

# Local Notes

Central New York HFMA Chapter

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## Congratulations!!

In case you missed our Awards Presentation on February 8<sup>th</sup>, here is a list of our Members of Distinction that were honored :

### Medal of Honor:

William Corbin  
John De Koff  
Joseph DeMeo

### Muncie Gold Award:

Aileen Balitz

### Reeves Silver Award:

Anita Anderson  
Matt Huber

### Follmer Bronze Award:

Eric Fehrman

Thank you to all of volunteers who won awards. It is just a small token of our appreciation, but our local chapter wouldn't be such a success without your dedication.

The event was a huge success yet again! Check out the last page of the newsletter for some pictures from that evening.

If you would like to find out more information on how you can volunteer and earn one of these prestigious awards, head over to the local chapter website at [www.cnyhfma.org](http://www.cnyhfma.org) and click on "Chapter Information."

## *A Word from our Chapter President*

Dear Fellow Members,

Spring has finally arrived in Central New York! As is the tradition, the Central New York Chapter of HFMA is in full swing with all the annual seminars and the Board of Directors and Committee Members are already making plans for the upcoming 2007-2008 fiscal year beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> we're putting together a different kind of seminar but one we believe is critical to the future of Healthcare. The title of this seminar is Healthcare Integration. The focus will be how Hospital and Physicians can be aligned to meet the challenges associated with "value based" health insurance and evidence based care of the patients. We anticipate a diverse crowd for this event and have moved it to a new location – The Century Club in Downtown Syracuse. As an added enticement to all those interested, we are including a networking cocktail party after the seminar. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this unique afternoon.

April always brings about significant planning time for the Board of Directors. As part of the ongoing leadership of the chapter, we will be asking members to vote for the new slate of officers and board members for the up coming year. If you are interested in being a volunteer leader of our chapter, please contact me at anytime to discuss the various opportunities. [Matthew T Huber@KeyBank.com](mailto:Matthew_T_Huber@KeyBank.com), or my office; (315) 470-5130.

Lastly, we continue to encourage our members to stay close to HFMA in the variety of seminars and events being scheduled for your benefit. The value of networking with our peers and listening to the various experts in the Healthcare finance fields is the only way we can navigate through these uncertain times in our industry. The change in leadership at the state level and next year's changes at the Federal level, create a level of unknown and uncertain times for Healthcare. Our only defense and offense as manager/leaders is to ensure we are as informed as possible to lead our organizations into providing the very best Healthcare for our patients in Central New York.

Thank you for all your continued support of HFMA of Central New York

Matthew T. Huber  
Chapter President  
HFMA of Central New York

**Looking for a New Position?**  
Check out the local chapter website at [www.cnyhfma.org](http://www.cnyhfma.org) for a listing of current positions available.  
If you would like to post an opening, please send a Word Document or .pdf file to [Matthew\\_T\\_Huber@KeyBank.com](mailto:Matthew_T_Huber@KeyBank.com)

## *Is Certification For You???*

HFMA's certification programs lead to the designations "Certified Healthcare Financial Professional" (CHFP) and "Fellow of the Healthcare Financial Management Association" (FHFMA). Meeting the HFMA certification requirements helps prepare you for increasingly responsible positions in the healthcare industry and demonstrates your dedication to professional development. Currently, the Central New York Chapter of the HFMA has only 10 certified members.....are you the next one??????????

Why get certified? Survey results indicate a relationship between certification and career advancement. Certified members of HFMA tend to earn a higher annual salary and are more likely to be hired for upper-level positions in healthcare finance. They are respected members of the healthcare leadership team. View the chart on the next page to see how easy the process really is.

To find out more about the Certification process and the Central New York Chapter's initiative to increase the number of Certified members in Central New York, contact the Chapter's Certification Chairperson John Milligan FHFMA, CHE, CPA at [JMilligan@fcc-cpa.com](mailto:JMilligan@fcc-cpa.com) or view a copy of the HFMA Certification Brochure at HFMA's web page ([http://www.hfma.org/NR/rdonlyres/F1B3741E-AAE2-4CB1-956B-E5DF94899318/0/Certification\\_Brochure\\_updated\\_10\\_06.pdf](http://www.hfma.org/NR/rdonlyres/F1B3741E-AAE2-4CB1-956B-E5DF94899318/0/Certification_Brochure_updated_10_06.pdf))

This brochure summarizes information about program requirements, includes application and order forms, and contains information about the HFMA Certification Maintenance requirements.



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## HFMA Certification Requirements

- Two years total as a regular HFMA member
- Two years of professional experience in either the health care or finance industries
- 60 semester hours of college coursework or 60 professional development contact hours
- References from a current elected chapter officer or director, and your CEO or supervisor
- Successful completion of the HFMA Core certification examination
- Successful completion of one HFMA specialty certification examination\*
- Submit conforming application with one-time fee

*\*Note: Exams may be taken at any time after you become an HFMA member, and include Accounting and Finance, Financial Management of Physician Practices, Managed Care, and Patient Financial Services*

### **Become a Certified Healthcare Financial Professional (CHFP)**

Status must be maintained every three years by earning 90 contact hours

- Five years total as a regular or advanced HFMA member
- Bachelors degree or 120 semester hours from an accredited college or university
- Reference from an HFMA Fellow or current elected chapter officer or director
- Volunteer activity that includes one of the following:
  - Earn the Follmer Bronze Award
  - Volunteer in the chapter and earn two Founders points (under the new system ) for two consecutive years
  - Volunteer service for two years in a healthcare industry organization
- Submit conforming application with one-time fee

### **Achieve Fellowship Status (FHFMA)**

Status must be maintained every three years by earning 90 contact hours

# Education Wonderland

Don't miss this exciting seminar...

**May 15th Healthcare Integration - How can Hospitals and Physicians align in order to meet the challenges associated with "value based" health insurance and evidence based care?**

- Pay for Performance presented by David E Daniels, ESQ
- Gainsharing presented by David Miller
- Group Practices Without Walls presented by Alan G. Badey

See the webpage at [www.cnyhfma.org](http://www.cnyhfma.org) and click on "Education" for more details. You can register online or contact Anita Anderson at [anita.anderson@sjhsyr.org](mailto:anita.anderson@sjhsyr.org) Eric Fehrman at [efehrman@fcc-cpa.com](mailto:efehrman@fcc-cpa.com)

Have an idea for a session? Contact Anita Anderson at [anita.anderson@sjhsyr.org](mailto:anita.anderson@sjhsyr.org).

## Welcome to the Chapter!

Melanie Miller

Carl Isley  
Vice President – Group Manager  
M&T Bank Corporation

Eleanor Housworth  
Special Projects Analyst  
United Health Services Hospital, Inc.

Robert Wilkinson  
Vice President  
M&T Bank Corporation

# Party!!



Silver Award Winner Matt Huber, President presenting the Bronze Medal Award to Eric Fehrman, Treasurer

Matt Huber, President and Silver Medal Winner Anita Anderson, President Elect



Matt Huber, President and Gold Medal Winner Aileen Balitz, Past President