

RIMS NEWS JUNE 2002

THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER

Do you have a suggestion for the 41st RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition

in Chicago in 2003?



Conference Program Suggestion Form

Now is the time to voice your opinion. Do you think that you could be an informative speaker? Let us know. Take a minute to fill out the program suggestion form on the RIMS website at www.rims.org and tell RIMS how to improve next year.

Mark your calandar for the 41st RIMS Annual Conference & Exhibition in Chicago, April 6-10, 2003!

Reservation Deadline

is Monday June 17, 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. If 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.

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RIMS Houston Chapter June Luncheon Meeting

THE STORM OF THE CENTURY - ONE YEAR LATER

Sheryl Bittick, Director of Risk Management with Weingarten Realty, will begin with a pictorial of the Houston area flood caused by Tropical Storm Allison. She also will share some pictures of their building damages at 610 & Citidel Plaza near T. C. Jester where White Oak Bayou overflowed. They managed to get this building up and running after only four days. She will also share some of the lessons learned on coverage issues.

Sharon Nalls, with the City of Houston's Emergency Management Office will talk with us about a community's ability to cope with and recovery from a catastrophic disaster is as good as the planning conducted by all of its components - citizens, government entities, and businesses. By description, disastrous events generate chaos, but disaster planning can bring order and direction to preparedness, response and recovery efforts. The process should result in a written plan, which depending upon the entity may have a different title - Disaster Plan, Emergency Management Plan, or Business Continuity Plan.

Risk management, information systems, environmental services, security, human resources, legal, finance, and administration are vital to the disaster planning process. As risk management and insurance professionals, your expertise in impact analysis, risk assessment, and risk mitigation are key to ensuring the disaster plan for your organization is based upon facts and sound strategies, not assumptions and guesswork, and remains a "living document" to encompass new risks as they are identified.

The City of Houston Emergency Management Office is part of a partnership (Houston TranStar) formed by the transportation and emergency management agencies in the Houston area. See what services they provide by accessing their web site at www.transtar.com. Sharon has also mentioned that there is an Emergency Management Guide for Business & Industry provided by FEMA, the web address is https://www.fema.gov/library/bizindex.htm.

Carol Barnes, Insurance Manager with Baylor College of Medicine will discuss, "How to Pick Apart the Contents Coverage Section of the NFIP Policy". You thought you had contents coverage. You paid for it. When the claim was filed. Denied! What is the real answer?

For more on the TranStar website see page 3

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From the President's Desk **By Ella Andrews**

Calling all volunteers, calling all volunteers! Our Fall Conference will be here in a flash and we need your help. By now, you know that the conference date is October 21, 2002, and volunteers are needed. If you are interested in serving on a committee for this wonderful event, please send an email to Colleen Cummings and let her know your interests. Colleen's email address is <u>ccummings@hanoverco.com</u>. Mark your calendars for this event now.

The final phase of the 2001 Chapter Recognition Program Awards is in progress. We have received four patches from the Society that will be affixed to our Chapter Banner for everyone to see. I hope that when all of you look upon it at future meetings, you'll feel a since of pride that only comes with knowing you are a part of the best. On that note, it's appropriate to send this month's "Shout Out" to all of you.

I am pleased to announce that recently our chapter made a donation of \$1,000 to the University of Houston Risk Management Society. This donation is for the purpose of helping those students desiring careers in insurance and risk management establish a Gamma Iota Sigma fraternity at the University of Houston. You will be hearing more about this venture shortly as our chapter issues a matching challenge to the brokerage community. Michael Tawney, chapter liaison, is leading this charge.

Well, the speaker evaluation drawing for the June meeting is at a whopping \$80. I hope we have a winner! See y'all at the meeting.



Houston Risk Management Jobs June - 2002

- Project Manager, Insurance and Employee Benefits (05/13/02)
- Manager, Risk Management Houston ISD (04/01/02)
- Senior Risk Analyst SYSCO (02/22/02)
- Account Manager GEM Insurance, L.P. (02/22/02)
- Risk Manager Willbros USA, Inc. (02/22/02)
- Client Review Underwriter Administaff (02/21/02)
- Risk Manager North Harris Montgomery Community College District (11/12/01)
- Risk Management Specialist, Houston Texas Children's Hospital (09/24/01)
- Insurance Manager, Houston Methodist Health Care System (08/31/01)
- Safety Auditor, Houston ABS (Associated Building Services) (08/10/01)
- 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 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 or look online at the Houston Press's classified web site: www.houstonpress.com/classifieds

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This month's spotlight is on Virgil Mead. Virgil is a first year Board member, serving as the Associate Director of Education. This is also his first year as an active member of RIMS. He thought the best way to learn what the RIMS organization was all about was to get directly involved.

Virgil, a native Houstonian, is Assistant Risk Manager at Nabors Industries. He started his Insurance career as a Commercial Lines Claims Representative with The Travelers. He received his Associate of Risk Management certification and moved on to a Risk Management position with The Coastal Corporation before landing at Nabors.

When away from the office, you will usually find him following University of Texas athletics, playing basketball or reading his latest issue of *Car and Driver* magazine.

RIMS Houston Chapter Presents Fall Conference & Golf Outing 2002

MONDAY October 21st NEW LOCATION

RICHMOND, TX — The Houstonian Golf Club opened last year to impressive reviews. *Golf Magazine* listed it as a "Top Ten You Can Play" course. The friendly golf management staff, including head golf professional Michael Hoffman, were all smiles.





Up to the minute Progams.

"With the hardening insurance market have you thought about Alternative Risk Financing? Join us at the Houston RIMS Fall Conference where we'll discuss other options such as Captives and Modeling Alternative Programs"



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What is Houston TranStar?

Houston TranStar is a partnership formed by the transportation and emergency management agencies in the Houston area. This consortium is comprised of the following government agencies:

- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
- Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO)
- City of Houston
- Harris County

This consortium combines the expertise and resources of each partner agency to provide unprecedented service to the Greater Houston Area. Each of the partner agencies has brought systems to the facility to control their individual functions.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

RIMS Luncheon Meetings are at 11:30 am

2002

June 19, 2002

July 17, 2002 - Broker Appreciation

August 21, 2002

September 18, 2002

MONDAY October 21st

>> Fall Conference <<

November 13, 2002

December 18, 2002

Check the Web Site: www.rims.org >chapters >chapter web sites >Houston. Get the registration forms for ARM classes, Monthly Newsletter, and RIMS MEETING NOTICES.

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 the 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.

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.