



VAHRMM Newsletter

The Spring Meeting will be “Blooming” Great Speakers

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The 2015 Spring Meeting speakers have a great agenda ready for the audience!

The event will be hosted on the beautiful campus of Augusta Health in Fishersville, VA. Friday April 24th, from 9am until 3pm est.

Registration is still open at the following link: [Spring Meeting Registration](#)

Many thanks to the Augusta Health team for hosting two years in a row!



This great educational opportunity is offered at no cost to attendees and provides the opportunity to take advantage of CEUs (required for many certifications).

The event will kickoff with breakfast and a morning networking opportunity.

The first speaker to present, Steve Thompson from Cardinal, will be “Cracking the Bullwhip” to explain how supply and demand of inventory affect your operations.

Next we will hear from Andrew Van Sumeren, a “Lean Six Sigma” specialist from GE Healthcare Supply Chain, discussing best practices to launch a new product or process.

Following Andrew’s presentation, we will enjoy lunch and a great time to network with your peers and meet folks that are new to the area and/or organization. Always a great way to get caught up!

Following lunch, Doug Jones – AVP Sourcetrust, will be providing insightful information about today’s physician and what motivates them; the current medical device landscape including new technology; and will identify the newest trends in medical devices

We will end the day with a presentation from one of our local Directors of Materials Management, Kim Bradley from Sentara Healthcare.

Kim will discussing a very important topic that recently concerned every healthcare provider, “Ebola - The next big change in clinical practice regarding infectious diseases”

We look forward to seeing you all there!



2015 Fall Meeting "Save the Date" October 14th – 16th

Don't forget about VAHRMM Bucks!

Many ways to earn and the VAHRMM bucks can be used toward door prizes at the fall meeting!

The 2015 Fall Meeting planning is well under way!

The meeting is scheduled for October 14th through 16th at the beautiful Marriott City Center in Newport News, VA.

You registration will be available sometime early fall on our website at the following link:

<https://www.vahrmm.net/>

Your VAHRMM board members are in full swing with planning the events to ensure that the members have an educational and fun time, full of networking opportunities!

Our keynote speaker will be Curtis Zimmerman of the Zimmerman Group.

Curtis Zimmerman launched his quest of inspiring others to live the dream over 20 years ago in Los Angeles, California, as a nationally recognized mime, juggler and fire-eater.

He has incorporated his extraordinary talents into a powerful and far-reaching message that takes lives to a higher level of performance.

Prepare yourselves to be empowered, challenged, and changed.



Congratulations to Riverside Health System!!

Riverside Health System receives national award from Premier, Inc. for commitment to transforming healthcare

The annual award, named in honor of Premier's CEO from 1997 to 2009, recognizes a Premier member that is a leader in leveraging the collaborative power of the alliance to drive higher-quality, safer and more cost-effective healthcare. Riverside is the sole winner among Premier's alliance of approximately 3,400 U.S. hospitals.



President's Message - January 2015

Dear VAHRMM members,

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Well, it's that time of year again. The New Year is here and we just finished the holiday rush and stress of decorating, shopping, and traveling. In the healthcare profession, Supply Chain professionals felt the pressure of responding to the ever-changing PPE requirements as our country dealt with the Ebola crisis reaching our shores. Those, sometimes daily, changes tested not only those of us in Supply Chain, but our clinical team members, and our supply manufacturers. The collaborative efforts of those within our own facilities, alongside other healthcare facilities, and government officials, has been historical. Having to respond to evolving protocols and training of staff and the effect on our supply chain has made many of us reevaluate our supply preparedness in ways that we had previously not considered. What we learned as we moved through this latest crisis will be valuable in years, and situations, to come.

We are also busy on the VAHRMM Board. As soon as our Fall 2014 conference wrapped up, we began brainstorming for our next conference. Once again, Augusta Health (and Jim Keathley), has been kind enough to allow the use of their facilities for our Spring Conference. The date has been set, April 24th, 2015, and registration will be pushed out to everyone as our agenda falls into place.

We're looking forward to the 2015 Fall Conference which is scheduled to be held October 14-16 again at the Newport News Marriott. We received valuable feedback, both at the conference and from the follow-up survey that we'll use to make some changes to improve your experience. Our goal is to continue to grow not only our conference, but our membership as well. We want to hear from you as to what we can do to continually increase the value of membership and attendance. Please reach out to me, or any of the board members, with your thoughts and suggestions.

In closing, thank you again for your continued support of our chapter. With the landscape of healthcare and Supply Chain constantly changing, the peer resources I have found through my involvement with VAHRMM have proven invaluable. On behalf of the Board, we hope you feel the same. I hope that you and yours had a wonderful holiday season and we look forward to seeing you at the Spring Conference.

Sincerely,

Christy H. Reese

VAHRMM President