



## From Your President

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Hi Everyone! Well, this is certainly not a normal year for us, is it? We have never seen anything like this in our lifetimes and probably the most recent event that affected Americans, as well as the rest of the world's populations, as much as this virus is doing was WWII! I feel so fortunate as I know many of you do, to be able to hunker down and stay home.

Some of you know that I was employed full time and am still employed part time remotely by the State University of New York, Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY. Before I retired, I was managing a staff of IT professionals whose responsibilities were to keep the computer systems running, upgraded and customized for all operating rooms, outpatient surgery centers, sterile processing, OR inventory management, scheduling, Interventional Radiology and Endoscopy for our facilities, including multiple hospitals. I worked very closely with the front line health providers and they are in my heart and prayers. I can't imagine their fear over not having enough personal protective equipment at some point. Although most elective surgeries and procedures have been canceled, there are still traumas that must be handled as well as surgeries that cannot wait.

I just came home from a shopping trip to Sam's Club and I've never seen anything like what I experienced this morning. Everyone was polite, but the store was very busy and the line waiting to get in the

door when the store opened was wrapped around almost back to the gas station.

Carl and I feel very fortunate and very blessed.

Although we are not able to meet and paint together, I am thinking of you all and praying for your continued health and safety.

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