



GREATER ILLINOIS Chapter

Weekly Communication

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Interested in Mentoring?

GICHIMSS is always looking for members who are interested in participating in our mentorship program as either a Mentor or Protégé.

If you want to learn more, please [Click Here](#) to visit our mentorship site and consider signing up today!

Contribute to our Next Newsletter

Are you interested in contributing to our upcoming newsletter? Please contact the GIC-HIMSS Communication Committee.

We are looking forward to hearing about your personal experiences working in the industry, any thoughts, insights, trends you are seeing, or advice or expertise you may like to share.

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Upcoming Events / Webinars

Free Webinars w/ CPHIMS Credit

Philanthropy Event Update

Thank you to all who were able to attend - or donate directly, as many of you did - our First Annual Holiday Philanthropy Event! Together with our other Chicago area healthcare professional colleagues we were able to donate over \$3500 to The Boulevard, the city's only medical care recovery center for people who are homeless and need support to recover, rebuild their lives, and reconnect to the community. It was a fun time, plenty to eat and drink, and a wonderful way to start the holiday season. For those of you who still want to donate, please do so at <http://www.blvd.org/donate/> and be sure to mention you heard about them through GIC HIMSS.

Happy Holidays to all!

Important Upcoming Events and Dates:

In spirit with the collaboration with our fellow healthcare IT societies/cohorts in and around the Chicagoland area, we would like to share with our GICHIMSS colleagues an opportunity to recognize your peers. Some of our GICHIMSS members and their organizations have been recognized by CHEF for their contributions to how healthcare is delivered. We encourage you to review the details below and consider some outstanding individuals and teams that you work with on a daily basis.

January 12th, 2017

Listen: You Might Learn Something led by Judy Ferraro

Most of us think we are good listeners. Experiencing great conversations doesn't necessarily mean you are a good listener, especially if one person is doing most of the talking.

Have you ever been cut off in mid-sentence? Do you finish the thoughts of other people? Have you tuned someone out because you already know what they are going to say? In Listen: You Might Learn Something, you will learn where you fall on the "listen meter" by using interactive games and exercises that are designed to create a better understanding of the listening process and how to stay in the moment.

If you like participating or watching improv, this interactive session is for you. The workshop will prove how high level listening and questioning skills will increase communication and build stronger personal and professional relationships.

Judy Ferraro Biography

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Webinar Series

December 20th - Learning About Lessons Learned

Join Jeff Ostrow, Director of Training at HCTec, 12:00 noon CST in discussing how using a customized and automated training scheduling tool can save time, budget and resources. Originally from Baltimore, MD, Jeff received his Bachelor's in Information Technology from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He then went on to earn his Masters in Instructional Technology from Towson University, before beginning his career in the Healthcare Technology field. With over 25 years of experience in Healthcare Technology, Jeff offers a wide array of knowledge and skill, holding certifications in Epic Ambulatory and Epic Security, as well as his PMP from the Project Management Institute. Most recently, Jeff served as the Senior Training Manager at Johns Hopkins Medicine.

Webinar Objectives:

- Understand the typical issues with creating a manual training schedule.
- Learn about the benefits of an automated scheduling tool.
- Discover the evolution of an automated scheduling tool.
- Realize the cost, time and resource benefits of implementing an automated scheduling tool.

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January 3rd - Hindsight is 20/20 – Notable Breaches and How They Could Have Been Prevented

Join Curtis Carroll, VP Sales at infoLock Technologies at 12:00 noon CST who will explore several prominent breaches and provide methods that could have been taken to prevent them.

Curtis is a highly skilled technical sales leader with over 20 years of relevant IT and information security industry experience. He's passionate about working with people and organizations to help them solve complex business problems. In addition to being a thought leader in the arena of security, data loss prevention, and information protection, Curtis is a family man, sports enthusiast, and an advocate for adoption and individuals with disabilities.

Webinar Objectives:

- Provide a better understanding of how breaches occur and ways to prevent them.
- Discuss whether organizations should be putting their efforts toward fighting hacking and breaches or trying to protect the data.

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GIC HIMSS 2017 Calendar of Events

Event	Date
Educational Event- Listen: You Might Learn Something	January 12, 2017
HIMSS National Conference - Orlando	February 19-23, 2017
Social Reception at HIMSS National - Orlando	February 20, 2017
Professional Development Event (TBA)	March 23, 2017
Advocacy Day	April 27, 2017
CPHIMSS Review Course	May 5, 2017
Educational Event (TBA)	May 18, 2017
GIC HIMSS 4th Annual Charitable Golf Outing	June 12, 2017

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