



South Texas RIMS Newsletter

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The month of candy corn and pumpkin galore is upon us. How did October manage to sneak up on us - I do not know! However, the month of October will bring plenty of activities for the South Texas Chapter that we would like to make you aware of. Please take a moment to read through the newsletter and mark your calendars.

October Meeting

Our next meeting will be on October 17th at Oak Hills Country Club. The topic for the presentation is "Preparing for Your Property Renewal - Now and 2014". There will be two speakers joining us for this presentation, Jeremy Gayser and Lauern Tawney. Jeremy Gayser is the Vice President of Aon Energy in Houston. He is involved in developing and managing property and builders risk insurance programs predominantly for downstream energy, mining and power generation risks. Lauren Tawney is Vice President - Property at Aon Risk Solutions. She is responsible for developing and placing property insurance programs for all different occupancies, specializing in Gulf Coast exposure and large shared and layered programs. We hope you can join us for this exciting presentation. The Link to register for the luncheon is below if you have not already registered!

[RIMS OCTOBER LUNCHEON REGISTRATION](#)

2013 Golf and Spa Event Sponsored by South Texas RIMS & Willis

I just wanted to thank everyone for attending this year's Golf and Spa Event and making it a huge success. We appreciate all the donations from our sponsors. Without your continued support this event could not take place. Also, thank you to the students of St. Mary's University for volunteering at the event. We had a nice turnout from the students, yes even at 5:30 in the morning, and they were a big help! Just some details on how the event fared: We had 127 participants, both Golf and Spa, which helped us raise around \$29,000. The proceeds will go to support the St. Mary's University Risk Management and Insurance program, the Spencer Education Foundation and other Chapter causes/events. One option

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Meet Your Officers

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I am originally from New York having earned my Bachelor's Degree from Long Island University. I have been working in Risk Management for approximately 18 years in various industries including manufacturing, construction, and facilities management.

It has now been 15 years since moving to San Antonio and 10 years since serving as the South Texas RIMS Chapter President. I am delighted to once again serve on the board of such an enthusiastic chapter and enjoy all the benefits that RIMS membership has to offer.

I have now been with KCI for a year and a half. Goodness, how time flies!

I am married with two children, two step children and a really cool dog. Favorite pastimes include working out, traveling and reading by the pool. Maybe one day I'll get back on the golf course!

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we are debating next year is whether or not to hold a summer mixer. This does not mean we will not have a social event, rather we would just wait until the Golf and Spa Mixer because it seems to bring a more diverse and larger crowd. Please let your O&Ds know if you have any comments regarding this thought or suggestions for the tournament. Also before I leave this section I want to give a big THANK YOU to Ken Rizzuto and Debbie Real for their coordination efforts this year on the Golf & Spa Event. They planned the event from start to finish and did a great job!

Interested in Becoming a Chapter Officer?

As you may know the year coming to an end and this means it is almost time to elect your new slate of Chapter Officers and Directors. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the South Texas O&D group, please let [Helen Groos](#) know. Helen has graciously agreed to help us again as our Recruitment Liaison and we greatly appreciate it! In my personal opinion, being a Chapter Officer has been a great experience for me personally and professionally. Being a Chapter Officers allows you to help develop educational programs for the Risk Management community as well as participate in discussions with various companies and chapters as to how we can create an effective and efficient risk management culture. If you have any questions regarding what each role requires, please feel free to go to our [website](#) and look at our bylaws or ask a current O&D member. We look forward to hearing from you!

Holiday Party

Please mark your calendars for **Friday December 13th**. This is the day that we will have our annual Holiday Party for our members. The location of the event will be at Lüke in beautiful downtown San Antonio. More details will be coming your way so be on the lookout.

St. Mary's Risk Management and Insurance Industry Fair

On Tuesday, October 8th, RIMS and St. Mary's University hosted a Risk Management and Insurance Industry fair. We had Officers and Directors from our group attend to educate the youth on the many benefits not only our Chapter can offer, but the vast array of career opportunities in our profession as well. I am pleased to say that there were around 95-100 students who attended this fair. The next fair will be held in late September/early October, so if you are interested in having your company attend please let me know and I can provide more details on the event.

Chapter Meeting Calendar

Below is the remainder of the 2013 South Texas RIMS meeting schedule. Please mark the dates on your calendar. We value your attendance at our meetings and events.