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THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER
Advancing the Risk Management Profession

December 14th Meeting

“Habitat for Humanity - Managing Worksite Risk”

Guest Speaker: Dave Daniels

Dave Daniels, from Houston Habitat for Humanity will join us to share his insights into how Houston Habitat manages its operational (worksite) risk. He will also share with us his insights into this widely successful and interesting organization.

2006 RIMS Houston Chapter Directors

Please see the attached proposed Houston RIMS Chapter Directors & Officers for 2006.

The Directors & Officers for 2006 will be sworn in at our December 14th meeting.

If you have any objections, questions or comments, please contact Virgil Mead (vmead@group1auto.com or 713-647-5754).



Wellsprings Holiday Party

The Wellsprings party is fast approaching and thanks to all those who expressed interest or volunteered to help. The party is still set for December 10. Per my Wellsprings contacts, currently it looks like we are the only organization that is offering a party or gifts to the kids this year which makes this event even more important.

We have several craft activities planned for the party including making a clothes pin Rudolf the reindeer, a peanut snowman, decorating holiday shaped cookies with icing and sprinkles and decorating a small box that the kids can give their Mom's (or keep) as gifts. We will also be serving pizza and drinks.

Looks like the kids will be kept very busy.

The location of the party has changed slightly this year. Due to elections on the 10th, the St Andrews Presbyterian church auditorium is not available so we are going to have the party at the house next door which is owned by the church. The location is 3323 Bissonnet (next door to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church) on Bissonnet and Buffalo Speedway. The party will begin at 11:30am so if you can be there at 10:30am that would be great. The party will go till ~2:00. Wellsprings is taking the mothers out to lunch and they will return by ~1 to enjoy the on-going festivities and see Santa (aka Mack Rogers) arrive.

If you have any questions, you can contact Ginny Penzell at Ginny.Penzell@ElPaso.com

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From the President's Desk

Hello Everyone!

If 2006 is as fast as 2005 has been, we all better get on our track shoes! December is upon us and if you are like me, “the rush is on”! Seems like the end of the year brings a lot of joy but it also makes you feel like you do not have enough time!

As mentioned before, this is also the time for thinking of others and your Chapter is no different, we are supporting the Wellspring children with a holiday party and gifts. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Ginny Penzell at Ginny.Penzell@elpaso.com. The date is December 10th. We can always use more hands to help with the children.

December also brings about the installation of the 2006 Directors and Officers. We hope you will be with us on December 14th at the University of Houston Hilton.

Thanks to each of you for your continued support and may your holidays be filled with laughter, joy, and warm memories.

Julia

New Members

We are pleased to announce the following new members who joined our chapter last month:

Peggy Lucas—BMC Software, Inc.

David Paris—USI Insurance

Ella Andrews - Friedkin Companies

Michael Turner - Insurance Associates of the Southwest

Kathryn Allen - Sava Senior Care

Houston Area Job Links for December 2005

- Senior Risk Management Analyst - Jacobs Engineering Group
- Assistant Risk Manager - Hines
- VP/Director of Risk Management - Houston HQ of National NYSE firm
- Risk Manager - Houston based energy related company
- Sr. Risk Analyst—CEMEX
- Claims Analyst—CEMEX
- Sr. Claims Analyst—Phillips Services Corporation
- Sr. Manager, Risk Management—Friedkin Companies, Inc.
- Carriage Services, Inc.—Risk Management Assistant (part time)
- Energy Company (Galleria area) - Risk & Insurance Analyst
- Director Finance & Planning—Lord & Albus Company
- Workers Compensation Coordinator—NCI Building Systems, L.P.
- Assistant Risk Manager—Nabors Industries

For further information regarding positions or to place a job opening for your company in our newsletter, contact Pam Chavez, Director—Job Placement (832) 351-7144

Email: PChavez@weingarten.com

Listing descriptions and contact information can be found at The Houston RIMS website:

<http://Houston.rims.org>

Also, look online at the Houston Chronicle's classified web site under employment. Do a key word search for Safety or Risk Management at:

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/classified>

Or look online at the Houston Press's classified web site:

<http://www.houstonpress.com/classifieds>

December Luncheon Meeting

Please send your response by email to jlyon@contactpsc.com or fax the notice to 713.625.7087.

The Luncheon Registration form is available on the chapter web site at www.rims.org

Choose “chapters” then “chapter web sites” then “Houston” look for the “Monthly Meeting Notice” on the list to the left.

Meeting Notices, Newsletters and other chapter correspondence are now distributed by email.

If you are a deputy member and are not receiving yours please let us know by contacting Victor Pivetta, Membership Director. Deputies can update/correct information by logging on to the Society web site: www.rims.org. Associates & Non-Members should contact Ginny Penzell

On the first page of each RIMS Monthly Newsletter, we publish a **brief** article of interest to our members. If you have one to submit for publication, please send articles of interest (no advertisements please) to: 34391.Stephen.Broderick@rimsmail.org

Houston Chapter of RIMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Luncheon Meetings are at 11:30 am

**RIMS Luncheon Meeting—
December 14th**



Developing a Risk Management Program for Your Organization
February 9-10 Atlanta

Alternative Risk Financing Techniques
February 23-24

MEETING PLACE

The Hilton University of Houston
University Drive—Entrance One, Suite 207
Phone #713.741.2447

- Parking is being provided by the Houston Chapter of RIMS.
- Be sure to pick up your token at the registration desk so you can get out of the parking garage free of charge



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