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The Houston Chapter 2002 Fall
Conference and Golf Outing.

Many thanks to the ever present insurance community. When it comes the the chapter's fall conference and golf outing, they always step up to the plate to get the chapter in the winner's circle of excellence. This year, and it is really early folks, we have received donations from the following:

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We have many categories yet to fill. And there may even be some holes left that can use a name on them. As you will note this year there is a new category, **Title Sponsor**, first of many.

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**RIMS-Houston Chapter
August Luncheon Meeting**

Dean G. Pappas of Phillips & Akers will be our speaker. The topic will be House Bill 2600 - "What is it and how does it affect you".

Topics for discussion include:

- House Bill 2600 and the many ways it has impacted the 1989 Act, and the ways it will continue to impact us all.
- List of Approved Doctors - Structure The Creation of Treatment Networks
- Return to Work
- Spinal Surgery and Preauthorization
- The shift from Required Medical Examiners in determining MMI/IR to Designated Doctors
- Relevant changes in the Medical Dispute Resolution Process

Mr. Pappas attended the University of Houston and graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He then attended South Texas College of Law in downtown Houston and received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence in 1995. He was licensed by the Texas Supreme Court to practice law in the State of Texas in 1986. He became a partner/shareholder in July of 1996 and currently remains in that position.

He has tried over 100 lawsuits to a verdict in the Houston Harris County and surrounding county areas in Texas. His specialty includes workers' compensation matters, subrogation issues and general liability matters defending both insurance companies and employers, as well as self-insureds under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act.

Mr. Pappas has spoken at numerous seminars that deal with workers' compensation, subrogation and general liability issues.

Please join us this month and be sure to include your claims staff for a very interesting informative presentation on Texas workers' compensation issues.

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From the President's Desk

Recently, I was asked to give a quote on the value of my RIMS membership. Set forth below is what I said:

“My RIMS membership is valuable to me because it allows me to network with other risk management professionals that face the same issues and concerns. I am committed to the risk management profession and that feel that the recognition of being an active RIMS member makes a statement to that effect.”

I urge all of you to make the most of your RIMS membership. Support the chapter and come to the meetings. Don't hesitate to offer program suggestions and do visit the RIMS Web site at www.rims.org. On that note, I'd like to send this month's "Shout Out" to our web master, Carol Barnes. I don't know how many hours Carol devotes to RIMS but I know that it is plenty. Not only is she a past president of the chapter and has served on the Board for many years, she doesn't seem to get tired. Her tireless efforts and work for the chapter is both appreciated and worthy of recognition. Carol, for a job well done, this "Shout Out" is to you.

Stay tuned for upcoming information regarding the 2002 Risk Manager of the Year for our chapter. Once again, Mike Tawney will lead this endeavor. Keep the date of the Fall Conference, October 21, 2002 on your calendar.

If every Houston RIMS member were a member like me, what kind of chapter would my chapter be? Ponder that question for a few minutes. Now let's go to work. See y'all at the meeting.

Sincerely, *Ella*

Looking for new ARM's, New ARM's where are you, Fall Classes for ARM's are about to start. The registration form is available on the chapter web site. If you want one emailed or faxed please contact Chris Triggs, Education Director at 713.267.3693 or email at chris.triggs@kaiseral.com

Nominations for Risk Manager of the Year Begin

Business Insurance & Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. present the Risk Manager of the Year Award each year to recognize outstanding performance in the practice of risk management. You can nominate anyone involved in risk management - anywhere in the world - from a corporation, financial institution, not-for-profit institution or government entity. [Get more information log on to www.rims.org.](http://www.rims.org)

Retired Membership Category Added at RIMS



RIMS WEEKS
Fall 2002
Five Days of Risk Management Programs
In Each City
New York Chicago San Francisco

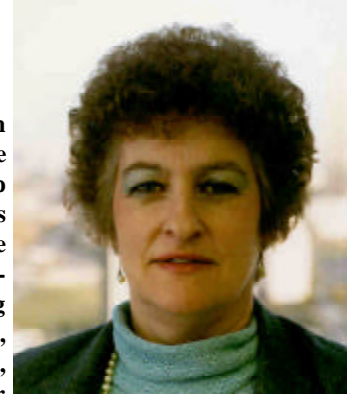
Take one day, two days or more

More details on the web site
www.rims.org/education

SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH

(Carol Barnes, ARM)

Organizations like the Houston Chapter of RIMS would not be successful without the leadership and dedication of such volunteers as Carol Barnes. Carol has done it all, i.e. led the Chapter as President, planned meetings including food and speakers, paid the bills, organized educational sessions, helping with the holiday party for children in need and now chapter communications including the website and newsletter. When you need assistance on a project, the other board members can always count on Carol saying, "I'll help". More importantly, not just saying but DOING IT.



One of the great things about being involved with the Houston Chapter is the opportunity it has given me to get to know and become friends with individuals like Carol. As I've gotten to know Carol through the years, my admiration and appreciation has grown. Carol has achieved a great deal in her career through hard work and determination. She's had her share of bad luck like many of us in this profession, with employer layoffs, downsizing and restructuring. But she has used these events to make herself stronger. Perhaps that is the reason Carol is one of the first to respond and provide support to our fellow risk managers when tough times hit. The past year has been challenging for Carol as she suffered losses from Tropical Storm Allison both in her business and personal life. But through it all, Carol has remained involved in RIMS. She even took time to share her experiences regarding TSA at a recent chapter meeting.

Carol is many things to different people; co-worker, friend, mom, grandmother and we at the Houston Chapter of RIMS are glad she is one of us.

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.

Houston Risk Management Jobs AUGUST – 2002

- Department Administrator III – Baker Hughes (08/14/02) • W.C Claims Manager (Houston) – Associated Building Services (07/24/02)
 - Regional Safety Managers (Seattle/Richmond) – Associated Building Services (07/24/02)
 - Admin. Asst., Insurance & Risk Management – Tracelbel Electricity & Gas (07/23/02)
- Senior Claims Coordinator (Liability) – Jacobs Engineering (07/15/02) • Enterprise Risk Manager – Sterling Bank (07/11/02)
 - Project Manager, Insurance and Employee Benefits (05/13/02) • Claims Manager – Kirby Corporation (04/18/02)
 - Manager, Risk Management – Houston ISD (04/01/02) • Account Manager – GEM Insurance, L.P. (02/22/02)
 - Risk Manager – Willbros USA, Inc. (02/22/02) • Client Review Underwriter - Administaff (02/21/02)

??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 Bob Milkint, Director - Job Placement, via email at bmilkint@thewoodlands.com or by telephone at (281) 719-6339. ??For information regarding National RIMS listings, contact Karmy 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 or look online at the Houston Press's classified web site: www.houstonpress.com/classifieds

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UPCOMING EVENTS

RIMS Luncheon Meetings are at 11:30 am

2002

August 21, 2002

September 18, 2002

MONDAY October 21st

>> Fall Conference & Golf Outing <<

The following dates have been changed
From what was listed in previous issues

November 20, 2002

December 11, 2002

2003

January 15, 2003

February 19, 2003

Check the web Site: www.rims.org >chapters >chapter web sites >
Houston. Get the registration forms for the Fall ARM
classes and monthly meetings.
Watch for the Fall Conference Registration form soon.

Meeting Location is

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 \$5.00.

Reservation Deadline

is Monday August 19, 2002 at 4pm.

Please send your response, by e-mail to
julie.jackson@dynegy.com or fax the notice to
her, at 713.767.6242. The meeting notice is available
on the website, see page 4 for the address. If your
plans change at the last minute call if possible,

but by all means come to the meeting.

Reservations are necessary to make
sure there are
seats and food for all.