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## The Increasing Cost of Health Care

**Who:** Jack Buckley, Jr. FACHE

**Topic:** Increasing Cost of Health Care

**What:** BVHRMA Monthly Meeting and Luncheon

**When:** Thursday, June 7, 2007 from 11:30 to 1:00

**Where:** College Station Conference Center, 1300 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX

**Cost:** \$10 for members \$15 non-BVHRMA members

**RSVP:** [nfelcman@tamu.edu](mailto:nfelcman@tamu.edu) or [www.bvhrma.org](http://www.bvhrma.org)

Over the last half century, the United States has achieved remarkable success in health care and is arguably the world leader in the development of "cutting edge" products and services. However, these innovations in medical care have come at a very high cost. Medical expenses spiral, health insurance has become increasingly unaffordable and the percentage of the population covered by insurance has declined.

The increasing cost of health care is an issue that we face here at home in the Brazos Valley. Mr. Jack Buckley President and CEO of the St. Joseph Health System of Bryan will be speaking on this topic at our monthly luncheon on June 7.

Mr. Buckley has more than 35 years of experience in health care leadership and has worked for a number of Catholic and Not-for-Profit hospitals and health systems. As President and CEO of St. Joseph Health System, Buckley is responsible for day-to-day operations of St. Joseph Regional Health Center and supports a variety of St. Joseph corporations and more than a dozen St. Joseph facilities in a County region of East Central Texas, including three critical access hospitals, two long term care facilities and eight rural clinics.

Please join us on Thursday June 7 for an interesting look into health care in Central Texas.

## HR Southwest 2007

October 23-26, 2007 | Fort Worth Convention Center | Fort Worth, Texas

Please remember if you attending HR Southwest to list BVHRMA #0330 as your Chapter and Tom Owen as your Chapter Ambassador.

### *Prose from the Pres.*

By now the Texas Legislature is scrambling to conclude all their business in the hopes that they do not need to go into a special session. A number of bills that could have an impact upon HR and our duties were among those being considered. As an HR professional, did you look at these bills and send comments to your appropriate legislators? Sometimes we all seem to think that we are too busy, or that it does not matter; however, after a recent Legislative Update training program sponsored by the Texas State Council of SHRM, I have come to understand that our opinions really do matter. Your notes or comments may go to one of the staffers, but these people, along with various lobbyists and other individuals, educate the legislator. Through this education, they usually will support the proposed bill, or aid in its defeat. So your seemingly lone voice may actually be the one that turns the tide. I encourage each of you to keep apprised of all the bills that are being considered, both state and federal; then make your voice heard. For you SHRM members, go to the SHRM website to the HR Voice section and send in your opinions. For those of you who are not SHRM members, it is a perfect opportunity for you to join SHRM, then access all the benefits of the website, not only for the research and information, but to use the HR Voice. So . . . let's all join together as a chapter and be sure that we make our voices heard by our legislators.

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### *SHRM Upcoming Events...*

#### **59th Annual SHRM Conference & Exposition**

June 24-27, 2007

Las Vegas Convention Center | Las Vegas, Nevada

#### **Strategic HR Conference**

October 10-12, 2007

Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina | Tampa, Florida

#### **Workplace Diversity Conference & Exposition**

October 18-20, 2007

Philadelphia, PA

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## *June Diversity Dates*

- 2) Republic Day (Italy)
- 3) Trinity Sunday (Christian)
- 5) World Environment Day
- 6) Memorial Day (South Korea), Flag Day (Sweden)
- 7) Corpus Christi (Christian)
- 8) Peasant's Festival (Belgium)
- 9) Independence Day (Argentina)
- 10) National Day (Portugal)
- 11) Queen's Birthday (Australia)
- 12) Independence Day (Philippines), Declaration of Independence Day (Russia)
- 14) Flag Day (USA)
- 17) Father's Day (USA/Canada)
- 18) Liberation Day (Egypt)
- 19) Tuen Ng-Dragon Boat Festival (China)
- 20) World Refugee Day
- 23) Midsummer Day

June is....

Gay and Lesbian Pride Month

## *A Big Thanks to the Resume Review Volunteers!*

BVHRMA would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the following members who volunteered their time and skills at the recent B/CS Chamber of Commerce Job Fair held on May 1<sup>st</sup>. These volunteers provided a valuable resume reviewing service to local job candidates which was well received. Overall, we reviewed over 100 resumes and helping to increase their chances of obtaining future employment.

BVHRMA strives to make a difference in our community, and with the help of these individuals, we were able to touch the lives of many job fair attendees.

Kay Berry

Dean Clark

Bob Hensz

Tom Owen

Terry Stagner

Sarah Tobola

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## *Have you changed?*

Several people have experienced some changes this year. Some have changed jobs or positions. Others e-mail addresses have changed. If this describes you, please e-mail Windelan Johnson at [wjohnson@NeutralPosture.com](mailto:wjohnson@NeutralPosture.com) so the Membership Directory can be updated.

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*BVHRMA Upcoming Events...*

Unless otherwise noted, monthly meetings/luncheons are held on the first Thursday of every month from 11:30AM to 1:00PM at the College Station Conference Center, 1300 George Bush Drive, College Station, TX

**JULY 5**

Dorothy Granfor  
Texas State Council District Director  
“SHRM What’s in it For Me”

**AUGUST 2**

Roemer Visser  
Professor  
Mays Business School  
Generational Meshing in the Workplace

**SEPTEMBER 6**

Bob Cartwright  
Intelligent Compensation, LLC  
Compensation

**OCTOBER 4**

TBD

**NOVEMBER 1**

Dr. Elizabeth Umphress  
Assistant Professor  
Mays School of Business  
Diversity and Ethics

**DECEMBER 6**

Holiday Social (Briarcrest?)