



THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER

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FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Less than two weeks to Fall Conference and what a great time it's going to be!

If you haven't registered, be sure to do so as soon as possible so you don't miss out. The registration deadline has been extended. The registration form is on our website as well as attached to this newsletter.

We have some outstanding speakers and the topics are relevant and timely. Also, we have door prizes, good food, and great networking opportunities.

The proceeds will go toward funding programs for Risk Management and Insurance students at the University of Houston - Downtown.

The Fall Conference will serve as our October meeting so there will not be a regular luncheon meeting this month.

Our November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 17th, at the Briar Club.

See you soon!

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Fall Conference

Friday, October 22, 2010
7:30am-7:00pm

Topic

One Day At A Time

See the flyer for all the details to sign up.

It's not too late to sponsor the Conference

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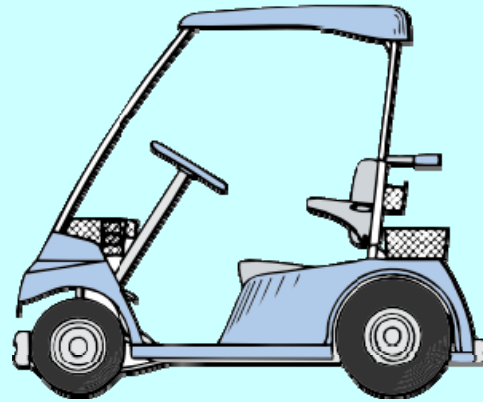
Meeting Dates for 2010



October 22, 2010
Fall Conference
The Woodlands Resort &
Conference Center

November 17, 2010

December 15, 2010
Evening Meeting



Welcome New/Renewed Members

Jeff Bullen--- Shell Oil
Lourdes Fric – C.L. Thomas, Inc

Monthly Luncheon Changes

Price Increase

It's inevitable...prices do go up! Although it's been a while since the last price increase for attendance at our monthly Houston Chapter luncheons, the time has come. Beginning in January, the cost of the luncheon will be increased an additional \$5 across the board.

Every effort has been made to keep prices as low as possible, for as long as possible. We feel this is modest price increase and hope it will carry us through for a while without any additional adjustments.

The luncheons will continue to be held at Briar Club. If you haven't attended a monthly luncheon recently - please join us. It's a great way to meet your fellow members - and enjoy a great lunch! CE Credits are offered at most meetings.



Dr. Braniff, UHD student Andy Trevedi, Houston CPCU Society President Linda Berryman, RIMS Education Chair Sharon Guillory, and UHD student Eric Anaya.



IRM Center Advisory Council members Wayne Dauterive, Metro National Corporation Director of Risk Management and Allen Wilson, GEM Insurance Agency Senior Vice President visit with Dr. Braniff and UHD IRM students Andy Trevedi and Eric Anaya.

University of Houston-Downtown Update

Contributed by Dr. Wendall Braniff

UHD IRM students **Andy Trevedi** and **Eric Anaya** attended the September Education Day meeting of Houston Chapter of Risk and Insurance Management Society which featured presentations from educators including **Jim Drew**, Senior Vice President with Bowen, Mickette & Britt who spoke about the Associate Risk Manager (ARM) designation requirements and classes, **Gary Sylvester**, Senior Risk Analyst with Anadarko Petroleum Company who discussed the Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter (CPCU) designation, and **Dr. Wendall Braniff**, Director of the Insurance and Risk Management Center at the University of Houston Downtown who discussed its bachelor in business administration degree program that offers a 30-hour major and 18-hour minor in insurance and risk management.

Supported by an Advisory Council that boasts members from all areas of the insurance and risk management industry, the UHD program offers eight CPCU courses as part of its property and liability curriculum. It also offers three Certified Risk Manager (CRM) courses, five Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) courses, and three Registered Health Underwriter (RHU) and Registered Employee Benefits Consultant (REBC) courses. The program has quickly become one of the most comprehensive and diverse insurance and risk management degree programs in the U.S.

"The value the CPCU designation to professionals in the industry is unchallenged," stated **Linda Berryman**, Liberty Mutual Underwriting Specialist and 2010-2011 Houston CPCU Society President. "College graduates who have also completed courses in the CPCU series will have a definite advantage for positions over those who have not."

**Educational and
Associations Websites:**

**American Institute for CPCU
and Insurance Institute of
America www.aicpcu.org**

**Charter Property Casualty
Underwriters Society
www.cpcusociety.org**

**Institutional Risk
Management Institute
www.irmi.org**

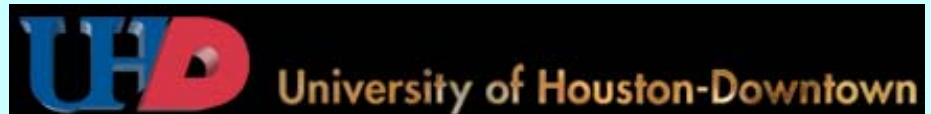
**The National Alliance
www.scic.com**

**Construction Risk and
Insurance Specialist
www.cris-ce.com**

**For further Educational
Opportunities Forms or
Information, please visit the
Chapter website at:**

<http://houston.rims.org/RIMS/HoustonChapter/Home/Default.aspx>

"Houston provides many opportunities for graduates desiring careers in insurance and risk management," Dr. Braniff stated. "The market for individuals with the knowledge and skills in this area is outstanding – even in the current economic climate. UHD students tend to be older, more mature, and already have job experience. They are seeking careers with upward mobility and the insurance and risk management industry in Houston, the fourth largest city in the U.S., offers an abundance of opportunities for UHD insurance and risk management majors to meet those expectations."



Weather Research Center

Contributed by Jill F. Hasling, CCM

I am writing because I need your assistance with a great project. Did you know that flooding claims more lives than any other weather phenomenon and is in the top four killers in the United States after heart disease, automobiles, and fire. While we cannot stop a flood, we can plan for it and learn from past flooding events in order to better mitigate damage. That is why we have organized the first annual National Flood Workshop and Forum to be held in Houston October 24-26, 2010.

Our groundbreaking effort in organizing this kind of workshop and forum is to bring together disparate professions and businesses that have an association with flooding. We will have speakers from around the country and workshop sessions training professionals in topics ranging from forecasting to emergency preparedness.

We are excited about the benefit this kind of event will bring to the large community of engineers, meteorologists, hydrologists and public officials who deal with this threat year round. To make the event a success, we need you to help us get the word out. The program and registration information is located at www.nationalfloodworkshop.net

NOTICE:

Effective January 1, 2008, the RIMS Society has changed their method of collecting Local Chapter Dues. In the past there were two deputies included with the membership, then a charge for each additional deputy added. Under the new structure they will begin collecting chapter dues on a per deputy member basis. The new structure for the Houston Chapter Dues is \$55 per deputy member. The change will be reflected on the renewal invoice. The dues structure for associate membership has not changed.

Please see our Chapter Website
for
additional information:

WWW.RIMS.ORG/HOUSTON

or

WWW.RIMS.ORG – Chapters –
Houston

Vermont Captive Insurance Association

Contributed by Scott Irwin

A captive insurance company is a risk manager's best tool for insuring hard to insure risks, finding reinsurance, funding low level claims, and possible tax advantages. This learning session is free and will have some of the most knowledgeable people in the captive insurance business present.

This session will focus on the basics of captive insurance companies; the reasons for formation, the feasibility process and key issues in putting a successful captive program together. Attendees will gain an understanding of the cost structures associated with captives and the capital requirements. October 26, 2010.

Admission is free, but seating is limited. Click www.vcia.com to find the program and registration information.

Houston Chapter 2010

Membership Directories

The 2010 Houston Chapter Membership Directories will be available at the Fall Conference.

The directory may also be picked up at the monthly meetings.

Memberships - National

Please be advised that with the economic conditions and the number of layoffs that has occurred, RIMS National has announced that the Deputy memberships will not be automatically terminated for up to six months for those members that have been laid off. Please notify the

National Membership office if a layoff has occurred.

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Please see the Local Chapter
website and the RIMS.org
Jobs Listing for details.

Professional Development - National

Financial Aspects of Insurance Companies and Captives (NY)

October 6-7, 2010, New York, NY

Flirting With Natural Disasters

(WEBINAR October 8, 2010 1:00-2:00pm ET Sponsored by: FM Global)

Fundamentals of Insurance (CO)

October 12-13, 2010, Denver, CO

Techniques of Risk Management (CO)

October 14-15, 2010, Denver, CO

Directors and Officers Liability and Insurance (CA)

October 18-19, 2010, San Jose, CA

Enterprise Risk Management for the Advanced Practitioner (BC)

October 21-22, 2010, Vancouver, BC

Enterprise-Wide Risk Management: Developing and Implementing (MO)

October 27-29, 2010, Kansas City, MO

Claims Management (NY)

October 24-29, 2010, New York, NY

Creating Value: Risk Manager as Innovator

(ONLINE COURSE You are entitled to receive one day of RF workshop credits towards the RIMS Fellow (RF) designation.)

November 1-30, 2010

How to Conduct A High Quality Risk Assessment

(ONLINE COURSE You are entitled to receive one day of RF workshop credits towards the RIMS Fellow (RF) designation.)

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Information and Registration details: www.RIMS.org/education

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Job Postings

Houston Area – Local Chapter Posting:

Emergency Preparedness & Risk Management, UT-Health

Customer Service Representative, American Risk Insurance Company

**See the Houston Chapter RIMS website for details

<http://houston.rims.org/RIMS/HoustonChapter/Home/Default.aspx>

Websites

www.workintexas.com and www.greatinsurancejob.com