

Chapter Member Spotlight: Karen Meyer

Karen Meyer has been a member of the Indiana Pressler Memorial Chapter of the HFMA for nearly thirty years. Over the course of her membership, Karen believes that HFMA has made a significant difference in her career. Through her membership, in addition to education, Karen has been able to network with peers, meet potential mentors and mentor others.

Karen wants to help other members enjoy the same benefits she has appreciated. “I want to make a difference,” she says, when asked about her participation as a board member of her chapter, a member of the Education Committee and a member of various IHA and IRHA committees.



When asked why she would recommend membership in HFMA, Karen said that membership is important but active membership is much more beneficial. She said, “The statement “you get out what you put in” is especially true for HFMA. Members have the opportunity to determine programming, location and other activities by actively participating on a committee or attending the mini-LTC.” And of course, they can enjoy the same benefits Karen herself has enjoyed.

Karen began her healthcare finance career at Blue Cross in the Provider Audit Department. She then took a position at Major Hospital in Shelbyville. She credits mentor Al White, former CFO of Johnson Memorial Hospital, with much of her early success. “I first met Al while he was also employed at Blue Cross. Being an auditor does not really prepare you to handle the responsibilities of the financial side of a hospital. Al graciously answered the questions I had and his guidance

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was very instrumental in my ability to succeed at Major Hospital and at Rush Memorial Hospital, where I am today.” Through HFMA Karen has been able to give back by mentoring others.

When asked to identify the greatest challenges in healthcare finance today, Karen points to the constantly changing regulatory and payment environment. She also advocates the importance of understanding reimbursement, which in her opinion, is one of the more complex and difficult areas of healthcare.

In her free time Karen likes to garden, scuba dive, antique and watch football (Go Colts!). She also loves spending as much time with her family as she can. She and her husband Bill have two married children, Matt and Danny, as well as the “cutest granddaughter in the world”, Amelia.

Karen is the Vice President of Finance and the Chief Financial Officer at Rush Memorial Hospital in Rushville, Indiana. She is actively involved in your Indiana Pressler Memorial Chapter, which includes being on the Chapter’s Board of Directors for the current 2018-2019 fiscal year.

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