



## “NEWSLETTER”

January 2010

### President’s Address:

January is a time for renewal and innovation. In our healthcare institutions we strive to lower costs and bring technology to the forefront to accomplish quality care for all our patients. We Materials and Resource Management Executives must always keep in mind that patient care is the reason for our existence. Our Value Analysis Teams are constantly bringing new technology to their meetings for discussion and approval for use in our institutions.

These Teams should be commended for the tireless efforts they put forth in choosing what is right for patient outcomes at an affordable cost. In many IDNs the Teams are divided to cover Nursing, Lab, Radiology, OR, Facilities, Respiratory, and Orthopedics. The Committees contain approximately fifteen to twenty members each. The coordination and implementation of approved items entails many educational in-services to insure smooth transitions of equipment and product conversions.

The HMMS-NJ Board and I would like to make January “Appreciate Your Value Analysis Team Month”. We sometimes do not realize all they do to provide quality products, services and equipment. Thank you Value Analysis Professionals for all you do for our HealthCare Institutions.



**Neil Marek, Executive VP of HMMS-NJ and Value Analysis Coordinator, Liberty HealthCare System is presented “Value Analysis Team Professional of the Year” at our last Board Meeting by his son, Morris Plains Mayoral Candidate, Wayne Marek.**

**AHRMM Update by Jean DeFino, Vice President of Correspondence:**

John Brede, President of HMMS-NJ and Region 2 Board Representative for AHRMM, will attend his first Board meeting in Houston, Texas from February 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup>. He will be traveling to all Region 2 Chapters to update them on the direction the Board will take under its new President, Ray Moore.

Agatha Wharff, a long time AHRMM employee will be retiring on January 29, 2010. Agatha has been with AHRMM for 21 years and is responsible for providing all Continuing Education Units for educational programs. We wish you the best in your retirement!

**Educational update by Neil Marek, Executive Vice President/Education:**

- February 24<sup>th</sup>- “Orthobiologics-What Materials Managers Should Know” Presented by Bill Maher at Ocean Medical Center, Brick, NJ
- March 18<sup>th</sup>- “ Strategic Sourcing” Presented by David Kaczmarek at the Kenilworth Inn, Kenilworth, NJ

**Membership Update by Bill Schweber, Vice President of Membership and Special Events:**

**Welcome new members:**

**Wayne Marek  
Paul Lambert  
Steve Johnson  
Jon Brlas**

**Ed Olexa  
David Young  
Bob Sariago  
John Kalman**

**Brad Pedrow  
Bruce Marks**

**Congratulations to all!!!!**



**New Members Ed Olexa and David Young of A & M smile for the camera.**



**Wayne Marek becomes an Honorary Lifetime Member for his dedicated service to HMMS-NJ**

**Some precious moments at the Annual Membership Holiday Extravaganza!**



**All's well with the Liberty HealthCare System Crew. Congratulations Alex Zimmermann on her promotion to Director of Materials Management. (far right)**



**Jon Brlas, Robert Sariago and HMMS-NJ VP of Marketing, Steve Faup, enjoy dinner.**



**Rob Scarola of County Graphics, Eric De Jonge of SOCH, and John Kalman of Precision Surgical pose for Jean DeFino's camera.**



**Matt of Nixon Uniforms poses with Drew Linfante of Mountainside Hospital and Steve Altman retired HMMS-NJ Board VP of Membership**