

Message from Your ACHE Regent Winter 2016

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

I trust that this note finds you well and that 2016 has dawned with optimism and hope. This message is intended to be a "winter" newsletter... at the fear of jinxing things let me simply say, "thank you!" to Mother Nature for giving us a break after last year's colossal attempt to banish even the hardiest of us to warmer climates.

Herewith an expedited look back at some of late 2015, forward to early 2016 and a reflection or two...

IHI – 27th Annual National Forum on Quality Improvement in Healthcare

In early December 2015, many healthcare change agents made the annual pilgrimage to Orlando, FL to attend the IHI's event focused on making the care we deliver better. It was great to see some familiar faces and encouraging seeing new, emerging leaders with audacious ideas and alternate approaches to addressing what ails us.

The IHI Improvement community bid a respectful and fond farewell to Maureen A. Bisognano, FACHE as she retired from her leadership role, and welcomed their new President and CEO Derek Feeley to his role.

Good luck to Taylan Bozkurt, MBA

It was a bittersweet good bye that we bid to our colleague and friend Tay Bozkurt at the end of last year. Tay has accepted the role as Assistant Chief Operating Officer and Director of Telemedicine at Burn and Reconstructive Centers of America based in Atlanta.

Tay was the epitome of what it meant to volunteer and lean in as a member of our chapter here in MA. Simply put, during his time serving our chapter as the Vice Chair for the Early Careerist Network he transformed this group, its efforts and impact. Our chapter is stronger today because of his hard work, willingness to do the work and ability to connect like-minded colleagues.

Thanks for your leadership and all your hard work Tay, for pushing us to try new and different approaches, and for being such a great role model. We miss you!

2016 Congress on Healthcare Leadership

For those planning to attend Congress in Chicago – we will have a terrific MA Chapter contingent on the ground – looking forward to seeing familiar faces and make new friends! This year, we are co-hosting our Chapter dinner with our CT Chapter Colleagues. If you've registered for Congress you should have received an invitation to join us for a dinner cruise on the evening of Monday, March 14.

Can't wait to see you all there – email or text me if you have questions, need anything or would simply like to say hello.

Leadership musing

In the fall of last year I was fortunate to spend time with an author and leadership guru that I have a great deal of respect for. Steve Farber is the author of The Radical LEAP – through some conversations with Steve I was reminded that leadership is less about title and role and more about how we do our work. Steve suggests that "Extreme Leadership" is doing what you do with love, energy, audacity and proof.

I was reminded that we must think of leadership more as a verb and less as a noun, and that being a leader in healthcare is a lot like what Terry Pearce said in his book "Leading Out Loud".

"There are many people who think they want to be matadors, only to find themselves in the ring with two thousand pounds of bull bearing down on them, and then discover that what they really wanted was to wear tight pants and hear the crowd roar."

New Opportunity

In closing, you'll notice from my email address below, that I have left CRICO and joined Wellesley Partners. This was not an easy decision, and yet one that I am very excited about for both the opportunities and the potential to continue to make an impact. I look forward to staying in touch.

Wishing you an enjoyable spring; rumor has it that it is just beyond the next snow-storm...

With love and respect,

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