

## Arkansas Health Executives Forum Summer 2008 Newsletter



On April 23, the Arkansas Health Executives Forum conducted a quarterly meeting entitled "The Power of Lessons Learned." John Robbins, FACHE, Arkansas' ACHE Regent and a former Arkansas hospital CEO, discussed lessons he'd learned in his 40-year journey as a healthcare executive.

In June, AHEF members participated in the Arkansas Hospital Association's annual Hospital Executive/Trustee Leadership Conference in Branson, Missouri. Topics included collaborative leadership for quality and healthcare optimization, the financial impact of MRSA, and preparing a hospital and community for a catastrophic event. During that meeting, the AHEF board met with our ACHE regional director Gerry Berish of Chicago who discussed updated information concerning ACHE and chapter membership.

The next meeting of AHEF will be held September 4 with a panel discussion on medical staff relations. Leadership consultant Tom Atchison will moderate the discussion. The program is available at <http://www.arkhospitals.org/AHEF/events.htm>.

Please mark your calendars to attend the Arkansas Hospital Association's 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Trade Show to be held October 8-10 at the Peabody Hotel in Little Rock. The annual ACHE/AHEF breakfast meeting on October 9 will feature V. J. Smith, president of Life's Great Moments, who will discuss "The Richest Man in Town." Members will also have an opportunity to obtain three Category I ACHE educational credits by attending the October 10 session on "Hospital of the Future – Strategy(ies) for Disruptive Change" facilitated by Robert Reece, president of Cambridge Research Institute. You won't want to miss this educational event! Program information is available at <http://www.arkhospitals.org/calendarannual.htm>.

We hope to see you at these events.

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