



President Kim Carter's Message

Road Trip!!

Hello, Oregon HFMA Members, Heroes, Friends! Here we are, facing the 2016 holiday season. Can you believe it? As you navigate the next two months into a Happy New Year, I want to invite you on a “road trip” with me into 2017 and beyond:

Strategic Plan – You will arrive at your destination in 2019. In the last newsletter, I introduced the four areas of our three-year strategic plan: education, networking, innovation, and technology. I wish every one of you could have heard the passion, engagement and creativity from our subgroups at our Oct. 19 board meeting. WOW! **How can you help?** Participate in an education focus group. Help get the word out for our first Emerging Leaders conference in February. Join one of the subgroups. Contact me and I will connect you. kicarter@lhs.org

Western Region Symposium – Vegas, Baby! Our Region 11 Symposium has expanded! Not only will the conference move back to Las Vegas in January, but it will also be jointly run and attended by both Region 10 and Region 11. That's 14 chapters uniting for a great connection, possibly the 2nd largest HFMA event, next to ANI. Can't wait to see you there! **Register at** <http://hfmaregion11symposium.org/>.

Emerging Leaders Conference – Help someone else take the wheel! We are trying innovative ways to increase education, support, and networking venues for those in the earlier phases of the career path. Building on our long tradition of relationships, mentoring and education, we will take one day in February for a keynote from Lisa Goren, Ted-talk-style presentations from seasoned and emerging leaders, education sessions, a speed-networking session and a career fair. Registration will be available soon, cost will be approx. \$50; student discounts available. **Tell your emerging leaders to SAVE the DATE: Feb. 15, 2017, in Vancouver, WA and the Heathman Lodge 11:30am – 6:00pm. (All are welcome!)**

February Oregon HFMA meeting - Where will 2017 take us? Feb. 15-17, the Oregon HFMA Winter Conference at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA, will once again bring quality education and networking connections. Stay tuned for more details on an exciting “**Freaky Friday**” experience between Finance and Patient Accounts!

Get your Disco on! – Next stop, Salishan! We’ll enjoy a keynote from Mary Mirabelli, HFMA Board Chair, who has a compelling story about why “Thrive” is her theme this year. Also, we’ll install the 2017-2018 leadership team, led by President-Elect Matt Navigato, who has chosen “**Studio 54, A Night of Disco**” as his banquet theme. **Get your costumes ready!**

Rest stop ahead: A new Venue in Bend! We’ll be meeting at the River House, July 19-21, 2017. **Save the date!!!**

Thank you for joining me on this little road trip through the next few months. I appreciate the opportunity to be the president of this GREAT chapter. It is just amazing to work with all of the volunteers who are stepping up to serve our entire membership this year. THANK YOU ALL!!!!