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THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER

Advancing the Risk Management Profession

May 18th Meeting Topic

“A Broken Asbestos Litigation System”

Guest Speaker: Hans Ambrosia

Hans will discuss how the litigation system is broken. Without legislative reform, hundreds of additional companies will be driven into bankruptcy- **is your company one of them?** Hundreds of thousands of jobs will be lost- **is your job one of them?** And most importantly the true victims of asbestos-persons made sick by their exposure-will never receive fair compensation. Asbestos litigation represents a huge drain on the Texas economy. It is estimated that 40% of all asbestos claims nationally are made in Texas. Come hear the facts.

Bring your attorney, your claims person, your agent and your insurance carrier. Hans’ background in construction, commercial insurance and financial services will make this an interesting meeting.



**RIMS Monthly Meeting -
May 18th is**

Staff Appreciation Day

So bring that special person or people from your staff that make your job a little easier each day. We have something special planned to show our appreciation.



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From the President's Desk

Hello Everyone!

This month we have an excellent program lined up to help us to better understand the importance of asbestos legislative reform. You will not want to miss Hans Ambrosia's presentation.

May's meeting is also "Staff Appreciation Day". Please bring those staff members who work with you to assure your success to this luncheon. If any of your staff have assisted the RIMS group in any way over the past year, I hope you have contacted Colleen Cummings as we will be recognizing them with a token of our appreciation at the luncheon.

As mentioned in April's newsletter, your Board members are already working diligently to provide you with an excellent Fall Conference program. You will be hearing more about the 2005 Conference in the newsletters ahead.

We look forward to seeing you on May 18th!

Julia

New Members

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

David Edelmaier—Hanover Compressor Company

Michael Thompson—Alvarez & Marsal

Neil Parsley—Metals USA

Bill Rankin—Blue Bell Creameries

Howard Zuch—Blue Bell Creameries

Houston Area Job Links for May 2005

- Carriage Services, Inc.—Risk Management Assistant (part time)
- Kinder Morgan—Insurance Analyst
- Group 1 Automotive, Inc.—Assistant Risk Manager
- San Antonio Independent School District—Administrative Officer-
Employee Benefits & Risk
- Mohawk Industries (Calhoun, GA) - Risk Manager
- Workers Compensation Coordinator—NCI Building Systems, L.P.
- Director Finance & Planning—Lord & Albus Company

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: pam.chavez@jacobs.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>

May Luncheon Meeting STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH

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—
May 18, 2005

RIMS Professional Development Courses

Techniques of Risk Mgmt.
May 23-24 New York, NY

Financial Aspects of Insurance Cos.
June 2-3 Minneapolis, MN

Enterprise Risk Management
June 2-3 New York, NY

RIMS on the Hill
June 14-15 Washington, DC

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

