



May Newsletter

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Chapter Business

It's May and Spring is in the rear-view mirror! Seems like our aquifer is already at Summer's *beck and call* with very little rain and 90°+ temps in South Texas! It's going to be a busy month with May Day, Cinco de Mayo, *May the 4th Be With You* day, Mothers Day, graduations, and Memorial Day. That's a lot of celebrating!

RIMS Conference – Chapter Leadership

While in Philadelphia, I attended the RIMS House of Delegates (HOD) meeting - basically a Town Hall meeting for chapters - on the Sunday prior to the conference. I got to peek into the RIMS Society "machine" and network with folks holding similar leadership roles in other chapters. One thing was easily apparent – over the years, our Chapter has taken exceptional care to promote diverse and talented risk management resources into Chapter leadership roles. For a variety of reasons a lot of other chapters, even much larger ones, have worked their way into a leadership void and are really struggling. Member apathy is easily the most significant issue facing those local RIMS chapters. I returned home reminded of how lucky I am to have such an incredible group of Officers and Directors to lean on for Chapter guidance and direction.

The meeting also helped me appreciate how critical it is to maintain a healthy rotation of members through the officer ranks for the overall vitality of the chapter. This is VERY early, so expect to hear it again in the future, but the success of this chapter is dependent on your involvement and support. Our elections don't occur until November, but if you're interested, 2013 is a great time to jump in!

May meeting – May 24th

For the first time in recent memory, our lunch meeting is NOT on the third calendar Thursday of the month. Same place (Oak Hills), same time (11:30am), different day. Nothing magical about it, we just couldn't get the 17th when Karen hammered out the schedule with OHCC last year. So please don't let the new date sneak up on you or come looking for us on the wrong day!

Ken Rizzuto has arranged for a very timely seminar topic: **Mark Worman, Manager - Commercial Lines Program** with the Texas Department of Insurance in Austin is presenting highlights of Senate Bill 425 that relate to the issuance of property and casualty Certificate of Insurance forms. To register, click [here](#) or send an email to **Debra Streeter**.

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June Mixer - Thursday, June 21st

We would like to invite all members to Nelson Wolff Stadium for some summer baseball fun and chapter networking!!! Our San Antonio Missions are hosting the Corpus Christi Hooks at 7:00 pm! For this fun-filled evening, we have reserved an exclusive section of the Missions Fiesta Deck. The Deck includes all you can eat burgers, hot dogs, chicken & beef fajitas and BBQ sandwiches along with popcorn, chips and salsa, Pepsi products and cold beer!!

We're still hammering out the details on how to distribute tickets and will get you that information prior to the event. But an accurate headcount is essential so please RSVP by clicking [here](#) or sending an email to [Debra Streeter](#). Hope to see you there!

Chapter Website advertisements

Last month I discussed the various updates to the website, but forgot to mention that we have admin rights over the content of the web ads on the sides of the page. (see red outline below - go to our [website](#) to see entire page) Because they are currently unused, the ads default to the RIMS Society advertisers, but we can change them at our discretion. If your organization would like to utilize this ad space, please **let me know**.

The screenshot shows the South Texas RIMS Chapter Website. The main content area includes a welcome message dated April 4, 2011, and a section for chapter events. The sidebar on the right contains a login prompt, a 'Follow RIMS' button, and a large advertisement for a RIMS Webinar titled 'Strategic Implications of Data Risks' on Tuesday, May 15. Below the webinar ad are two smaller ads: one for 'Claims Valuation, Forensics, Risk Consultation' by 'dp' and another for 'Certificates of Insurance Manual Order today!'.

Chapter RIMS members on the move!

Help us congratulate one of our current Board Members on her recent career move:

Debbie Real - *Manager, Risk Administration* - PETCO Animal Supplies

I hope PETCO is comfortable as a RIMS "insider" because that's the only way to describe Debbie! She is tireless in championing RIMS local and national issues and the Chapter benefits greatly from her efforts and experience. **Congratulations Debbie!!**

Enjoy your month of May and hope to see you at the meeting! As always, I welcome and enjoy your feedback.

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