



AUGUST EDUCATIONAL MEETING

Mark Huhta, Regional Sales Director, from Peak Health Solutions, as well as GeBBS Healthcare Solutions, sponsored the first educational session for our CLA with a \$200 gift card and \$50 gift card, respectively. Mark was able to join us and informed everyone what Peak Health Solutions has to offer. A flyer describing the GeBBS' coding audit software product, iCode Assurance, was also handed out. An excellent dinner followed.

Debi Primeau of Primeau Consulting

Group led a very interesting educational session on information governance, "How IG and Data Analytics Intersect: HIM Lessons Learned from Online Goliaths." Following Debi's presentation, Lori Rhett's was the lucky winner of the \$200 gift card and Kerith Day of the \$50 gift card raffle. As for the White Elephant Auction, there were three lucky bidders of three items. The first item auctioned was a set of three beautiful Noritake serving bowls to high bidder Tanya Collins after a really fierce bidding war

with Dana Kearney. The next item auctioned was a bottle of red wine, also won by Tanya Collins. Eric Jacobson was the happy high bidder of the hand-painted wine glasses. Tanya, as she has done many times before, then donated back the Noritake bowls that were then won by Dana Kearney.

All in all, money raised for the Joan Ziegelmeier Scholarship Fund in just this first IAHIA meeting totaled \$300! We are off to a great start for the 2017-2018 term!



Lori Rhett's
 Peaks \$200 Raffle Winner



Mark Huhta, Regional Sales Director
 Peak Health Solutions

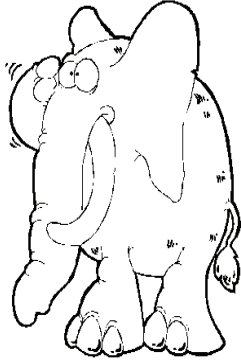


Debi Primeau, President of Primeau Consulting Group, and Melany Merryman, Board Liaison

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WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION



By now you may have heard that IAHA not only has a **Scholarship Fund**, but conducts a **“White Elephant Auction”** at every meeting to build that fund. So what exactly **IS** a white elephant auction? According to **Wikipedia**, the term [“white elephant”](#) refers to an extravagant but burdensome gift that cannot be easily disposed of, based on the legend of the [King of Siam](#) gifting rare albino elephants to [courtiers](#) who had displeased him, that they might be ruined by the animals' upkeep

costs. In modern times, a white elephant sale is a collection of used items being sold much like a yard sale. White elephant sales are typically organized by non-profit organizations such as churches and schools to raise money for a charity cause. Our **White Elephant Auction** is similar in that the item can be either new or slightly used and we auction it off to the highest bidder. We typically have a broad range of items donated and in the past have auctioned off designer bags, jewelry,

candles, plants, seasonal items such as Christmas decorations, scarves, art, glassware, **YOU NAME IT!** We just ask that the articles be in great condition. It is a wonderful way to “re-gift” that item in your closet that is too pretty to throw away. So clean out your drawers and bring something cool to donate! And keep in mind that both those that donate and the buyers present are all contributing to a **very worthy cause!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO TABITHA “TABA” WEST

Congratulations to our IAHA 2018 President Elect, Tabitha ‘Taba’ West, who has completed a Master of Science in Health Information Management (HIM) in July, 2017. Taba anticipates taking the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) exam November/December, 2017, and she is also enrolled in the Fall 2017 Health Informatics Certificate program with the

College of St. Scholastica.

Taba has served as committee member for CHIA’s Editorial Advisory Board (2016-2017) and CHIA’s 2017 Awards and Scholarship Committee. She currently serves on the CHIA Legislation and Advocacy Committee (2017-2018).

Taba “enjoys working with all the various CHIA committees as I enjoy the collaboration and meeting new people. I also

enjoy attending the IAHA educational events and participating in the White Elephant auction. I look forward to continuing working with my CHIA and IAHA colleagues as we each grow professionally and academically. Thus, we strive to research solutions and share knowledge to improve the advancement of the HIM profession nationally and globally.”

IAHIA SCHOLARSHIP



The Inland Area Health Information Association (IAHIA) offers a scholarship to our members that is funded by the White Elephant Auction held at each meeting.

Applicants must be a student member of CHIA and IAHA or an active member of IAHA pursuing

an advanced HIM certification (CCS to RHIT, RHIT to RHIA, etc.).

All applicants must be currently enrolled in a CA-HIIM accredited HIA or HIT program and enrollment will be verified with program director.

Check the AHIA website

or the newsletter regularly for updates for more details, when, and where to apply.

JOB BOARD

Visit this link <http://jobboard.californiahia.org/jobseeker> for the following available jobs:

Remote Outpatient/APC Coding Auditor | \$75-100K | Job #1723 H.I.M. Recruiters – Your Home Office, AL, United States

Senior Level Remote Inpatient Coding Consultant Ciox Health – AZ, United States

Inpatient Coders - Remote PRN or FT! Ciox Health – AZ, United States

Remote Medical Inpatient (IP) Coders | Certification required, Work from home Healthcare Coding and Consulting Services – Remote - Work from Home, NA, United States

Remote Outpatient Coder | \$54-58K | Job #1718 H.I.M. Recruiters – Home-based (Remote), AL, United States

Medical Coding Educator City of Hope – Monrovia, CA, United States

DIRECTOR OF CODING -- WEST COAST (19070) STERN & ASSOCIATES, INC. – CA, United States

2017 AHIMA CONVENTION AND EXHIBIT

AHIMA's Convention and Exhibit is here this year at the LA Convention Center from October 7-11. AHIMA pre-convention is from October 6-8 with separate meetings and workshops. There will be a Clinical Coding meeting Saturday and Sunday,

October 7-8, and then General Convention starts Monday, October 9 until Wednesday, October 11. Check the AHIMA website at AHIMA.org/convention for more details and registration information.



UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

September 28, 2017: Tanya Collins (Secondary diagnoses)
Sponsored by Oxford Healthcare Technology at Cask 'n Cleaver

December 7, 2017: Taryn Henley (Infusions and E&M)
Sponsored by SoftScript

February 15, 2018: Warren Arnold (Leadership or Compliance)

March 22, 2018: Melany Merryman (Concurrent scanning)

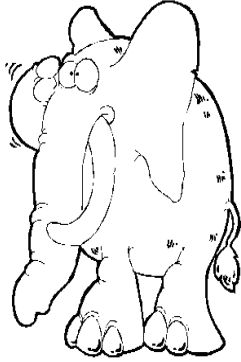
April 26, 2018: Madhu Subherwal (CDI)

May 24, 2018: HOD Topics, Installation dinner



Kerith Day winner of GeBBS \$50 Gift Card

WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTION HIGH BIDDERS



Tanya Collins high bidder
of bottle of red wine



Eric Jacobson high bidder
of hand-painted wine glasses



Dana Kearney with her beautiful
Noritake serving bowls

IAHIA MINUTES

Financial Report: Total: \$10,817.20

CLA Board Updates

Review of critical deadlines:

July 31 - Nominating Committee Rep

Aug 1 - Financial Reports

Jan 31 - Financial Reports

Feb 28 - Leadership Rosters

May 1 - Proposed Budget

May 1 - Annual Report