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**RIMS NEWS  
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**THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER**  
**Advancing the Risk Management Profession**

## Wellsprings

**Valerie A. Beckham, Executive Director,  
Wellsprings, Inc.**

Each year, The Houston Chapter of Risk and Insurance, Management Society, Inc., CPCU and some other VERY generous people sponsor a holiday party for the children of Wellsprings, Inc., A United Way Agency. If you ever wondered what Wellsprings is about or if you ever wanted to get more involved, then this is the meeting for you. Valerie A. Beckham, Executive Director of Wellsprings, Inc. will give a presentation on Wellsprings. In addition, Valerie will present an update on what occurred at the December 6<sup>th</sup> Party. Please plan on joining us



This is a sneak preview of what took place at the Well Springs Christmas party.



**HOUSTON CHAPTER**

**RISK MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

**NOMINATIONS ARE DUE**

**DECEMBER 31, 2003**

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## From the President's Desk

This has been a very fast year! I cannot begin to tell you what an honor and a privilege it has been for me to be your President in 2003. When we had our annual board retreat this past spring, we laid out a very aggressive plan for our chapter. I am proud to say that you have all stepped up and helped us to fulfill the majority of our plan. Here are a few of the many accomplishments we have had this past year:

- We were able to produce the first Insurance Supplement for the Houston Business Journal in conjunction with our friends at CPCU.
- We increased our chapter membership this year in all areas
- We supported the new Gamma Iota Sigma Chapter at the University of Houston
- We celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as an insurance group in Houston
- The Wellsprings Holiday Party was bigger and better than ever!!
- Wellsprings honored our Chapter at their annual gala with the "Precious Time Award"

I would like to thank my board for their time, energy and support this past year. You are all so wonderful and you made this past year a fabulous experience for me. It is only through your support and participation that we were able to accomplish so much. Thank you to our membership for your continued support of the Houston Chapter. For those of you who have not taken the time to get involved, you are missing out on a rewarding experience.

Please join us at the December luncheon meeting and help me welcome our new 2004 board members. With Colleen Cummings' leadership and energy, we will be going to have an awesome year!!



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 Door Prize & Speaker Evaluation Winner...

Marylyn Ha won the door prize.

The \$20.00 for the speaker evaluation was not won, so it will roll over to this month's meeting. It will now be worth \$40.00. You have to be present to win.

## Member's Corner

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

- Pakhoed Corporation
  - Paige Bailey, General Counsel
- Hanover Compressor Company
  - Gail Glover, Claims Analyst
- Smith Hanley Holding Corporation
  - Michael Hlinak, CFO & COO
- FirstWave Marine, Inc.
  - Peggy Lucas, Director, Risk Management
- American Bureau of Shipping
  - Thomas Miller, VP, General Counsel & Secretary
- Academy Sports & Outdoors
  - James Moody, Internal Audit Manager



## From the RIMS 2003 Board Members!!

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 December 2003

**Company:** Roofing Supply Ltd.  
**Position:** Corporate Risk Manager  
**Location:** Austin or Dallas, Texas

**Company:** EOG Resources  
**Position:** Risk Management Assistant  
**Location:** Houston, Texas

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

- ❖ 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)



# More Fall Conference Pictures



If you missed the conference, you missed a lot of fun. Mark it on your calendar now!



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## Houston Chapter of RIMS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Luncheon meetings are at 11:30 am

**2003**

**December 6, 2003**

Wellsprings Christmas Party

Volunteer 9:30am

Party 11:00am-2:00pm

**December 10, 2003**

50th Anniversary Celebration

Happy Hour

5:30pm-8:00pm



**December 17, 2003**

Installation Ceremony: New Officers

Winner of the Annual Board Strategic Planning

Retreat Announced

**January 21, 2004**

2003 Risk Manager  
of the Year Announced

**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, December 15, 2003** at **4pm.**

Please send your response by e-mail to [ginny.penzell@el Paso.com](mailto:ginny.penzell@el Paso.com) or fax the notice to her, at 713.420.6350.

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

choose “chapters” then “chapter web sites” then “Houston” look for the “Monthly Meeting Notice” on the list to the left.

## MEETING PLACE

**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 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**

