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# West Michigan Current

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*Char Lipski, WMC 2011  
President*

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## President's Message

The first of the year always brings about change and this year started out with a bang. So many things have happened already and this is just the beginning.

First of all, AHDI is losing a great leader. For 7-1/2 years we have been under the guidance of Dr. Peter Preziosi, who is now leaving us to pursue broader opportunities in the health information technology field. He will be a hard act to follow and I wish him and his successor well.

The Great Lakes Region has formed and the board has started out strong. Once a month, they are focusing on getting the component leadership together for informational meetings. The January meeting focused on going over the components time line of activities and deadlines for the year. This really helped me focus on what I needed to get done as I have not been active in leadership for a few years now. The February meeting focused on stress. The next meeting will be March 26 at 12:30 p.m. at Davenport University in Lansing. Anyone can attend the meeting in Lansing or by webinar. If interested, you can contact me and I will provide you with the webinar link or directions to the university.

In January, AHDI sponsored a Component Leadership Webinar. This webinar was very informative regarding all the goals AHDI will focus on for the year and the part we play in helping them achieve their goals. The main goals are credentialing and education. A Certification Connector will be set up for WMC to organize a study group to accomplish this goal. We have asked Jaime LeQuire to take over this project. More information will follow as we get this set up.

The Outreach Workgroup for News and Networking is a new group set up for components to have a Social Media Specialist. This person would tap into the potential contacts of the online media. They would create and maintain social sites for our chapter. The AHDI group train the SMS leaders. Peggy Smith has accepted the

## Good Luck Sam in Your Retirement!

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Sam

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Former West Michigan Chapter President Sharon "Sam" Stolcenberg is retiring from Spectrum Health after working there for over 16 years. Sam has also worked in other medical transcription positions. She has always been an untiring advocate for the medical transcription field.

When I asked Sam what she will be doing in retirement, she answered, "I plan on redoing the inside of my house -one room at a time. It's fun!" It sounds like she is redoing all the wood, painting, etc. Sam also plans on visiting her children and grandchildren around the country. Please wish Sam well and look for her new career as host of the cable home improvement show, Redorating with the Stars!

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SMS position and will attending the training.

Our task of finding a newsletter editor has been achieved. Liz Aschwege volunteered to help out with this task. Communication is real important in maintaining a successful organization. We would like to thank Liz for helping keep the communication lines open for WMC.

The biggest change overall are the passing of the bylaws. Our governing function will change from regions to districts. If the outlined plans remain the same, our district will be the combination of the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Michigan. This is a very widespread area and means sometimes traveling longer distances for symposiums. I am not sure if these are set in stone as the reshaping is starting to take place.

With the vast amount of changes taking place, we will have many goals to accomplish. We need to remain strong in order to achieve our goals. Please help us out by volunteering to help ensure our chapter remains strong.



## Cardiomyopathy

The Fennville High School Boys Basketball Team was in the midst of a team celebration when everything suddenly turned confused, hectic, and anything but celebratory.

That's what Jocelyn and Gary Leonard, the parents of Wes Leonard, remember about the moments immediately following their son's sudden collapse and death -- shortly after his game-winning shot saved an unbeaten regular season for the Fennville (Mich.) High School boys' basketball team.

Fennville won three games after Leonard, 16, suddenly collapsed and died March 3. An autopsy determined he went into cardiac arrest due to an enlarged heart.

Every parents' nightmare, a child dies suddenly, seemingly in good health, top athletic shape, and a mere 16 years old.

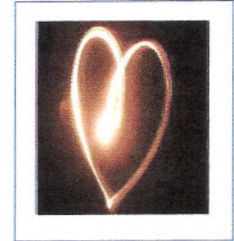
An enlarged heart is a symptom of an existing condition in the body. Cardiomyopathy is a condition where there is a dysfunction of the heart muscles which can be the result of a virus or other similar infecting agents. Dilated cardiomyopathy specifically concerns the dilation of the cardiac muscles which can cause cardiac arrest. The danger of forming blood clots could also occur because the blood does not flow properly and efficiently through the vascular system.

The blood vessels, arteries and veins act as the means of transportation between the heart and the rest of the body. Without the blood vessels, oxygen and essential nutrients would not be able to reach all the cells in the different parts of the body. Without oxygen and nutrients, cells will atrophy and die.

The circulatory system is in charge of the blood flow throughout the body and has a significant role in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The cardiovascular system is a crucial part of this system; hence cardiac dysfunction could lead to illness and death. Some conditions are asymptomatic, meaning, there are no visible indications that you have the condition, and this is what apparently the case with Wes Leonard is; his family said had no symptoms previously.

One cause of cardiomyopathy can be a viral infection, which can dilate the heart to produce cardiac arrest. The excitement of the game, the extreme pressure of winning the game, and the euphoria of winning, may have contributed to the precipitation of the condition in the case of Wes Leonard.

Wes Leonard's heart failed him, but he had captured the hearts of those who knew ... and those who did not know him.



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THE PEGGY BANK

West Michigan Chapter-AHDI Financial Report

Beginning Balance as of 12/10/2010	\$6567.33
Deposits	\$1380.00
Expenses	\$1268.92
Ending Balance as of 03/04/2011	\$6678.41



Submitted by Peggy Engerson

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Important Dates!

- April 2** WMC Board Meeting
- April 16** Spring Symposium - 5 credits – please see attached registration form
- May 14** Transcription Week
- June 4** Newsletter submission deadline
- July 23** WMC Board Meeting
- September 3** Newsletter submission deadline
- September 17** Education opportunity - speakers TBA
- November 5** WMC annual business meeting (educational credits/speakers TBA)
- December 3** Newsletter submission deadline
- December 10** WMC Board Meeting

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**ARTICLES FOR WMC-AHDI NEWSLETTER**

Our newsletter is published four times a year. Articles and features are solicited and accepted by the newsletter editor with the understanding that corrections and/or modifications may be made without changing the content.

The **deadline** for articles in our next issue is:

**June 4, 2011**

Please submit articles to the editor at [elizabeth.aschwege@spectrum-health.org](mailto:elizabeth.aschwege@spectrum-health.org)

