



# Who's Who in



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## Happy holidays from the INHIMA

The purpose of this newsletter is to introduce you to some of the incredible members we have in our group. We know some of the things about the members in our group, but each of us, has "a story to tell". Each meeting the winners of two of our drawings will be selected to share their story. We hope

that you enjoy this format. Let our new Board members for 2009 know what you think. They are Cindy Paap, President, Susan Blue, President Elect, Gina Scott, Director, and Monica Cantrell, Treasurer.

We wish you and your family a wonderful Holiday Season!

### Laura Browning, RHIT, CHS - Valley Hospital and Medical Center

Laura Browning grew up on a farm in Ephrata, Washington, and is married. She has two wonderful children, Joshua, 7, and Jenna, 3. She is an active PTSA board member at Joshua's school, and helps at their church whenever she can.

Laura has been employed with Valley Hospital and Medical Center and has been a coder at Deaconess Medical Center. She has also been a coder at Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee, Washington. Her career at Valley has included a number of positions such as on-call clerk, coder, lead coder, and most recently Core Measures Data Quality Analyst. She is one of our speaker's this evening, at our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter INHIMA Meeting, and will talk to us about "Core Measures along with Julie Hatch.

Laura chose Valley Hospital because she

loved the size of the hospital and was hired there as a new graduate after college. Laura says that it is "much easier to "wrap your arms around a project", and make changes in a hospital this size. She enjoys her co-workers and the management at the hospital

Laura was asked why she chose to work in HIM, and she replied, "I wanted to be in the medical profession, with no blood involvement". Many of us can relate to this statement. She likes her position in Core Measures because it is detail oriented, and you have to be an organized critical thinker. Laura feels that coding and core measures fit that perfectly. Her favorite part of the job is knowing that she makes a difference, and can leave her job at work when she goes home to her family.



## Laura's Story - (continued)

Laura is a very positive and upbeat person, but did tell us, when asked, what the least favorite part of her job was. She said the outside validation of her work was her least favorite. She stated that it is "because the pressure is on to ensure that the hospital receives the DRG payment amount they can."

We asked Laura what direction that she saw her job going in the future, and her reply was that she thinks core measures will be the biggest "buzzword" in their hospital. Laura Browning, RHIT is content in her job, and she is happy right where she is at. There is not another position in the hospital where she would rather be.

Some of her co-workers shared their comments about what it was like to work with Laura. This is what a few of them said:

"She is very professional and a definite team player" She is efficient, with a can do attitude, upbeat, friendly, polite, well groomed, fun to be around, tells interesting stories, cares about family, and follows up on questions.

"Always open to do whatever is asked of her, her work is accurate, and knowledge based. She remains calm under pressure."

The #1 reason is her positive attitude, and her wonderful sense of humor.

## Gina Scott, Pharm A Tech, RHIT, HUC

Many of you have seen the smiling face of our current President Gina Scott, but there are a few things that you may not know about her.

Did you know that besides being an RHIT, Gina Scott is a HUC, and is a Pharmacy A Tech? She currently works as a Pharmacy A Tech at Fred Meyer on Thor Street, in Spokane, Washington. She is the President of INHIMA for the 2008 year, and then will be serving as our Director in 2009. In addition she is on the Board of WSHIMA.

Gina is a fairly recent graduate of Spokane Community College (SCC) that is an AHIMA accredited program, of Health Information Technology (HIT). She has attended yearly class reunions with her classmates from the HIT programs, and has remained in contact with them throughout the years. In 2006, she took a job as manager of a Long Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH), which enabled her

to put her book knowledge and clinical practice to good use.

In 2007, she taught her first college course, as an Adjunct Instructor for SCC, while working her full time position. Her job and 34 students kept Gina very busy. This led to...Gina taking a sabbatical for a year to pursue family endeavors and re-entering the workforce part-time at the pharmacy in 2007.

Last month she was able to represent INHIMA at the National Convention as the president, and as a volunteer. Gina will be presenting this experience from the convention to us at our 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, INHIMA Meeting.

Thank you for a year of hard work in the INHIMA organization, Gina. Your dedication to the HIM profession is amazing



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## Season's greetings!

Survey:

2009 Board

*Would like your opinion on the following:*

1. *What is your Favorite type of food, Italian, Mexican, or Chinese?*
2. *Speakers or topics for speakers.*
3. *Any other suggestions?*

Christmas joke:

What do you call a person who is afraid of Santa Claus?

Claustrophobic! (What's the code for that?)

See you in 2009. Have a wonderful

