

# News & Views

January 2011



## President's Message

Happy New Year! I know we all say it every year, but I can't believe it's 2011! Just like many other years, this one promises to be full of interesting challenges and changes- both personally and as it relates to our profession. Preparation and education is critical as the time continues to draw near for new regulations and changes come to life on topics such as ICD-10, HIPAA, HITECH, MU, just to name a few.

Some NHIMA committees have been busy working on educational opportunities. Please watch for future updates. I am super excited about the upcoming NHIMA Annual Convention! From the few details that I have been privy to, you will NOT want to miss this one- it is going to be fabulous!

Best wishes for a Happy New Year! *Angie Gage, NHIMA President*



## Celebrate NHIMA'S Diamond Jubilee!!

### 1951-2011

2011 marks NHIMA's 60th Year Diamond Jubilee as an organization. NHIMA was founded in 1951 and is still going strong. Join NHIMA for the 2011 Annual Convention being held on March 30-April 1, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Kearney, Nebraska.

Some of the topics include:

- e-HIM Enterprise Structure to be presented by Rita Bowen, AHIMA President
- ICD-10 Implementation and GEMs presented by Kathy DeVault, AHIMA Manager of Professional Practice Resources
- ICD-9 Hot topics in coding from AHA Coding Clinic Director, Nelly Leon-Chisen
- Physician Office Coding
- CAH Compliance Issues
- RAC Update
- Outpatient Coding and Compliance
- Performance Improvement
- ARRA, HITECH, EHR and Meaningful Use
- Healthcare Reform Update - Where we stand now
- Vendor Exhibits

### **Volunteers Needed:**

*If you are interested in putting your name on the NHIMA ballot for 2011, please contact Michelle Ilsley ([milsley@nebraskamed.com](mailto:milsley@nebraskamed.com)). Nominations are being taken for President-elect, Director, Treasurer & Nominating Committee.*

As part of the 60th Year Diamond Jubilee celebration there will be a drawing for a diamond necklace! Don't miss out on the fun, networking and education opportunity! Information on registration will be out soon.



### **Pictures – Pictures - Pictures**

The annual convention committee is looking for pictures of our members to use at the convention. Do you have any pictures you would be willing to share? If so, please contact Theresa Rihanek at [ktrihanek@msn.com](mailto:ktrihanek@msn.com)

**Do you know these past Board Members?** *Answers in next month's issue.*

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**Dates to Remember:** March 30 – April 1, 2011 – NHIMA Annual Convention in Kearney