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## ***President's message***

*It's that time of year when we begin to focus on holidays - first Thanksgiving and then Christmas. Shall we all take a deep breath before plunging into all preparations? Before we get too involved in all the details, it might be good to make our list of blessings that we are thankful for right now. As the poem below says, every day is a good day to give thanks..*

*What are some things you are grateful for right now? I can think of a few:*

- *A job, in a time when many are without them.*
- *A great family.*
- *Good health.*
- *Shelter, food and clothing.*

- *A great church community.*
- *Great friends, including all of you in KAHDI.*

*If we have trouble finding things to be thankful for, let's try looking for someone who has it more difficult in life to see if we can help them. A few years ago I spent one afternoon a week helping in the office at the Lord's Diner in Wichita. Being there was a sure cure for feeling sorry for myself, because I could see how lucky I really was to have the belongings - and the support system - I did have. There is always a food drive or coat drive or something we can help with. Give it a try!*

***Nancy Huffman, KAHDI President***

### **I'm Thankful for You**

Thanksgiving is the appointed time for focusing on the good in our lives.

In each of our days,  
we can find small blessings,  
but too often we overlook them,  
choosing instead to spend our time  
paying attention to problems.

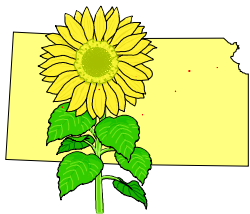
We give our energy  
to those who cause us trouble  
instead of those who bring peace.

Starting now,  
let's be on the lookout  
for the bits of pleasure in each hour,  
and appreciate the people who  
bring love and light to everyone  
who is blessed to know them.  
You are one of those people.

On Thanksgiving,  
I'm thankful for you.  
Happy Thanksgiving!

*By Joanna Fuchs*





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# November KAHDl Meeting

**Date:** Saturday, November 21, 2009

**Location:** Presbyterian Manor  
2300 Industrial Road  
Emporia, Kansas

**Hostess:** Cheryl Thompson

**8:45 - 9:00 a.m.**

**Coffee and Networking!**

**9:00 a.m.**

Marlene Hanson, LPN, WCC (Certified Wound Care) will be speaking on indications and various methods of treatment of wound care. 1 CEC in Clinical Medical.

**10:00 a.m.**

Debra Burris, RN, will be speaking on cardiac and diuretic medications as far as diagnosis for, side effects of, and normal dosing. 1 CEC in Medical Legal.

**11:15 a.m.**

Business Meeting

Agenda items:

KAHDl's Initiative for 2010 - What do we want to accomplish?

**Join us in Emporia and bring a friend!**

### Directions to the meeting at Presbyterian Manor:

Coming to Emporia off Highway 50 or off Interstate 135, entering Emporia from the west side: Follow Highway 50 into Emporia, when it turns into 12th Ave. Once inside city limits, turn north on Industrial Road. You will pass Walgreen's on the right and Dolly Madison on the left, pass over the interstate, and pass Walmart on the left. Immediately on your right will be Candlewood Drive. Turning on Candlewood Drive, you will see a tiny sign on your right-hand side that reads "Private Drive." Following the "Private Drive" and holding to your left at the branch in that road, you will enter the front parking lot. Once in the parking lot, please park at the far west and far north corner of the parking lot.

Entering Emporia via the Kansas Turnpike: After exiting the toll gate, hold to the left on I-35 and that will bring you down to exit 128. Coming off exit 128, turn right onto Industrial Road, passing Walmart on your left. Immediately on your right will be Candlewood Drive. Turning on Candlewood Drive, you will see a tiny sign on your right-hand side that reads "Private Drive." Following the "Private Drive" and holding to your left at the branch in that road, you will enter the front parking lot. Once in the parking lot, please park at the far west and far north corner of the parking lot.

You will enter Presbyterian Manor through the front door, crossing straight in front of the reception desk. Once past the reception desk, to your right you will see the elevator to the meeting rooms. Take the elevator down to the meeting room. Exiting the elevator, you will enter a small dining area and across from that will be the meeting room.

**A LINK TO THE GOOGLE MAP OF THIS LOCATION IS FOUND ON OUR WEB SITE: [WWW.KAHDl.COM](http://WWW.KAHDl.COM).**

# NEWS NOTES

**HOD News** - AHDI's House of Delegates (HOD) met October 28, 2009, for their regular quarterly meeting. One of the most important items discussed was the new universal bylaws for components. Beginning next year, every component will use the universal bylaws provided by AHDI. The only changes from state to state will be in the first paragraph or so, where identifying information concerning the location of that component will be stated. Using these universal bylaws will eliminate the need for revision of bylaws by the components every year. If anything specific to the component needs to be spelled out, that can be done in a policies and procedures document. We will need to discuss at KAHDl meetings if we want to have a policies and procedures document and what we would need to have in it. If we can all be thinking about this, that would be helpful.

At the HOD meeting, updates were given on various things AHDI is involved with, including the Health Story Project and a digital highway to link different MTSOs so that they can share medical records between them as electronic health records become a reality.

## *Minutes for September Meeting*

The meeting opened at 11:20 a.m. Nancy and others talked about the National Convention in Nashville, TN. Next year the convention will be held in Austin, TX.

We set up meetings for next year:  
January: Wichita  
March: Hutchinson - Elaine  
June: Wichita - Summer Symposium  
September: Wichita - Nancy  
November: Newton

Nancy will set up a Webinar. Sue motioned and Janie seconded.

We ended the meeting at 11:55 with a YouTube show featuring The Laryngospasms singing "Waking Up Is Hard To Do."

It was reported that the Power of Ten had netted \$4055 as of that date. The Power of Ten campaign is a fundraising plan to support AHDI's lobbying expenses in Washington, DC. Lobbying at this time is of critical importance in order to ensure that good health record guidelines are included in the health plan that Congress finally okays. If you want to contribute your \$10 to Power of Ten, go to [www.ahdionline.org](http://www.ahdionline.org) and you'll find a link there on the front page.

**Employment:** Did you know that AHDI has a job database for those looking for work in medical transcription? Go to [www.ahdionline.org](http://www.ahdionline.org), click on Resources in the bar across the top of the page, and then click Employment. On the page that opens, you will find a link titled HEALTHeCAREERS, which will take you to a job search screen.

**Join us for a meeting** - We would love to get to know you. You are not alone - there are many of us transcriptionists out there!

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**We would love to have your input:**

- Letters to the editor.
- Poems, essays.
- Resources you have found helpful.
- Anything of interest to other transcriptionists.

**Please send them to us at  
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