

**ARKANSAS HEALTH EXECUTIVES FORUM
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REGENT'S MESSAGE

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I hope you had a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Holiday Season. Congratulations to those of you who have advanced this year. I want to thank each of you that attended the ACHE breakfast and Category I seminar this fall as a part of the Arkansas Hospital Association Annual Meeting in Little Rock. The turnout for the sessions was excellent. Let me encourage each of you to try and make plans to attend the ACHE Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago March 22-25, 2010. This year there is a new Congress Express for those who want to come in later, i. e. Wednesday and stay a shorter time. I have given out my two allotted tuition waivers thus far and will try to get more if you will contact me with a need. There are so many opportunities at Congress especially for those who are experiencing a job transition. There you will also find resume review, career counseling, job boards and many networking opportunities. I hope to see many of you there for what I believe will be an exciting and informative Congress. I believe there will be much to be learned from what is taking place in Washington over health reform. It is important that we know the impact the changes will have with our respective organizations.

This year many of you have encouraged or mentored others to help reach advancement and career goals and I want to thank each of you for your help in this regard. I would also like to encourage you to become involved with the Arkansas Health Executives Forum, the ACHE Chapter for Arkansas. There are great opportunities to network and help in furthering your professional career and our professional organization. I also want to encourage you to consider the other offerings that are available to you at ACHE as follows:

Upcoming Clusters:

Beaver Creek CO – January 25-28; Las Vegas NV – February 8-11; St. Petersburg FL – February 22-25.

Phillip K. Gilmore, FACHE

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CHAPTER NEWS

We have had a fantastic year in 2009. Membership and member satisfaction have increased. We are looking forward to an even better year in 2010. One exciting feature that the AHEF Board is working towards is to offer continuing educational sessions via teleconference. Our goal is to have several host sites throughout the state where members can attend educational sessions at the convenience of a local facility. Look for this to be announced in our January newsletter along with the educational opportunities and meetings in 2010. In addition, we are planning to offer an advancement session for those who are eligible to advance to Fellow. Also, there will be opportunities for involvement throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the officers or Board of AHEF if you are interested in being more involved.

Wishing you a safe and prosperous new year,
Greg Crain, FACHE
AHEF President

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (Click on <http://arkhospitals.org/AHEF/employment.htm> for details.)

- COO, Cape Fear Valley Health System, Fayetteville NC
- CEO, Hendry Regional Medical Center, Clewiston FL
- CEO, Newberry County Memorial Hospital, Newberry SC
- Vice President, Engagement Manager, Cejka Executive Search, St. Louis MO