



Risk & Insurance Management Society Houston Chapter

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR HOUSTON CHAPTER BOARD...

Hello, RIMS Community!

This is the first Newsletter of 2014. We are expecting a very productive year and have already begun planning stages. Your 2014 Board of Directors met for a full day on Saturday, January 18th to discuss the Houston Chapter's 2014 events, meetings, budget, and plans for the year. We had a good meeting with lively, pertinent discussions and we are looking forward to the opportunity to serve the Houston Chapter and our members.

The December evening meeting proved to be a successful event. Mark Hansen was an entertaining speaker and his topic, *The Difference Maker, Making Your Attitude Your Greatest Asset*, was inspirational and relevant. This month's speaker was Jay Levin with Reed Smith. The topic was *Maximizing Your Non-Litigation Recovery in First-Party Claims*. Mr. Levin's presentation was timely and provided helpful information regarding claim recovery. We have some interesting topics planned for the year and hope you can join us at our monthly meetings as well as for Fall Conference in October and several other events that you'll hear about as the year progresses.

As always, your Houston RIMS board members are available to answer any of your questions – we are here for you!

Sincerely,

Your Houston Chapter Board of Directors

Creative Dreams Holiday Party

The Houston Chapter of RIMS hosted a holiday party for Creative Dreams Outreach Center, a local non-profit organization, on December 14, 2013. Creative Dreams is an organization for children, some who are mentally challenged and/or in the foster care system. All come from low income homes.

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A special thanks to Ginny Penzell for coordinating the volunteer event, Mack Rogers for being our own special Santa and to Tim Hanlon and his family and helpers who provided a fun activity for the children. Many thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers who shopped for the 25 children and helped with food, decorations, and activities.



RIMS Houston Chapter
Upcoming Events

**Monthly Luncheon -
February is Past Presidents
Appreciation Month**

The Houston Chapter
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**Educational and Associations
Websites:**

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

**Charter Property Casualty
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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/HoustonChapter/Home/>

Fall Conference

We are planning for our annual Fall Conference in October and, in addition to the golf tournament, will offer outstanding educational opportunities relevant to the risk management community. In order to accommodate as many of our members as possible, we are searching for a convenient, accessible venue. If you have any suggestions, please contact any board member.

Welcome New and Renewed Members – November, December & January

Name	Company
Natalie Alexander	Friedkin Companies, Inc.
Colleen Cummings	The Hanover Company
Shelbie DeZelle	Hilcorp Energy Company
Erica Duhaney	Apache Corporation
Elizabeth Elizalde	Direct Energy
Wendi Ervin	Bair Hilty, P.C.
Curtis Fitzgerald	Montgomery County, TX
Jose Garza	CenterPoint Energy
Justin Gonzalez	University of Houston-Downtown
Allison Gonzalez	Affiliate Member
Rodney Harrison	Express Energy Services
Brenda Krawczyk	Goodman Global Group, Inc.
Jack Melton	North American Solutions
Mark Neer	Nova Medical Centers
Michael Payne	C.L. Thomas, Inc.
Dory Stiles	Murphy Oil Corporation
Rene Wiezer	Vopak Americas

**Risk and Insurance
Management Society,
Inc.
Houston Chapter
Mission Statement**

The Houston Chapter of RIMS serves its members and the greater Houston community by focusing on the highest quality service, education and information to manage all forms of business risk and to promote the risk management profession.

Opportunity to Donate

If your organization is interested in donating door prizes for monthly meetings and/or fall conference, the Houston Chapter would be very appreciative. For donation opportunities, please contact any Board member.

National RIMS Conference 2014



Registration is now open for the RIMS 2014 Annual Conference & Exhibition.

The Conference will be held April 27-30, 2014 in Denver, Colorado.

New for RIMS '14

- 163 sessions – that's 60% more than in 2013!
- Revamped education levels and categories
- Daily events in the Exhibit Hall
- RIMS TV, sponsored by Liberty Mutual
- An updated housing policy, with members-only hotels

Register online:

<http://www.rims.org/RIMS14/Register/Pages?default.aspx>

Schedule at a Glance:

<http://www.rims.org/RIMS/Register/Page/ScheduleataGlance.aspx>

THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER

Chapter of Distinction

Outstanding Chapter
Programming

Outstanding Chapter
Member Services



RIMS Professional Development

RIMS educational workshops help you solve today's challenges and anticipate those of tomorrow. Through case studies, group discussions and best practices, our workshops will show you common pitfalls to avoid and provide solutions you can use immediately.

Available education opportunities are listed at www.rims.org under the **Education** tab.

Monthly Drawings

Please remember to complete the speaker evaluation at each meeting and RSVP for each meeting to be placed in the drawing to win cash and/or prizes.

January Meeting Winners

Pam Birkholz with KMG Chemicals – Monthly Ticket Drawing - \$20

Colleen Cummings with The Hanover Company – RSVP Drawing - \$20

Name Badges

Please be advised that the colors of the badges have meaning.

Green – Board Members

Blue – Deputy Members

Yellow – Associate Members

Light Purple – Committee Members and Volunteers

Please contact Pamela Chavez (pamela.chavez@loomis.us.com) if you need any changes to your badge.

Houston Chapter Membership Directories

Please make sure your information is up to date in the Houston Chapter website Membership Directory.

(<http://community.rims.org/HoustonChapter/Community/ChapterMemberDirectory>)



As the preeminent organization dedicated to advancing the practice of risk management, RIMS, the risk management society™, is a global not-for-profit organization representing more than 3,500 industrial, service, nonprofit, charitable and government entities throughout the world. Founded in 1950, RIMS brings networking, professional development and education opportunities to its membership of more than 11,000 risk management professionals who are located in more than 60 countries. For more information on RIMS, visit www.RIMS.org.

Job Postings

Houston, Texas

Risk Management Analyst – Workers’ Compensation Insurance – Texas Children’s Hospital

<http://jobs.texaschildrens.org/houston/non-clinical/jobid3963421-risk-management-analyst-worker’s-compensation-insurance-jobs>

Dallas, Texas

Senior Risk Analyst – Safety – City of Dallas

The Houston Chapter of RIMS will post available job opportunities on our website. If you have or know of an open position and would like to share the information, please contact Cindi Vickers, cvickers@eeslp.com.

The Chapter is on Facebook & LinkedIn

The National Risk and Insurance Management Society and the RIMS Houston Chapter are both on Facebook and LinkedIn. “Like” our page (Facebook) and/or “follow” us (LinkedIn) to receive updates. We are in need of content, so please join.

Newsletter Submissions

We are looking for submissions for our monthly newsletter. If you have an article you would like to submit for possible publication in our newsletter, please send it to Cindi Vickers, cvickers@eeslp.com.

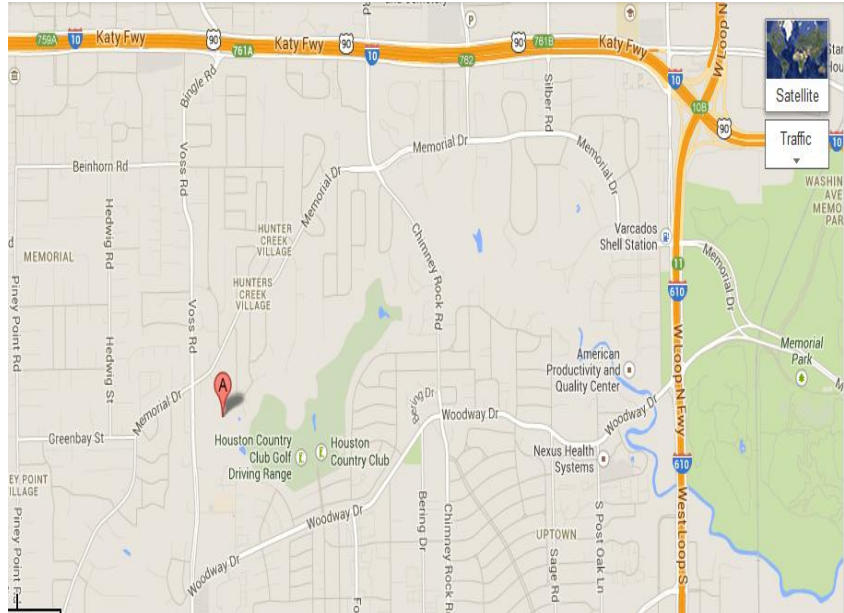
Volunteer Opportunities

Throughout the year, there will be many opportunities for volunteers to assist with Chapter events. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact any board member. This is a great way to get involved with the Chapter and help shape the future of the risk management profession.

Luncheon Meeting Place

The Houston Racquet Club
10709 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77024
713-464-4811
www.houstonracquetclub.com

Parking is provided



2014 RIMS HOUSTON CHAPTER CALENDAR

JANUARY						
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1/1 New Years Day
1/15 RIMS Monthly Meeting
1/20 Martin Luther King Day

JULY						
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7/04 Independence Day
RIMS Monthly Meeting – Will be announced at later date

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2/14 Veteran's Day
2/17 President's Day
2/19 RIMS Monthly Meeting & Past President's Appreciation Day

AUGUST						
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RIMS Evening Social – TBD

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3/19 RIMS Monthly Meeting - Joint Meeting with CPCU

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9/01 Labor Day
9/17 RIMS Monthly Meeting

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4/18 Good Friday
4/20 Easter Sunday
4/27-4/30 RIMS National Conference in Denver
RIMS Evening Social - TBD

OCTOBER						
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10/13 Columbus Day
10/31 Halloween
RIMS Fall Conference – No Monthly Meeting

MAY						
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5/11 Mother's Day
5/21 RIMS Monthly Meeting
5/26 Memorial Day

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11/11 Veterans Day
11/27 Thanksgiving Day
11/19 RIMS Monthly Meeting

JUNE						
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6/15 Father's Day
RIMS Monthly Meeting – Will be announced at later date

DECEMBER						
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12/25 Christmas Day
RIMS Evening Meeting - TBD