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**RIMS NEWS  
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**THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER**

**Advancing the Risk Management Profession**

**“2004 RIMS Houston Chapter  
Board Nominations”**

The nominating committee, comprised of Colleen Cummings, Connie Foland, Pam Chavez and Paul Remson, have met and make the following recommendations for the 2004 Houston Chapter Board.

**Board Nominations**

**Officers**

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**Advisors**

Past President: Pam Chavez, ARM, CIC, CRM  
Web Master: Sondra Faul, CIC

**“RIMS Society Presentation & Ask  
Your Board Questions”**

Michael Lichman with Advison will be our guest speaker. Mr. Lichman give a presentation concerning the benchmark study and results that RIMS Society has put together. Afterwards, the board members of our chapter will give a general update on items the Houston Chapter of Risk and Insurance Management Society has accomplished this year along with what they hope to accomplish next year. Please bring questions and any important topics you'd like to discuss and we'll open up the floor for comments and suggestions. The roster of the new board members will also be presented.

**RIMS SOCIETY FACTS**

**Description**

The Risk and Insurance Management Society, Inc. (RIMS) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to advancing the practice of risk management, a professional discipline that protects physical, financial and human resources. Founded in 1950, RIMS represents nearly 4,800 industrial, service, nonprofit, charitable, and governmental entities. The Society serves 8,400 risk management professionals around the world.

**Membership**

[RIMS membership](#) is the cornerstone of the Society. In regular meetings, risk managers exchange ideas and engage in networking with other local companies and industry counterparts. The RIMS chapters are the scene for local educational, social and civic activities. Chapters also team up to sponsor Regional RIMS Conferences, which extend networking opportunities even further.

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## From the President's Desk

For those of you who were unable to make the Fall Conference and Golf Outing, you missed a great day. Our speakers were wonderful, the weather cooperated and we all had a fabulous time. Thanks again to all of our sponsors, speakers and attendees that make this event such a success year after year.

Over the next two months we have several activities planned. This month we will be presenting and voting on the final slate of officers and directors for the Houston 2004 RIMS Board. In December we will be installing our new directors and officers for 2004. Besides our regularly scheduled luncheon meetings, we have our annual Wellsprings Holiday Party for the children of women who are participating in the Wellspring program. The party will be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. We also have our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Happy Hour planned for Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 until 8:00 pm at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. You will be receiving additional information on these events in our newsletters and through email announcements in the near future.

I look forward to seeing you all at the luncheon meeting this month.

*PAM*



## Upcoming Events

### WELLSPRINGS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Believe it or not, the Holidays will be here before you know it. The Wellsprings Christmas Party scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to help go shopping; wrap presents in gift bags and bake cookies, all prior to the party. We will also need volunteers to join us for the party to setup tables, serve food, help the children decorate cookies, help Santa pass out presents, clean up, play with the children and best of yet, HAVE FUN!

If you are interested in helping out with any of these tasks, please contact Susan Sanders at 713-625-7015 or by e-mail at [ssanders@ContactPSC.com](mailto:ssanders@ContactPSC.com).

The 2003 Fall Conference & Golf Outing

What a day! As we gathered at the Woodlands Resort & Conference Center the weather was perfect and the topics were lively. This year you could choose from 2 sessions in the morning and 2 sessions in the afternoon. Tort Reform & Litigation Management, Workers' Compensation, golf and networking by the pool with a nice massage. The speakers were: Joseph M. Nixon, Phillips & Akers, P.C., Jennifer House, Phillips & Akers, P.C., Amie Berg, Baker & Hostetler, LLP, Dean G. Pappas, Dean G. Pappas & Associates, Steven T. Smith, Smith & Carr, P.C. and Thomas H. Dolan, Manager of the Claims Management & Workers' Compensation Departments for Houston ISD.

The golfers had a great time and the results are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place 50
  - J. Carr
  - B. Johnson
  - J. Ledbetter
  - T. Mace

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place 53
  - J. Curren
  - D. Rapp
  - J. Shahidi
  - S. Stansbury

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place 56 (This was a 3 way tie which was won on 4<sup>th</sup> playoff hole)
  - M. Davis
  - S. Pianalto
  - C. Slaughter
  - R.L. Traylor

Long Drive- Men #16: Brandon Wood  
 -Women #4: Tara Clausen

Closest to the hole -Men James Brewer  
 -Women Carol Larsen



- The evening ended with a wonderful dinner and door prizes. They were donated by:
- Emerils Cookbook-Jodie Specht, Chubb
- Zurich Shirt- Kenneth Kovan, Zurich Energy
- Koozies, hats, golf balls-AON
- Chubb Shirts-Chubb
- Texans Shirt-AON Group
- Hearst Corp. Shirt & Umbrella- Houston Chronicle
- Gold Balls-Jodie Specht, Chubb
- Texan Towel-Jan Kelly, Houston Texans
- Plush Texan Ball-AON
- Gift Certificate for Stay at Omni- Tina Pence, ACE
- Texas Stadium Cushions-AON
- Portfolio's-RIMS
- Dice & Bag-Houston Chronicle
- Wine & Carrier- Connie Scott, Review Med

• A big thank you to the sponsors:

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• AND A BIG THANK-YOU to Sheryl Bittick for opening up her home.

## Fall Conference Pictures

Here are just a few pictures of this years golfers.



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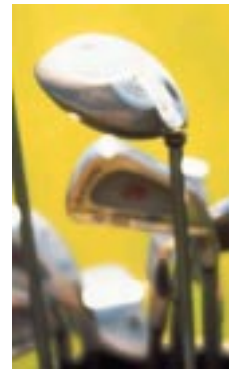
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## Member's Corner

The Houston Chapter has the privilege of welcoming the following new Corporate Deputy members:

- McDermott International, Inc.
  - Mary Jones, Vice President of Risk Management
  - Chris Ryan, Insurance Analyst

Chicago Bridge & Iron
 

- Sheri Gorman, Risk Analyst

- Landry's Restaurants, Inc.
  - Steffen Jones, Risk Manager

We are equally pleased to welcome our new Retiree Member:

- Martha Embry



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 Jim Lyon, Membership Director. All others, Associates and Non-Members, please contact Monica Olis. Deputies can update/correct information by logging on to the Society web site: [www.rims.org](http://www.rims.org).

### Houston Area Job(s) Listing for November 2003

**Company:** EOG Resources  
**Position:** Risk Management Assistant

**Company:** ExpressJet Airlines, Inc. ([www.expressjet.com](http://www.expressjet.com))  
**Position:** Sr. Manager – Risk Management

- ❖ Any 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 positions or to place a job opening for your company in our newsletter, contact Toni Green, Director - Job Placement, via email at [toni.green@nli-usa.com](mailto:toni.green@nli-usa.com) or by telephone at (281) 423-3357.
- ❖ For information regarding National RIMS listings, contact Jennifer Berman at RIMS New York at (212) 286-9292 or email: [jberman@rims.org](mailto:jberman@rims.org).
- ❖ 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](http://www.houstonchronicle.com/classifieds) or look online at the Houston Press's classified web site: [www.houstonpress.com/classifieds](http://www.houstonpress.com/classifieds)

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## Houston Chapter of RIMS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Luncheon meetings are at 11:30 am

**2003**

**November 19, 2003**

Roster of New Board Members Presented

**December 6, 2003**

Wellsprings Christmas Party

**December 10, 2003**

50th Anniversary Celebration  
Happy Hour



**December 17, 2003**

Installation Ceremony: New Officers

**January 21, 2004**

**February 18, 2004**

**March 17, 2004**

**April**

No meeting due to  
42nd Annual RIMS Conference  
in San Diego, CA

Check the web Site: [www.rims.org](http://www.rims.org) >chapters  
>chapter web sites > Houston.  
Watch for event information.

## Reservation Deadline

is **Monday, November 17, 2003 at 4pm.**  
Please send your response by e-mail to  
[ginny.penzell@elpaso.com](mailto:ginny.penzell@elpaso.com) or fax the  
notice to her, at 713.420.6350.

The Luncheon Registration form is avail-  
able on the chapter web site at  
[www.rims.org](http://www.rims.org)

choose “chapters” then “chapter web  
sites” then “Houston” look for the  
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the left.

## MEETING PLACE

**Crowne Plaza Medical Center Hotel.**

**6701 Main @ Holcomb, Houston, TX 77030.**

**Phone # 713.797.1110**

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Bring your parking ticket to the registration table  
for a validation sticker.**

**Parking is also available on the surface  
lot to the south of the hotel**

