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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

Please make plans to join us for our September meeting. The meeting is going to center around education and we have a variety of speakers coming in to share their expertise and knowledge with us about the many available opportunities to learn more about insurance and risk management.

Fall Conference is almost here Be sure and join us for a day of education, networking, and fun on October 19th at The Woodlands Conference Center. We have a distinguished group of speakers coming in to help make this a worthwhile and meaningful event. We still have opportunities for sponsorships available. If you're interested, please contact Virgil Mead or me and we'll be happy to discuss the available opportunities with you.

See you September 19th!

Cindi

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Topic for the September Meeting:

"Advancing the Risk Management Profession"

In our continuing support of Risk Management Education, the Houston RIMS Chapter is holding its first ever educational meeting. The professional designations most pertinent to risk managers are will be highlighted. Representatives of those organizations that produce the designations will be present to give a brief overview of their respective programs and the value of each to our RIMS members. Our speakers include the following:

Richard Berthelsen - Director of Content Development for the IIA and maintains the textbooks, course guides, and examinations for the ARM designation.

Chris Ketchum - Executive VP for The National Alliance Research Academy and is responsible for developing new courses and programs for The National Alliance, in particular, the CRM designation.

Wayne Dauterive - Director of Risk Management for Metro National Corporation will represent the RIMS Fellow (RF) and IRMI's Construction Risk & Insurance Specialist (CRIS) designations.

Dan Jones - Executive Professor at the University of Houston Bauer School of Business, Finance Department risk management program.

Material for all designations will be on display. The presentations will be followed by a Q & A period.

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A very special guest, Grace Chi, joined Dan Jones, Professor at U of H, for our August meeting.



Grace is native of Shanghai China, a resident of Clearwater Florida, a student in Risk Management and Insurance at Florida State University, and an invited student to the annual meeting of ARIA (American Risk and Insurance Association) annual meeting in Quebec City, Canada.

She is in Houston for the summer as an intern at Shell.

Spotlight on Cindi Vickers



What a great year it's been and I've had a lot of fun in the presidential role of this amazing organization. I never imagined when I began working in the risk management field that I would have become so involved with RIMS. I'm happy that it has worked out the way it has because the experience has been so rewarding. I didn't start my career in risk management. My first "real" job was at El Paso Natural Gas Company in El Paso, Texas, where I grew up. That was in 1978. I

Meeting Dates

September 19, 2007

October-Fall Conference

10-19-07

November 14, 2007

December 12, 2007

2008

January 12, 2008

February 20, 2008

March 19, 2008

Joint Meeting
With CPCU Hosted by RIMS

April 27-May 1, 2008

46th Annual RIMS Conference
San Diego, CA

Possibly no Chapter Meeting

May 21, 2008

June 18, 2008

July 16, 2008

August 20, 2008

worked for the first several years in Shareholder Relations. Through a series of mergers and layoffs including outsourcing our Shareholder Relations function, I ended up in the Risk Management Department and I've never looked back. Prior to joining the department, I had no idea what risk management involved or if it would even be a good fit for me. Twenty-four years later, I can say that it was in fact a good fit and I am so fortunate I had the opportunity to become involved in this business.

I relocated to Houston from El Paso in 1997 and became actively involved in RIMS in 2001. Although El Paso Natural Gas Company had been a member of the Houston Chapter for several years, El Paso, Texas, is a long way from Houston and, to say the least, it was not convenient to attend monthly meetings. As a result, we had very little involvement with the Chapter until after the company's relocation to Houston. My association with the chapter played a large part in my desire and decision to further my risk management education. I completed the ARM in 2003 and I just recently started studying for the CPCU. I have learned so much already and I'm looking forward to continuing the process. Aside from the wonderful people I have met, the relationships I've formed, and the exciting opportunities that have presented themselves, one of the best things about this field is how much it changes every day. I'm never bored and each and every day presents a new and different challenge.

I am the proud mother of one son, Richard, who graduated last year with a degree in Industrial Distribution from Texas A&M University. Richard lives and works in Denver, Colorado

Scholarship Winners!

The Scholarship Committee consisted of Wayne Dauterive, Terrace Risk Management Services; Jacqueline Huerta and Terry Turon, Broadspire; Helen Allensworth, Peggy Green, Anadarko Petroelum; and Nancy Stukey, GPM, Inc. Five applicants were interviewed for the two RIMS scholarships, for children of RIMS members, by telephone conference. The Committee was greatly impressed with these young men and women, which made the decision extra difficult this year. Undoubtedly, all of the applicants were extremely

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<http://www.rims.org/ChapterWebsite/RIMSChapter.cfm?CWID=6652>

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qualified and dedicated students.

The two Scholarship Finalists are:

Jacob Penzell, the son of Ginny Penzell with El Paso Corporation. He accepted his scholarship at our last RIMS meeting. Jacob attended the High School for the



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Penzell

Performing and Visual Arts and plans to attend Columbia College in Chicago. His future goal is to be a professional playwright, having already written over 300 plays; four of them were performed, including one at the Alley Theatre. He was voted *Most Likely to Be Famous* by his peers, so we expect great things from Jacob.

Paul Macejewski, the son of Marianne Macejewski with Schlumberger. Paul attended Strake Jesuit College Preparatory and plans to attend The University of Texas at Dallas. He is a gifted computer guru and believes he will study computer science. He earned two academic scholarships; his accomplishments include: earning the Boy Scout "Order of the Arrow", Vice President of the Computer Club, lettering as manager of the baseball team and trainer for the football team. In addition to these accomplishments, he worked to earn money for college.

Jacob and Paul are active volunteers and exuded great enthusiasm for their chosen fields of study. These young men, along with the other applicants, give us hope for our future. They seem destined to make their marks on this world, and make us truly proud.

Welcome
New/Renewed
Members

DEPUTIES

- Camden Property Trust,**
Randall Wilson
- Cemex, Inc.,**
Carolyn Taylor
- FMC Technologies, Inc.,**
Virgil Mead
- Group 1 Automotive, Inc.,**
Ron Reynolds
- Halliburton Co.,**
Mary Jo Contello
- Link Staffing Services, Inc.,**
Juan Estrella and
Shawnicca Mayes

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Location**

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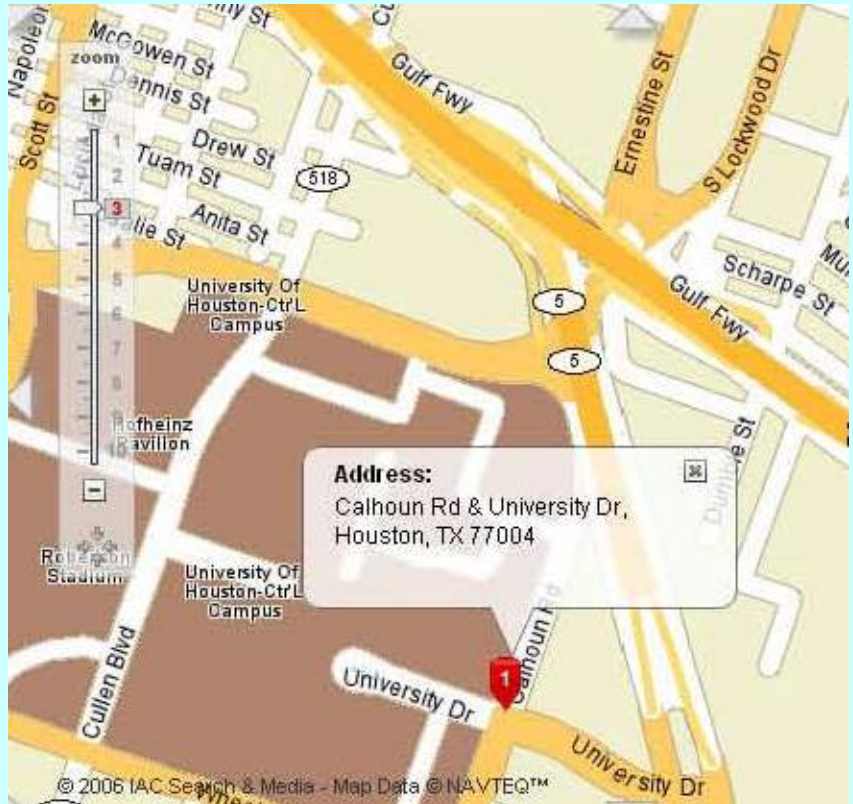
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Houston Job Postings

- Claims Analyst (2)
- Risk Analyst
- Risk Manager (2)
- Safety Representative
- Claims Specialist
- Risk & Life Safety Manager
- Safety Management Professional

See Houston Chapter web site at www.RIMS.org for details.

Other Risk Management Jobs; information (none in the Houston area at this time) is available on the RIMS web site at: www.RIMS.org



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