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For each petal on the shamrock
This brings a wish your way -
Good health, good luck, and happiness
For today and every day.

Author Unknown

Message from the Board

By Darlene Armstrong, RN, BA, CCM, President

Greetings for the month of March. It is amazing to me that the year is almost a third over. March is a great month. It is the start of spring, St. Patrick's Day, and did anyone see the moon over the weekend? Wow it was beautiful. March's birthstone is the Aquamarine or the Bloodstone and the flower is the jonquil or daffodil (most people think of both as the same although the jonquil is usually used to refer to the smaller more fragrant version of daffodil). Enjoy your Spring Break if you get one.

We continue to have great turnouts at the monthly meetings. Thanks to each of you for supporting CMSA. In March and April, we are having a membership drive with prizes and everything! Be sure to invite someone to attend the meetings with you. Once they see how great an organization we are, they will join for sure. On that note, introduce yourself to someone new at the meeting on Thursday. This will help you get to know people.

Do any of you know whose birthday is this week? If you guess correctly and are the first one to tell me at the Thursday meeting, will get a prize.

Laurie Davis and I are going to Washington DC on April 4-6 to represent the chapter at the Public Policy Summit. We are excited to represent such a fine group of people.

Sincerely,

Darlene Armstrong, RN, BA, CCM
Central Florida Chapter President

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Chapter Notes



**CMSA Monthly Member Meeting
February 24, 2011**

Meeting Called to order by: Darlene Armstrong at 12:00 pm

Topics/Breaking news:

We are having a membership drive with a goal of 50 new members in the next 2 months. The membership drive is being headed up by Candace Nagata and Patrice Viscuso. They put on a skit to get some energy up to help with membership recruitment.

Monthly meeting speaker and topic:

Speaker ...Thom Kisner and Joan Brammer
Topic...Understanding SSDI
Lunch sponsor ...Allsup

Lunch count attendees:

Number ...75

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Stein, Secretary

MEETINGS

**4TH THURSDAY OF EVERY
MONTH.
Educational offering with
CEU & CCM**

Location:

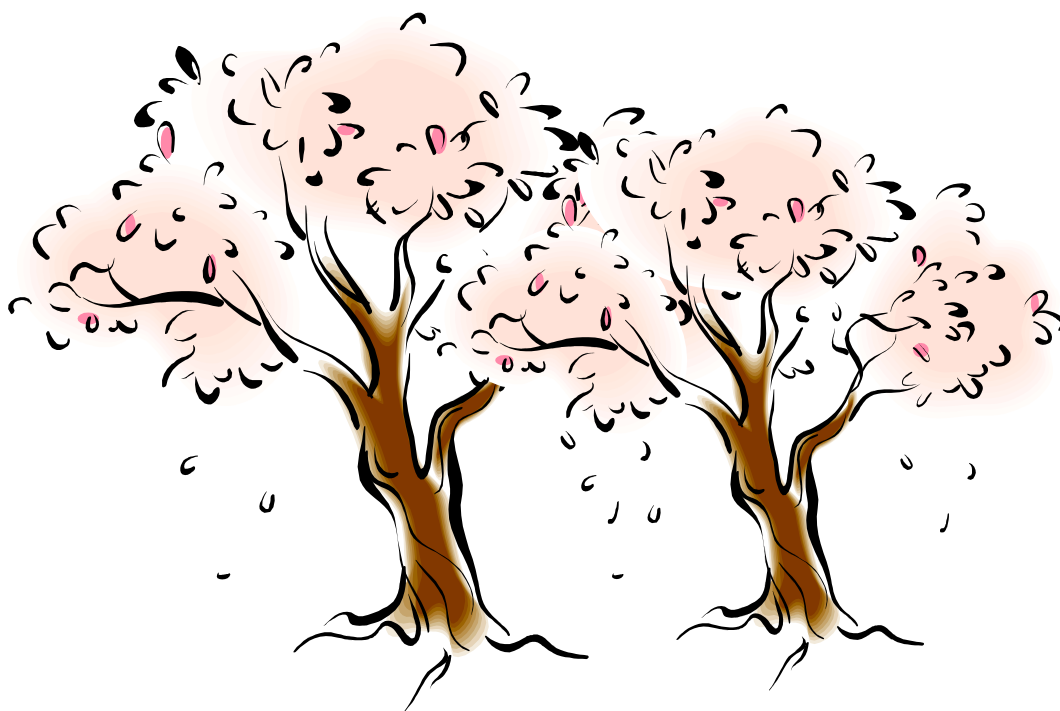
Bahia Shrine Auditorium.
2300 Pembroke Dr.
Maitland. 32701

RSVP- Member-free
Non-member-\$15

Non-RSVP- Member-\$5
Non-member-\$20

First time guest—FREE

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Government News

Antimicrobial resistance

Fact sheet N°194

February 2011

Key facts

- Infections caused by resistant microorganisms often fail to respond to conventional treatment, resulting in prolonged illness and greater risk of death.
- About 440 000 new cases of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis (MDR-TB) emerge annually, causing at least 150 000 deaths.
- Resistance to earlier generation antimalarial medicines such as chloroquine and sulfadoxine-pyrimethamine is widespread in most malaria-endemic countries.
- A high percentage of hospital-acquired infections are caused by highly resistant bacteria such as methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA).
- Inappropriate and irrational use of antimicrobial medicines provides favourable conditions for resistant microorganisms to emerge, spread and persist.

What is antimicrobial resistance?

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) is resistance of a microorganism to an antimicrobial medicine to which it was previously sensitive. Resistant organisms (they include bacteria, viruses and some parasites) are able to withstand attack by antimicrobial medicines, such as antibiotics, antivirals, and antimalarials, so that standard treatments become ineffective and infections persist and may spread to others. AMR is a consequence of the use, particularly the misuse, of antimicrobial medicines and develops when a microorganism mutates or acquires a resistance gene.

Why is antimicrobial resistance a global concern?

AMR kills

Infections caused by resistant microorganisms often fail to respond to the standard treatment, resulting in prolonged illness and greater risk of death.

AMR hampers the control of infectious diseases

AMR reduces the effectiveness of treatment because patients remain infectious for longer, thus potentially spreading resistant microorganisms to others.

AMR threatens a return to the pre-antibiotic era

Many infectious diseases risk becoming uncontrollable and could derail the progress made towards reaching the targets of the health-related United Nations Millennium Development Goals set for 2015.

AMR increases the costs of health care

When infections become resistant to first-line medicines, more expensive therapies must be used. The longer duration of illness and treatment, often in hospitals, increases health-care costs and the financial burden to families and societies.

AMR jeopardizes health-care gains to society

The achievements of modern medicine are put at risk by AMR. Without effective antimicrobials for care and prevention of infections, the success of treatments such as organ transplantation, cancer chemotherapy and major surgery would be compromised.

AMR threatens health security, and damages trade and economies

The growth of global trade and travel allows resistant microorganisms to be spread rapidly to distant countries and continents.

This article can be continued at <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs194/en/index.html> and others can be found at www.who.int

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Treasurer's Report

Income: \$545.01
Expenses: \$868.82



KEEP THE DATES
2011

Jan 27, 2011

Feb 24, 2011

Mar 24, 2011

April 28, 2011

May 26, 2011

June 23, 2011

July 28, 2011

Aug 25, 2011

Sept 22, 2011

Oct 27, 2011

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**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!**



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