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**RIMS Announces  
2002 Risk  
Manager of the  
Year**

**December 18, 2002 (Houston, TX) – The Houston Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Management Society (RIMS) is proud to announce that Ms Ellen Quinn, Assistant Director, Risk Management at Texas Children’s Hospital has been selected as its 2002 Risk Manager of the Year.**

**Ms Quinn’s achievements make her one of the best known and most reputable healthcare Risk Managers in the nation. She is a National Board Member of The American Society of Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM) and a Past President of the Greater Houston Society of Healthcare Risk Management (GSHRM). Ms Quinn is also a member of RIMS, the American Society of Legal Nurse Consultants, and the National Coordinating Council for Medication Errors Reporting. She is a licensed Registered Nurse, Associate Risk Manager and a Fellow of ASHRM.**

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At the December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting Mike Phillipus, Luncheon Speaker, RIMS Houston Chapter Past President, RIMS Executive Counsel Vice President of Communications-External Affairs performed the ceremony to install the following members as the Chapter’s 2003 Board. Officers are: **President** – Pam Chavez, ARM, CIC, CRM, Manager, Corporate Risk Management, Jacobs Engineering Group; **First Vice President/Programming** - Colleen E. Cummings, ARM, Risk Manager, The Hanover Company; **Vice President/Treasurer**, Julia Kovach, ARM, Environmental/Risk Admin. Manager, The Houston Chronicle Publishing Company; **Vice President/Secretary** – Robert Card, ARM, CPCU, ARE, Assistant Treasurer/Director of Risk Management, Philip Services Corporation, **Vice President/Assistant Secretary** – Ginny Penzell, Risk Manager, El Paso Corporation. Directors are: **Chapter Liaison** – Monica Olis, ARM, AIC, Insurance Manager, The Friedkin Corp.; **Education** – Virgil Mead, ARM, Assistant Risk Manager, Nabors Industries, Ltd.; **Legislation** – Marsha Phillips, Sr. WC Claims Coordinator, Jacobs Engineering; **Membership/Attendance** – Jim Lyon, CPCU, Corporate Claim Manager, Philip Services Corporation; **Job Placement** - Toni Green, Risk Analyst, NL Industries, Inc.; **Public Relations/Newsletter** – Sondra Faul, CIC, Workers’ Compensation Coordinator, University of Texas; **RIMS Delegate** – Connie Foland, ARM, CPCU, Director of Risk Management, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center; Associate Directors are: **Education** – Tom Mace, Assistant Risk Manager, Nabors Industries, Ltd.; **Legislation** – Susan Sanders, Sr. Claims Analyst, Philip Services Corporation; **Membership** – Victor Pivetta, Insurance Supervisor, Houston Independent School District. Board advisers, **Past President** - Ella Andrews and **Web Master** - Carol Barnes, ARM, Insurance Manager, Baylor College of Medicine were also recognized.



Pictured (standing) Connie Foland, Tom Mace, Bob Card, Monica Olis, Toni Green, Ginny Penzell, Marsha Phillips, Sondra Faul, Susan Sanders, (seated) Colleen Cummings, Pam Chavez, Ella Andrews. (not pictured Jim Lyon, Victor Pivetta & Julia Kovach)

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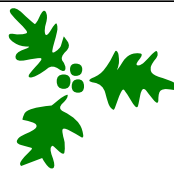
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*From the President's Desk*

The time has come for me to bid you farewell. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President of the Houston Chapter during 2002. It has been a wonderful experience and I've met so many remarkable people. As we move forward, I urge you to get involved with the activities of the chapter.

Please join me in welcoming Pam Chavez as the new president of the Houston Chapter. She has my full support and the transition should be an easy one. Thank you to our luncheon speaker, Mike Phillipus, who pulled double duty at the December meeting by also performing the installation of officers ceremony of the 2003 board.

Congratulations to Ellen Quinn, Assistant Director, Risk Management of the Texas Children's hospital! She is the winner of the Houston Chapter 2002 Risk Manager of the Year award. Ellen will be honored at a dinner next month and will be the luncheon speaker at our February meeting. Way to go Ellen! Your award is well deserved.

Congratulations to Ron Christ of Intercontinental Terminals Company! He is the winner of the drawing to attend the Third Annual Board Retreat that will take place in 2003. His family is invited to attend along with him. To be eligible for the drawing, Ron was one of a number of deputy members that attended the most chapter meetings during the year, starting with the June meeting.

In each newsletter this year, I've given a "Shout Out." So, before I go, I'd like to give my final "Shout Out" of the year to the 2002 board and to our web master, Carol Barnes. Your support, hard work and dedication made this year very special for me. In my book, you guys are the best. This is a "Shout Out" of appreciation and it goes to each of you.

The speaker evaluation drawing for the January meeting will be \$40. I hope to see you there. Happy Holidays and peace to you all!

Sincerely,

*Elia*

**ARM Classes will be offered in the Spring 2003. Schedule and other specifics will be announced in an upcoming email notification.**



## GOLF ANYONE?

The Fall Conference for the golf outing has been rescheduled for March 17, 2003. The golf portion of the afternoon will still be held at The Houstonian. TEE TIME IS 12:30 PM!!! The alternate outing will be The George Ranch and anyone attending the alternative activity should meet at The George Ranch at 2:30 pm. After the afternoon outing, the reception will begin at 5:00 pm at the Houstonian clubhouse and dinner and the awards ceremony will immediately follow the reception.

Please contact Carol Barnes to confirm attendance and teams by March 10th. Anyone interested in registering to participate, if you have not already done so, is welcome - first come, first served, full day fees apply.

Again, we thank you for your support of The Houston Chapter of RIMS.



### Speak Finance Like a Native - 3 Hour MBA

Watch for more! This is the featured presentation for the January 15th Meeting and there will be 3 CEU hours for adjusters and agents if they are approved by the Texas Dept. of Insurance.

Mark your calendar now!



Watch for the January Newsletter where there will be pictures and all of the comments from the participants who shopped till they dropped getting all of the toys on the wish lists for the Wellsprings Childrens' Party. Many thanks for the volunteers and those who made generous donations to make this event a memory maker for everyone who participated.

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**Ms Quinn has been a healthcare risk manager for nineteen years, and with Texas Children's Hospital since 1989. At Texas Children's Hospital, she has been a driving force in the development of the risk management function. She has shown special leadership skills in the areas of training, reporting and loss control.**

**"I could not think of a more worthy recipient for this recognition," said Keith Lindloff, Director of Risk Management for Texas Children's Hospital. Ms Denise Ford, Risk Management Coordinator for Texas Children's Hospital, said that she nominated Ms Quinn "for the care and compassion she gives to patients, parents and staff."**

**The Houston RIMS Chapter recognizes its Risk Manager of the Year as a person who promotes professionalism, encourages achievement, advances the Risk Management career field, and recognizes excellence in Risk Management. Ms Quinn is the embodiment of these ideals.**



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 Bob Card, Membership Director. All others, Associates and Non-Members, please contact Mike Tawney. Deputies can update/correct information by logging on to the Society web site: [www.rims.org](http://www.rims.org).



### Houston Area Jobs Listing for December 2002

- Risk Management Specialist -- Phillip Services Corp (11/01/02)
- Department Administrator III -- Baker Hughes, Inc. (Houston) (08/15/02)
- Admin. Asst., Ins. & Risk Management -- Tracetbel Electricity & Gas (07/23/02)
  - Enterprise Risk Manager -- Sterling Bank (07/11/02)
  - Account Manager -- GEM Insurance, L.P. (02/22/02)



- Above job listing descriptions, contacts, etc. can be found at The Houston RIMS website: <http://houston.rims.org/ChapterWebsite/RIMSSChapter.cfm?CID=328>.
- For further information regarding the above positions or to place a job opening for your company in our newsletter, contact Bob Milkint, Director - Job Placement, via email at [bmilkint@thewoodlands.com](mailto:bmilkint@thewoodlands.com) or by telephone at (281) 719-6339. 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**

**January 15, 2003**

3 Hour MBA (ceu's are being applied for)

**February 19, 2003**

Presentation by the 2002 Risk Manager of the Year  
Past Presidents Recognition

**March 19, 2003**

**April 6-10, 2003**

RIMS Annual Conference-Chicago

**April 16, 2003 –Chapter Luncheon**

**May 21, 2003**

**June 18, 2003**

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 notices and information.

**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 for \$7.00.**

**Reservation Deadline**

is **Monday prior to the meeting** at 4pm.

For **January** please send your response,  
by e-mail to [ginny.penzell@el Paso.com](mailto:ginny.penzell@el Paso.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  
"Meeting Notice"  
on the list to the left.