



## **Monmouth-Ocean AAPC Chapter Newsletter, May 2011**

*Ah, summer, what power you have to make us suffer and like it. ~Russell Baker*

Think back, to this past winter, when we were up to our eyeballs in snow for, what seemed like, FOREVER. Didn't it feel like summer would never come again? Well, it's BAAACK... and I don't want to hear a single soul complain about the heat! Enjoy your summer!

### **May Mania: Success!**

Thank you to all who attended this special event! Much fun went into planning this event; we hope that you enjoyed attending it, as much as we did planning it! Thanks, also, for taking the time to fill out the evaluation sheets. We appreciate the kind comments, and welcome your suggestions, as well.



Now, on to Coder's Day! Seems far off, yes, but there is so much that goes into planning an event of that size, that the wheels are already in motion. An announcement will be made at the June meeting, but please consider volunteering your time to help make this our best Coder's Day yet!

Speaking of Coder's Day, save that date! Hope to see you there; in front of, and behind the scenes!

7th Annual Coders' Day: A Carnival of Coding!

October 29, 2011

7:15 am -4:00 pm

Branches, West Long Branch, NJ

AAPC and AHIMA CEUs

July Meeting

Normally, we don't do meetings in the summer, as members are scattered to the wild winds, with vacations and the like, but this year we have the opportunity to combine some fund raising for Hunger Awareness, some yoga, and an anatomy lesson, as well as earning CEUs! Please consider joining us at this worthy and educational event!

**Fundraiser for Hunger through Yoga and an Anatomy Lesson**

**Terry Kelly, CPC, RAC Coordinator and Clinical Liaison for the Meridian Health System, Certified Yoga Instructor**

THIS IS AN EVENT TO RAISE AWARENESS AND FUNDS FOR HUNGER. TERRY KELLY IS DONATING ALL FEES TO OUR CAUSE, AT THE SAME TIME, WILL GIVE A LESSON ON OUR MUSCLES, BONES, AND NERVES AS WE USE THEM, IN CONJUNCTION WITH YOGA. EVERYONE WINS AT THIS EVENT. MEMBERS \$10/NON MEMBERS \$15. ALL WELCOME

Please register at: [whoscoming.com/aapc](http://whoscoming.com/aapc)

OFFICER SPOTLIGHT: Kathy Wright, CPC, Chapter Secretary.

Kathy has been a member of AAPC since 2007. Her intention was to get certified, find a fabulous coding job, and kiss Bayshore Hospital goodbye, after working there as a unit secretary, for over 30 years. As luck would have it, she did get certified, but found it extremely difficult to find that coding job, as many of us know all too well. She was extremely fortunate to be in the right place, at the right time, when she attended an AAPC chapter meeting. In frustration, she asked Claire Bartkewicz, who was president of the chapter, at the time, and a co-worker at Bayshore, if there was an extern program there, or *anywhere*, that she knew of. As luck would have it, the Medical Records department just happened to be looking to fill a coding position, and Claire suggested that she apply. The rest is history. For the past three years, she has done Outpatient Coding for ED, Endoscopy, Wound Care, and Minor Surgery, with occasional forays into Observation and DSA.

The moral of the story is: Attend your local AAPC chapter meetings! Network! You never know what's out there waiting for you..

As far as kissing Bayshore goodbye, she's in her 36th year there, and loves her job... usually.

Married for 28 years to a guy she met (where else?) at Bayshore. Has two children, who are pretty much grown up, and teetering on the edge of the nest. Spends what little free time she has puttering in the garden, very happy when there is dirt under her nails.

### Prep Classes

Prep classes for the CPC Exam are being held prior to each exam date.

ATEC building, Room 218, Brookdale Community College, Lincroft

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Check [brookdalecc.edu](http://brookdalecc.edu) for directions to campus

Prep Classes will be held in the class room where the exam is actually given. This will give you a chance to familiarize yourself with the location, parking, etc., as well as what to expect on the exam.

AAPC's Official Preparation format will be followed as well as additional practice tests questions. This is an OVERVIEW of test elements. July, October and November classes will have Barbara Cobuzzi doing a specific modifier review as well.

Classes are limited so sign up early. All classes must be prepaid. Please register at [whoscoming.com](http://whoscoming.com).  
(Members \$30.00/Non-members \$40.00)

### Prep Classes

7/16/2011

10/15/2011

11/19/2011

### Exam Dates

August 6, 2011

October 22, 2011

December 3, 2011

