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## Santa's Helpers

by Ginny Penzell

The holiday spirit was very evident this winter when the Houston Chapter of RIMS and CPCU had a wonderful party for Wellsprings, an organization for abused mothers and their children. On Saturday, December 14, the children and their mothers gathered in the auditorium at Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church which was decorated with a huge Christmas tree by RIMS/CPCU volunteers. The children enjoyed decorating Christmas cookies with lots of colorful icing, eating pizza and playing games in the gym. When Santa was unable to attend (something to do with Mrs. Claus and a mishap with Rudolph), Santa's elves, A.K.A., Jacob Penzell and Chris Thrift, were more than happy to take over the gift delivery. "I like this because we get to meet the children we are helping," said elf Jacob. Also on hand were additional helpers including Ginny Penzell, Connie Foland, Ella Andrews, Darlene Riley, Bob Card, Cynthia Vickers, Nicole Riggs, Pam Chavez and her family. Some helpers, such as Alexandra Penzell, Julia Kovach and her husband, could not make the party but were very helpful in planning the event and gift purchasing. *(See page 3 for the rest of the article)*

## "Speak Finance Like a Native – The Three Hour MBA"

Mr. Daniel S. McGarvey, CPCU, ARM – Senior Vice President, Marsh Inc.

Mr. Charles R. Woodman, CPA – Senior Vice President, Marsh Inc.

Having a firm grasp of finance and key financial terms is necessary in any industry. The "Three Hour MBA" will allow attendees to gain a working knowledge of finance, terms and an understanding of financial statements and procedures. Mr. Daniel S. McGarvey, CPCU, ARM and Mr. Charles R. Woodman, CPA have presented this, and other seminars, numerous times for organizations including the RIMS Society Annual Conference. All the reviews have been glowing, "they make a boring topic fun and entertaining."

The seminar is free, but we need to know that you are attending. Please be sure to notify Ginny Penzell. The monthly meeting flyer was previously sent out, but another copy is attached for your convenience. The seminar is scheduled to be held in the San Marcos room. Please check with the hotel when you arrive. The monthly luncheon will take place immediately after the seminar.

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**From the President's Desk**

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season. The board and I have all begun our new positions for the Houston RIMS Chapter and are looking forward to serving you, our membership, for the next year. Speaking of serving, many of you have expressed an interest in becoming more involved in the Chapter this year. Please do not hesitate to contact one of the board members and let them know how you would like to help. Remember, many hands make light work!

Like most of us, I am sure you have made your New Year's resolution again this year. Did you consider continuing/enhancing your Risk Management knowledge? If so, this month's program may get you on your way to fulfilling your resolution! Our speaker will present "The 3-Hour MBA." This course was offered at the RIMS National conference and received rave reviews. We are very pleased to be able to bring this course to our membership. Please plan on joining us and bring a friend!

Are you ready for a long term education commitment? How about signing up for the ARM classes offered this Spring? Check the news flash below for more information on date, time and location of the next class.

Since we are all in the resolution mode, I challenge each of you to attend just one more meeting than you did this past year. It is only with your support that we will continue to be the "Award Winning Houston Chapter". Remember, the member/members who attend the most luncheon meetings during 2003 will be eligible for the drawing to attend the 2004 Board Retreat.

Sincerely,

**PAM**

**News Flash.....ARM 55 Class for Spring 2003**

Starting Wednesday, January 15th, classes will meet every Wednesday from 5:30pm - 7:30pm @ Bowen, Miclette & Britt, Inc., 1111 North Loop West, Suite 400, Houston, TX 77292

If you have questions, call or e-mail: Virgil Mead @ 281.775.8168 (virgil.mead@mail.nabors.com) or call Jim Drew @ 713.880.7100. The flyer with registration information is attached.



Meeting Notices, Newsletters and other chapter correspondence are now sent out by e-mail. If you are a deputy member and are not receiving yours please let us know by contacting Jim Lyon, Membership Director. All others, Associates and Non-Members, please contact Monica Olis. Deputies can update/correct information by logging on to the Society web site: [www.rims.org](http://www.rims.org).

*(Santa's Helpers Continued from page 1 )*

All 44 children received several gifts from Santa thanks to the generous donations provided by the RIMS and CPCU Houston Chapters, Foley's, K-Mart/Meyerland, Wal-Mart/Meyerpark and a large financial gift from one of our RIMS members.

For the past several years, the Houston Chapters of RIMS and CPCU have sponsored this holiday celebration, which has enabled many of the children served by Wellsprings and their mothers to experience the only holiday celebration they will have this year.

As one volunteer remarked, "The annual holiday party is a great way for RIMS/CPCU and it's volunteers to help bring the fun and excitement of the season to the many children served by Wellsprings and their mothers. The laughter and smiles on the kids' faces really say it all. The party puts everyone in the holiday spirit."

For many of the children, this is one of the highlights of their holiday season. It certainly was for all those who helped make this celebration happen.

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### **Houston Area Jobs Listing for January, 2003**

- Department Administrator III - Baker Hughes, Incorporated (Houston) (08/15/02)
- Admin. Asst., Insurance & Risk Management – Tracetbel Electricity & Gas (07/23/02)
- Account Manager – GEM Insurance, L.P. (02/22/02)
- Insurance Administrator – Linbeck Construction ((12/19/02)
- ❖ Above job listing descriptions, contacts, etc. can be found at The Houston RIMS website: <http://houston.rims.org/ChapterWebsite/RIMSChapter.cfm?CID=328>
- ❖ For further information regarding the above positions or to place a job opening for your company in our newsletter, contact Toni Green, Director - Job Placement, via email at [toni.green@nli-usa.com](mailto:toni.green@nli-usa.com) or by telephone at (281) 423-3357.
- ❖ For information regarding National RIMS listings, contact Kamy Persaud at RIMS New York at (212) 286-9292, extension 242.
- ❖ Also, look online at the Houston Chronicle's classified web site under employment. Do a key word search for Safety or Risk Management: [www.houstonchronicle.com/classifieds](http://www.houstonchronicle.com/classifieds) or look online at the Houston Press's classified web site: [www.houstonpress.com/classifieds](http://www.houstonpress.com/classifieds)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

RIMS Luncheon Meetings are at 11:30 am

**2003**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2003**

**Speak Finance Like a Native-3 Hr. MBA**

February 19, 2003

Presentation by 2002 Risk Manager of the Year,  
Ellen Quinn  
Past Presidents Recognition

March 17, 2003

**Golf & Awards Dinner at**

**The Houstonian, 59 @ The Grand Parkway  
(really at FM 1464 & Old Richmond Road)**

**Tee Time is 12:30**

March 18, 2003 (Hosted by CPCU)

April 6-10, 2003

RIMS Annual Conference-Chicago

No Chapter Meeting for April

May 21, 2003

June 18, 2003

**MEETING PLACE**

**Crowne Plaza Medical Center Hotel.**

**6701 Main @ Holcomb, Houston, TX 77030.**

**Phone # 713.797.1110**

**Parking is available in the hotel garage for \$3.00.  
Bring your parking ticket to the registration table  
for a validation sticker.**

**Parking is also available on the surface  
lot to the south of the hotel**

**Reservation Deadline**

is **Monday January 13, 2003 at 4pm.**  
Please send your response, by e-mail to  
ginny.penzell@elpaso.com or fax the notice  
to her, at 713.420.6350 The Luncheon  
Registration form is available  
on the chapter web site at [www.rims.org](http://www.rims.org)  
choose "chapters" then "chapter web sites"  
then "Houston" look for the  
"January Meeting Notice"  
on the list to the left.

Check the web Site: [www.rims.org](http://www.rims.org) >chapters >chapter web sites >  
Houston. Get the registration forms for  
the ARM classes and monthly meetings.  
Watch for other event information.