



# RIMS NEWS OCTOBER 2001

The Houston Chapter of RIMS is proud to announce and honor those who have achieved the Associate in Risk Management (ARM) designation this past year.

Cynthia Vickers, ARM — El Paso Energy  
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Michael Cotter, ARM — AON

The ARM is a rigorous three-course/test program that offers an excellent foundation for those in the Risk Management and related career fields. The Houston RIMS Chapter offers ARM classes each fall and spring semester. For information, please call Mike Tawney at 713-435-6725.

Go to the web site for the houston chapter at [www.houstonrims.org](http://www.houstonrims.org) to read the **Letter From the President** related to the Sept. 11th incident.



**SPECIAL reservation deadline for the 2001 Fall Conference is 10-15-01. An additional charge of \$50.00 for registration at the door. We cannot guarantee a golf slot for those who do not pre-register.**

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## THE HOUSTON CHAPTER OF RIMS PRESENTS 2001 FALL CONFERENCE October 26, 2001

The Woodlands Conference Center

Get the registration form on the Chapter Web Site:  
[www.houstonrims.org](http://www.houstonrims.org)

“Protecting Your Corporation’s Most Valuable Asset —  
Employee Safety in the Workplace and Abroad”  
**Morning Sessions:** 3 hours CEUs

### KEEPING VIOLENCE OUT OF THE WORKPLACE

Speaker: Gary Salmans, Vice President/Practice Leader  
Critical Incident Prevention, Marsh Risk Consulting

Do you have the controls in place to keep violence out of the workplace? Is your management trained to profile, evaluate and control violence factors before an incident occurs? How should you deal with hostile terminations? Gary will help to answer these and other questions regarding keeping violence out of the workplace.

### KIDNAP & EXTORTION: THE HIGH IMPACT SCENARIO

Speaker: David Lattin, Director of Operations, Control Risks  
Group, LLC

Before you send your employees abroad, you should know the risks. Kidnap and extortion incidents can endanger the safety of employees, consumers or key assets and may threaten an organization’s business and global reputation. This presentation focuses on kidnapping and other global extortion types, including revolutionary war tax demands, product tampering and sabotage threats. It will include a brief global overview and offer advice based on actual incidents that may help prevent or resolve an incident quickly and effectively.

### **Afternoon Sessions:**

#### A GOOD ROUND OF GOLF WITH Friends/Co-Workers and Associates

OR,

#### LAWN CHAIR RISK MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION

With all of the recent disasters, Tropical Storm Allison, WTC, etc. there is plenty to talk about. If you have an idea, bring it to the table. If you have materials bring some copies (20) to share. Casual, informal and informative. Contact Connie Foland or Carol Barnes if you have questions.

Winner of the Anita Benidetti Student Involvement Program Raffle is Barry Bittick, Risk Manager, Administaff. His prize is the FULL DAY registration for the Fall Conference. The funds received from the sale of the tickets go to sponsor a student, studying risk management, to the RIMS Conference in New Orleans in 2002



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40<sup>TH</sup> Annual Conference  
New Orleans, LA April 14-18, 2002

**From the President's Desk**

As many of you know we sent a letter asking for donations for the September 11<sup>th</sup> Fund of United Way. That money will be given to the Houston United Way in the name of the missing members of AON and Marsh from the September 11<sup>th</sup> Tragedy. The money will be sent to New York. As of the deadline of this newsletter the total amount was not yet known so we will announce the amount at the Fall Conference and also in the next newsletter.

We are still looking for an associate director of legislation, please call or e-mail me if you are interested or know someone who is.

We have added 2 new members to the board. Jim Lyons is with PSC and will fill the newly created position of Associate Director of Membership. We are also pleased to announce that Chris Triggs of Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation will be the Associate Director of Education.

We are still working on the Fall Conference...and it is not too late to reserve your place as a sponsor! Please call or e-mail me at the number below. I would like to personally thank the confirmed sponsors:

<p><b>DIAMOND</b></p> <p>John L. Wortham Zurich ESIS/ACE USA/ACE INT'L Aon Marsh Frank Crystal &amp; Company</p>	<p><b>BEVERAGE CART</b> Crawford &amp; Company</p> <p><b>GOLD</b> Kemper McGriff, Seibels &amp; Williams</p> <p><b>BRONZE</b> Van Dyke Rankin &amp; Company Bowen, Miclette &amp; Britt</p>	<p><b>HOLE SPONSORS</b> CNA Team Legal Deloitte &amp; Touche Hartford Specialty Co. Specialty Risk Services Genex Services, Inc Phillips &amp; Akers GAB Robins North America, Inc</p>
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Just a reminder that our meetings will continue to be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel until further notice as the Warwick is still recovering from the flood.

If you have any ideas please e-mail me at [sbittick@weingarten.com](mailto:sbittick@weingarten.com) or call me at 713-866-6978.

See you at the meeting. **Sheryl**

**October Jobs Listing**

- **Human Resources/Risk Manager Position, Houston – Thorpe Corporation (07/19/01)**
- **Risk Coordinator, Houston – The Westlake Group (07/17/01)**
- **Director, Workers' Compensation Risk Management, Pleasanton, CA – Safeway (07/31/01)**
- **Risk Manager, Houston, - Willbros USA, Inc. (08/10/01)**
- **Safety Auditor, Houston - Associated Building Services (08/10/01)**
- **Insurance Assistant, Houston - Landry's (08/20/01)**
- **Insurance Manager, Houston - Methodist Health Care System (08/31/01)**
- **Safety Auditor, Houston - ABS (08/10/02)**
- **Claims Analyst, 2 Positions, Houston - Encompass Services Corporation (09/05/01)**

Look online: [Houston Chronicle's](http://HoustonChronicle.com) classified web site under employment. Do a key word search for Safety or Risk Management: [www.houstonchronicle.com/classifieds](http://www.houstonchronicle.com/classifieds)  
[Houston Press's](http://HoustonPress.com) classified web site: [www.houstonpress.com/classifieds](http://www.houstonpress.com/classifieds)

For further information regarding the above positions or to place a job opening for your company in our newsletter, contact Julia Kovach, Director - Job Placement, via email [Julia.Kovach@chron.com](mailto:Julia.Kovach@chron.com) or by telephone (713) 220-7607.

For information regarding National listings, contact Kamy Persaud at RIMS New York at (212) 286-9292, extension 242.

### Risk Manager In Residence Program

The Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc. is seeking risk managers to give presentations and lectures for its "Risk Manager In Residence" program. The Foundation will award grants to college and universities to host this program and to cover transportation, housing and incidental costs for the lecturing risk manager. Now in its fifth year, the program has been praised by both risk managers and universities as a rewarding educational experience and a chance to give back to the profession.

The prospective risk manager must have: 10 years minimum work experience; good communication skills; classroom experience; ideally CPCU or ARM teaching experience; senior specialist in his/her organization and able to spend two to three days on a college or university campus. If you wish to be considered for this program, please send your resume to the Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc.; Risk Manager In Residence Program; 655 Third Avenue, 2nd Fl.; New York, NY 10017. Resumes are currently being accepted for the 2001-2002 academic year. Deadline for resume submissions is February 8, 2002.

### For Universities Submitting Proposals

The Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc. is requesting proposals from colleges and universities for the Foundation's 2002 Risk Manager In Residence Program. Grants of up to \$3,500, each will be issued to colleges and universities who submit acceptable proposals on how they would best utilize visiting risk managers for two to three days at their campus. The grant money will be used to pay for transportation and housing for the visiting risk manager and other related expenses.

The Foundation has set the following criteria for participating schools in the "Risk Manager In Residence" Program:

- The attending risk manager must work outside of the college/university's state.
- The risk manager must be a member of the Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc.
- The risk manager cannot be an alumnus of the school.
- Participating faculty must be willing to prepare and coordinate an itinerary with the attending risk manager (i.e. transportation, lodging, preparing a presentation schedule).
- At least three presentations to students should be scheduled.
- Follow-up and final reports sent to the Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc. should include a concise but descriptive detail of the risk manager's visit and the benefits derived including a full accounting report of expenses incurred.
- Willingness to involve finance faculty and students.

The deadline for proposal submissions is February 8, 2002. Please send your proposal to the:

Spencer Educational Foundation, Inc., Risk Manager In Residence Program, 655 Third Ave., 2nd Fl., New York, NY 10017 or by email to: [asabatino@rims.org](mailto:asabatino@rims.org). See the Houston Chapter Web Site for "[the rest of the story](#)".

### Looking for 2002 Board Members

**The Nominating Committee is looking for YOU. If you are interested in participating at a new level with your chapter please let us know. Call Ella Andrews at 713.546.8646 or Sheryl Bittick at 713.866.6978.**

### Student Internship Program

The Spencer Educational Foundation is pleased to offer RIMS members and chapters the opportunity to participate and receive grants to administer a Spencer Student Internship Program locally!

Grants of up to \$4,000 each will be awarded to selected RIMS members and chapters to launch this internship program. If you already have an existing internship program or wish to start one, you are encouraged to participate.

The program is being promoted to RIMS chapters in the hope that those chapters that already have a relationship with their local colleges and universities will administer and monitor the matching of intern with employer. We also encourage RIMS member companies to act as employers. If your chapter is interested in participating in this exciting and rewarding program please submit a one or two page explanation of how your existing internship program operates or how your chapter/company would create and monitor an internship program if awarded a grant.

The Foundation requests that: priority be given to matching students with RIMS member company employers; the employer's project or research task be meaningful for the intern; the student possess a GPA of 2.7 or higher and the duration of the internship be eight weeks or more. A final report from both the employer and the intern is required.

The seven 2001 Internship Program grant recipients are: Bank of America; the Barnes Group; Columbia University, Risk Management Dept; RIMS Delaware Valley Chapter; Greater Orlando Aviation Authority; Starbucks Coffee Company and the Southern Alberta Risk and Insurance Management Society (SARIMS). They were chosen to receive \$4,000 grants to monitor, administer and compensate selected student interns for a minimum of eight weeks. If you have any additional questions, please call Angela Sabatino at (212) 655-6223, or by e mail at: [asabatino@rims.org](mailto:asabatino@rims.org). Deadline for proposal submissions is March 1, 2002.

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### Upcoming Events

RIMS Luncheon Meetings are at 11:30 am

2001

**October 26, 2001**

**Fall Conference/Golf Tournament**  
**at The Woodlands Conference Center**

November 14, 2001

December 12, 2001

2002

January 16, 2002

February 20, 2002

Honor Past Presidents

March 20 2002

Joint RIMS-CPCU Meeting

hosted by RIMS

April 14 - 18, 2002

40th Annual RIMS Conference

New Orleans, LA

No April Luncheon Meeting

May 15, 2002

Staff Appreciation

June 19, 2002

### **NO OCTOBER LUNCHEON MEETING**



**SEE  
YOU  
AT  
THE  
WOODLANDS  
GOLF  
COURSE**

**Meeting notices are sent out by e-mail.** To update information on yourself or your company please contact the Membership Director, Bob Card for Deputies or Chapter Liaison, Carol Barnes for Associates and Non-Members. Please be sure your information is current. If you are a deputy or an associate you can update information on the RIMS web site at [www.rims.org](http://www.rims.org)

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