRL 1960-1960</b>	<b>Pat Mays, ART 1979-1980</b>	<b>Paula Moore, RHIA 2000-2001</b>
<b>Margaret Jones, RRL 1960-1961</b>	<b>Barbara Lee Peace, RRA* 1980-1981</b>	<b>Carol Smith, RHIA 2001-2002</b>
<b>Marie P. Turner, RRL 1961-1962</b>	<b>Dare Gray, ART 1981-1982</b>	<b>Lou Cassman-Ventura, RHIA 2002-2003</b>
<b>Chivie Stuckey, RRL 1962-1963</b>	<b>Dare Gray, ART 1982-1983</b>	<b>Marion Swaim, RHIA 2003-2004</b>
<b>Midred St. Leger, RRL* 1963-1964</b>	<b>Florence Bishop, ART 1985-1986</b>	<b>Gloria Litton, RHIA, CCS 2004-2005</b>
<b>Helen Deeharn, RRL 1964-1965</b>	<b>Donna Clark, RRA 1984-1985</b>	<b>Linda Vernon, RHIA 2005-2006</b>
<b>Maebelle Blanchard, RRL 1965-1966</b>	<b>Susan Shackelford, RRA 1985-1986</b>	<b>Cindy Phelps, RHIA 2006-2007</b>
<b>Irene Carter, RRL 1966-1967</b>	<b>Susan Shackelford, RRA 1986-1987</b>	<b>Karen Phipps, RHIA 2007-2008</b>
<b>Mary Abney Smith, RRL 1967-1968</b>	<b>Dianne Ferrell, RRA 1987-1988</b>	<b>Arnita Perry, RHIA 2008-2009</b>
<b>Mildred St. Leger, RRL* 1968-1969</b>	<b>Mildred Taylor, ART 1988-1989</b>	<b>Patty Campola, RHIA 2009-2010</b>
<b>Naomi Thacker, RRL 1969-1970</b>	<b>Jere Mundy, RRA 1989-1990</b>	<b>Kim Galloway, RHIA / Cindy Phelps, RHIA 2010-2011</b>
	<b>Debbie Roberson, RRA 1990-1991</b>	