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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK...

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. December is definitely upon us and I'm looking forward to our final meeting of 2007. Dionysus Theatre is joining us and will be performing. Their website address is www.dionysustheatre.org for more information about them. If you missed their performance at our December meeting last year, you really should plan to attend this one. They do a fantastic job and provide an excellent beginning to the holiday season. I took the following from their website:

Dionysus Theatre is a non-profit organization that provides theatre experience for teens and young adults who are disabled, disadvantaged, chronically ill, or those able-bodied actors who want to help us spread our message of love, dignity and tolerance for people of all abilities.

The annual Wellsprings party is on December 8th. Santa's been busy. The party is planned, the gifts have been purchased, and the cookies will be baked and ready for decorating. Thank you to everyone who is participating.

I really enjoyed my term as Chapter President and thank everyone for supporting the Chapter and our efforts and goals. I especially want to express my appreciation to the members of the 2007 Board for all their contributions and hard work.

The 2008 Board Members will be sworn in at the December meeting. They're a great group that will work hard for you and the Chapter. Come show them your support at their Induction Ceremony!

Happy Holidays!

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Special Program December 12, 2007 by Dionysus Theatre!

The RIMS Group enjoyed their performance last year so much that they have been asked back this year.

Dionysus Theatre is a non-profit organization that provides theatre experience for teens and young adults who are disabled, disadvantaged, chronically ill, or those able-bodied actors who want to help spread the message of love, dignity and tolerance for people of all abilities. The only inclusive theatre in the State of Texas, Dionysus uses the theatre venue to break down barriers and stereotypes. Dionysus Theatre changes hearts and minds through their professional shows, touring diversity troupe and theater arts classes. Dionysus Theatre's motto is "changing lives...one act at a time" and they achieve this by their cornerstone – entertaining, educating, enlightening, empowering.

For more information on Dionysus Theatre, visit their website at www.dionysustheatre.org.



Wellsprings Party

This coming holiday will be our fourth year working with Wellsprings. We look forward to seeing the kids at the annual Christmas party each time we go. In anticipation to this event, our family sets aside a day to go out and put together holiday bags for all the kids. This is really fun for us because we know what kids around our age like and always have creative input. We carefully pick out toys based on how old the child is, whether they are a boy or a girl, and what things

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Nelda Thadani, II

they tell us they like. We get gift bags or backpacks and fill them with toys and candy that we picked out for all the kids.

We also find crafts that we think the kids would enjoy making while they are at the party. In the past we've done things like reindeer ornaments, pine cone Christmas trees, and beaded candy canes, its always fun helping the kids learn how to make them. Some of the other helpers have their tables set up with face painting or cookie decorating stations. Others make decorated bags to keep all the kids crafts safe. Of course, it's not just the kids that get to join in the fun you definitely notice the inner-child coming out of some of the adult volunteers while they help the smaller children decorating cookies and such.

It's nice to see familiar faces at the party and see how the kids have changed over the years, but it's even better when we know that some of those families have been able to successfully move on from the program, although we still miss them at the party.

The party itself is always a blast. All of the kids are very energetic and fun to hang out with at the party. They listen to holiday music, get their faces painted and eat the cookies that they decorated. It's a really great feeling, knowing that something we helped with made them so happy. One of our favorite parts of the party is when we watch the kids open their gifts. It's awesome hearing the kids say how much they like the presents or that they can't wait to go play with them.

We think it's wonderful that people get involved with organizations like Wellsprings. Sometimes, all it takes is a great bunch of kids sharing in the Christmas spirit, or maybe like last year when the kids put on a play for the volunteers about the true meaning of the holiday, to remind everyone that it's the season for giving. We are definitely looking forward to seeing the kids again at the upcoming Christmas party.

If you are looking for a great time that will make yourself and children in need happy, come help out at the Wellsprings Christmas party this year.

By:

Megan Hanlon (16) and Erin Hanlon (15)
Daughters of Timothy J. Hanlon, CPCU
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Meeting Dates

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



Some years ago reluctantly, I accepted the assignment to “play” Santa at the annual Wellsprings Christmas function, which is hosted by the Houston Chapters of RIMS and CPCU.

WOW! What a great experience that turned out to be. It gave me such satisfaction, that I now willingly appear as Santa each year.

I have long since shed any inhibitions that I may have had about parading around as the jolly old fat man and the reason should seem obvious to many. It is just plain fun to feel that you are part of the effort that creates joy and excitement in the lives of these youngsters. I wish everyone could have the pleasure of looking through Santa’s tiny spectacles to see the eyes of a child light up when Santa presents a gift with their name written on it.

In spite of the love and care provided by Wellsprings Foundation, the kids enrolled in that program face a lot of discouragement in their lives. If for one brief moment, we can create a belief for these children that life can be rewarding, and that there is a better day out there, then that is certainly worth being part of.

I do everything I can to make every child feel special and very cared for. In my brief conversations with the children, we do not talk much about toys; we talk about helping their mommies and doing well in school and playing sports and what they want to be when they grow up.

It is all about achieving your wildest dreams and I can assure you “Santa” as well as all of the other volunteers participating in the Christmas event leave feeling that we have really made difference in the lives of some very special people.

By Santa
(aka) Mack Rogers, CPCU
John L Wortham & Son

For information on the Wellsprings party on December 8, 2007 contact Ginny Penzell at ginny.penzell@elpaso.com

NOTICE: Effective January 1, 2008, the RIMS Society has changed their method of collecting Local Chapter Dues. In the past there were two deputies included with the membership, then a charge for each additional deputy added. Under the new structure they will begin collecting chapter dues on a per deputy member basis. The new structure for the Houston Chapter Dues is \$55 per deputy member.

The change will be reflected on the renewal invoice. The dues structure for associate membership has not changed.

Business Insurance.

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Senate passes 7-year terror backstop extension

By Mark A. Hofmann
November 16 10:28:00, 2007

Déjà vu all over again with TRIA extension

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See the most current and up to date information on TRIA at www.businessinsurance.com

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Marty Timpano is the Risk Manager of SYSCO Corporation in Houston, TX. SYSCO is the largest marketer and distributor of foodservice products in North America.



Ms. Timpano oversees the property, casualty and executive protection insurance programs for SYSCO. She manages annual losses and claim handling, which total approximately \$58 million. Current insurance premiums total approximately \$17million. Her team is responsible for the management of the corporate vendor databases for certificates of insurance

and holds harmless agreements, the oversight of outside actuaries for the development of regular actuarial analyses for senior management, the maintenance of the data integrity for the claims database that stores 100,000+ historical claims and receives over 9000 new casualty claims annually.

Prior to becoming associated with SYSCO, Marty had been Assistant Vice President and Regional Manager for ESIS, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of ACE USA. Before joining ACE USA, she was a Western Division Systems Manager for Corporate Systems, a pioneer in the development of Risk Management Information Systems.

Marty earned a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from West Texas A & M University in Canyon, TX in 1985. She also earned the Associate in Risk Management designation in 1992. In 2006 she obtained a General Lines Property and Casualty License and Risk Manager License for the State of Texas.

Marty was the External Affairs Director for the Houston Chapter of the Risk and Insurance Management Society in 2007. For 2008 Marty will represent the Chapter as Membership director. She is also a member of the AIG Transportation Advisory Board.

Marty is married and has two children. She enjoys riding the back roads of Texas on her Harley Davidson FatBoy with her husband Vinnie and the rest of the family.

The Chapter Board has appointed Stephanie Degreve to complete the 2007 term of office as Treasurer that has been left vacant by the resignation of Tom Mace. Many thanks Tom you have done a wonderful job for these past couple of years on the RIMS Board. Welcome Stephanie, we appreciate you stepping forward to fill this position.

[The Student Health Spectrum](#), a Publication of The Chickering Group, November 2007 issue has an article where a Houston RIMS Deputy Member, Rene Block, Risk Manager, Rice University participated with three other Risk Managers to discuss Student Safety – Four Risk Managers Discuss Their Roles, Collaboration, and Changes in the Post-Virginia Tech Period.

Web site is www.chickering.com

Please see our Chapter Website for additional information:

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

Or WWW.RIMS.ORG – Chapters - Houston

Houston Job Postings

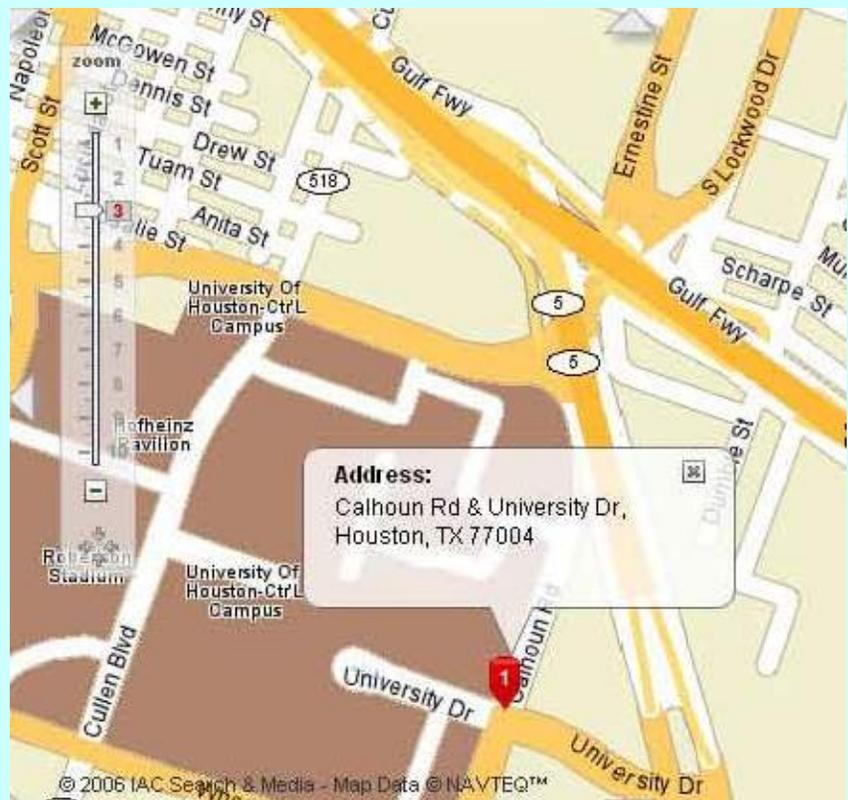
Administrative Assistant, RM Dept.
Sr. Risk Analyst
Claims Analyst
Admin. Clerk – RM Dept.

[See Houston Chapter web site at www.RIMS.org for details.](http://www.RIMS.org)

Other Risk Management Jobs:

Assoc. Dir. of Claims
Risk Management Coordinator,

information is available on the RIMS web site at:
www.RIMS.org



For the map go to: <http://maps.ask.com>

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