



## November Newsletter President's Message



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I am very excited to share information on several outstanding and informative chapter events and conferences. The Fall Institute (The Birthday Bash) was on October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Omni Houston Hotel and a huge success. It provided the potential to gain 7 CPE points. The Program Chair, Patrick Mason, and the committee worked diligently to plan an interesting and relevant conference. We recently published our annual "Gold Sponsor's Special Edition" Newsletter.

The Communications Chair, Vania Duckett, and the committee also worked diligently to publish this additional Newsletter. Did you know that we are the only chapter in the Texas region to publish this special newsletter recognizing our sponsors? We appreciate our sponsors and invite you to join this elite group. I appreciate Patrick and Vania for "stepping up" to support and improve our Chapter. Please visit our website at <http://www.hfmatxgc.org/> for a copy of the Gold Sponsor's Newsletter and information on upcoming events.

In September, Tonie Bayman, President Elect and I attended the Fall President's meeting. We learned more about our Region 9 counterparts and their methods for achieving CBSC goals. Overall, it was an excellent time investment and allowed us to gather ideas that will add value to your HFMA membership.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to help our Chapter be successful. At the moment, we are in need of volunteers for the Program, Membership, Sponsorship and Certification committees. Volunteering is a great way to meet your peers, make new friends and learn new leadership skills. More importantly, it offers leadership opportunities within the Chapter. As previously stated, I joined the Chapter in 2007, immediately got involved in planning the 2008 Spring Institute, and later joined the Sponsorship Committee. Over the past 9 years, my activities with HFMA have enabled me to meet many clients in a non-selling environment, build friendships, and better understand the financial aspects of healthcare.



Please reach out to me if you are interested in discussing the role HFMA has played in my professional career and tips for how it can benefit you. You have an open invitation to contact me anytime with your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions on events/topics that are important to you. Your chapter Officers and Board Members want your feedback on how we can "Step It Up", and better meet your needs.

Finally, I hope to see you at our upcoming events.