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FROM THE PRESIDENT

*H*oliday Greetings to our members and supporters! The year is rapidly drawing to an end, and I hope this message finds each of you well and enjoying the holiday season with family and friends.

As 2010 winds down, I'd like to send a big thank-you to the NYHIMA Board, Committee Chairs and Liaisons, and all the members who have so generously volunteered their time and talents at the local, state and national level and within their workplace to promote the profession. This has been another great year for us and it would not have been possible without your efforts.

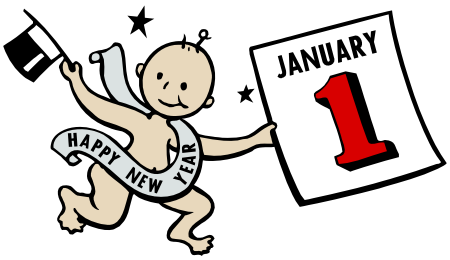
And behind the scenes we can always rely on our incredible Central Office staff. Chris Harrington and Vinnie Martiniano are always ready to support the leadership and assist our members. Please join me in thanking them for another year of a job well done!

The Central Office has worked hard over the past few months to transition us to a new membership product – the new and improved functionality will be a great benefit to our members. Chris and Vinnie have been working with the program developer, Membee, to update the database and gone through extensive training in preparation for rolling it out early in 2011. Watch for an email announcement from them with instructions on the new product and check out its features. The next step is a re-design of the Website that will incorporate many of the technological advances developed since we first went online – all with an eye to connecting our members in new ways and improving communication.

Board members are busy preparing their Winter meeting reports using a new template format that we are looking forward to using for the first time in January 2011. The goal is to strive for strategic excellence and to be engaged in value added activities in such a way that our volunteers do not feel overwhelmed and the membership is engaged. As always, your comments are encouraged and welcomed.

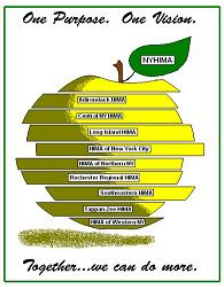
As 2010 draws to a close, I wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season and send best wishes for a prosperous New Year!

Tracy L. D'Errico, RHIA



NYHIMA NEWS AND INFORMATION

2011 Annual Conference



This year's conference — **'One Purpose. One Vision. Together . We Can Do More' —** will be hosted jointly by the four downstate locals – Long Island, New York City, Southeastern, and Tappan Zee – June 5-8, at the Hilton Rye Town Hotel, 699 Westchester Avenue in Rye Brook (Westchester County).

The program and arrangements committees have been hard at work over the summer to develop timely and interesting topics for the educational sessions and fun activities for your 'downtime.' If you're interested in volunteering on a planning committee and/or onsite during the conference, please send your contact information to Renato Estrella, Annual Conference Chair **by January 15** (restrella@nyqio.sdps.org) and let him know where you might be available to help out.

For a 'sneak preview' of the meeting venue, copy and paste the following URL into your Web browser, http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/RYEHIHH-Hilton-Rye-Town-New-York/index.do, and visit the hotel's Website. Then watch the NYHIMA Website for announcements of the preliminary program and registration information. Mark your calendar now and plan to be part of the excitement as NYHIMA comes to New York's Golden Apple area!

NYHIMA Receives Award

U.S. Commerce Association Honors Achievement

NYHIMA has been selected for the 2010 Best of Albany Award in the Health Association category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA).

The USCA "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the USCA identifies companies that they believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2010 USCA Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity, and winners are determined based on information gathered both internally by the USCA and data provided by third parties.

USCA is a New York City-based organization whose purpose is to promote local business through public relations, marketing and advertising. It was established to recognize the best of local businesses within their community. The group works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations, chambers of commerce and other business advertising and marketing groups. Its mission is to be an advocate for small and medium-size businesses across America.

Congratulations To

Donna Rugg, RHIT *[RRHIMA]* on the December 16 birth of her second granddaughter, Delaney Patricia Rugg.

Lindsay Williams, *[RRHIMA],* a student at Monroe Community College, on being selected as the first recipient of the AHIMA Foundation's Linda Kloss Honorary Endowed Scholarship and being featured in the December issue of AHIMA Advantage.