



**President's
Message**
April 2009



Ahoy, all you land-lubbers, our Spring Meeting and Annual Banquet is coming up in May, and it will again be at the ever-popular Salishan Resort on the Oregon Coast. Along with great educational sessions, we have the annual banquet where we thank this year's chapter leaders and welcome next year's. Wear your best pirate or wench get-ups as the theme is (you guessed it!) Pirates!

I'd like to take a little time to update everyone on what we planned to do this year, and what we have done so far.

Quality Programs – We have been able to bring some excellent speakers to our meetings this year, and in February, we again added a third track for Reimbursement. Jeanne Scott and John Mitchell provided great presentations on the state of healthcare in politics and the state of the economy. Andy Davidson from OAHHS gave a wonderful presentation in July on Oregon healthcare and the challenges we face. He will follow that up at the May meeting. Enormous thanks go to the Program chairs & co-chairs and all who helped bring excellent education to our chapter membership at a reasonable price.

www.OregonHFMA.org - Hongbao Ren has continued to improve our website adding job listings, sponsorship, and educational materials sections. If you haven't signed on in a while, please check it out.

Oregon Chapter Policy Manual – Mary Kjemperud and Cheryl Storey presented the first draft of several policies at our February Board meeting to complete our policy manual. We hope to wrap this up and publish all the policies on the website before the end of this fiscal year.

Getting to know each other – The Membership and Activities chairs and co-chairs have done a nice job in getting participants to meet each other in a fun way at our Social Hours. The games have been innovative and have been a great way to "break the ice".

We have also submitted applications for National recognition for our online registration process for meetings, improvements to our website, the addition of the Reimbursement track for education, and the outstanding improvement in certification training and exams taken. This last one is due to the hard work of Christoph Stauder and Sara Nofziger. As of January, exams taken have increased 400% and exams passed has increased 300%!

I hope to see you at the May 13-15, 2009 meeting and banquet! Registration is available from our website!

Barbara White, Oregon Chapter President 2008-09