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

September 21 Meeting

**“Business Interruption
Claims”**

Guest Speaker: Michael Thompson

In a timely presentation, Michael Thompson, of Alvarez & Marsal, will discuss the role of forensic accountants and how they can help protect your interests in and maximize recovery of business interruption claims. With predictions of record business interruption and contingent business interruption claims coming out of the hurricane Katrina disaster, as well as the expected coverage disputes that have already begun, this should offer some very timely and useful information.

September Luncheon Meeting

Please send your response by email to jlyon@contactpsc.com or fax the notice to 713.625.7087.

The Luncheon Registration form is available on the chapter web site at www.rims.org

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**Fall
Conference
October 21st**

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SIGN UP NOW!

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Get your reservations in for the RIMS Houston 2005 Fall Conference. Conference and optional golf outing will take place Friday, October 21st at the Woodlands Resort and Conference Center. The theme of the conference is “Sharpen Your Risk Management Tools”. You have a choice between two comprehensive three (3) hour sessions in the morning and the afternoon offers a choice between sharpening your risk management tools a little further with a Risk Identification tour of the Gulf States Toyota Vehicle Processing Center, or sharpening your golf skills with a round at the Woodlands course. **Details and Registration Form Attached - Don’t miss out!**

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITES AVAILABLE

There are many creative opportunities to support the Fall Conference and get your name in front of this group of Houston risk, insurance, safety, and claims professionals. If you are interested in being a sponsor of the conference, contact Tom Mace 281.775.8116, Tom.Mace@nabors.com or Virgil Mead 713.647.5754, VMead@Group1Auto.com

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From the President's Desk

Hello Everyone!

It is hard to believe that it is already September and our Fall Conference is only one month away! I assure you, if you have not participated in the Fall Conferences before, you will not want to miss this one this year – it is going to be fabulous. We are back at The Woodlands Conference Center and we have some very good sessions planned. The theme this year is “Sharpen Your Risk Management Tools”. So, put a hold on October 21st for this great annual event.

Julia

New Members

We are pleased to announce the following new members who joined our chapter last month:

Virgil Mead– Group 1 Automotive

David Hammonds—Spring Branch ISD

Johnny Centineo

Abigall Arriola—Link Staffing

Yvette Alexander—Link Staffing

Jay Hirsch—Kroger, Myers, Frisby & Hirsch

Troy Priesmeyer—Dresser-Rand Company

Laurie O'Brien—City of Huntsville

Wendy Tiderman—Terrance Risk Management

Ron Kurtz—Maxxam

Houston Area Job Links for September 2005

- Sr. Risk Analyst—CEMEX
- Claims Analyst—CEMEX
- Sr. Claims Analyst—Phillips Services Corporation
- Sr. Manager, Risk Management—Friedkin Companies, Inc.
- Carriage Services, Inc.—Risk Management Assistant (part time)
- Energy Company (Galleria area) - Risk & Insurance Analyst
- Director Finance & Planning—Lord & Albus Company
- Workers Compensation Coordinator—NCI Building Systems, L.P.
- Assistant Risk Manager—Nabors Industries

For further information regarding positions or to place a job opening for your company in our newsletter, contact Pam Chavez, Director—Job Placement (832) 351-7144

Email: PChavez@weingarten.com

Listing descriptions and contact information can be found at The Houston RIMS website:

<http://Houston.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 at:

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/classified>

Or look online at the Houston Press's classified web site:

<http://www.houstonpress.com/classifieds>

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Meeting Notices, Newsletters and other chapter correspondence are now distributed by email.

If you are a deputy member and are not receiving yours please let us know by contacting Victor Pivetta, Membership Director. Deputies can update/correct information by logging on to the Society web site: www.rims.org. Associates & Non-Members should contact Ginny Penzell

On the first page of each RIMS Monthly Newsletter, we publish a **brief** article of interest to our members. If you have one to submit for publication, please send articles of interest (no advertisements please) to: 34391.Stephen.Broderick@rimsmail.org

Houston Chapter of RIMS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Luncheon Meetings are at 11:30 am

**RIMS Luncheon Meeting—
September 21, 2005**

**RIMS Houston Fall Conference
Friday, October 21 @ The Woodlands
Resort & Conference Center.**

**Enterprise Risk Mangement
RIMS Fellow Workshop—Houston, TX
Details & Registration Form Attached
October 27—28**



2005 LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

October (No Luncheon—Fall Conference)
November 16
December (TBA)

MEETING PLACE

The Hilton University of Houston
University Drive—Entrance One, Suite 207
Phone #713.741.2447

- Parking is being provided by the Houston Chapter of RIMS.
- Be sure to pick up your token at the registration desk so you can get out of the parking garage free of charge





**The Houston Chapter of RIMS Fall Conference
 "Sharpen Your Risk Management Tools"
 Friday, October 21, 2005
 The Woodlands Resort & Conference Ctr.
 2301 North Millbend Dr., The Woodlands, TX 77380
 281-367-1100**

Name _____

(Please complete separate form for each participant)

Company _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

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E-Mail _____

Membership Type (circle one)

Deputy, Associate, Student or Non-Member

Make Checks to: RIMS Houston Chapter

Mail Checks to:

Thomas M. Mace c/o Nabors Industries
 515 West Greens Road, Suite 1200
 Houston, TX 77067
 Tax ID: 7460-06-1088

For further information contact:
 Virgil Mead 713-647-5754; vmead@group1auto.com

Registration and Breakfast 7:45-8:15am

Opening Remarks 8:15-8:45am

Julia Kovach, Chapter President

Break Out Sessions-CIRCLE ONE MORNING & ONE AFTERNOON SESSION

***Session #1: 9:00-12:00am**

"Do You Have Coverage For Your Commitments?"
 Contractual Risk Transfer, ISO changes and Recent
 Anti-Indemnification Actions

***Session #2: 9:00-12:00am**

"MCM,RTW,HB7...Hut...Hike"
 Strategies for Medical Case Management, Return to Work
 Supervisor Training, and Texas WC Reform

Session#3: 1:00-5:00pm

Golf Tournament-Complete Golf entry information

***Session #4: 1:00-5:00pm**

"Risk Identification and Assessment"
 Site visit to Gulf States Toyota Vehicle Processing Center

*CEU Credit Requested

While every attempt will be made to accommodate your requests, availability of golf or tour cannot be guaranteed for late registrants. No refunds will be made for cancellations after 10/14/05, 12pm. {(cancellation notice must be given via email to Tom Mace (tom.mace@nabors.com) or Virgil Mead (vmead@group1auto.com)}. Conference will occur, rain or shine. Golf will only be rescheduled one additional time, after that your fees will be considered a donation.

Early Bird Registration Fees

(All fees increase by \$25 after 10/7/05)

Half Day (Morning Session—Breakfast/Lunch)

___ \$100 Deputy**/Associate***

___ \$150 Non-Member

___ \$ 0 Student

Full Day (Morning & Afternoon Session—Breakfast/Lunch/
 Evening Reception/Dinner)

___ \$150 Deputy**/Associate***

___ \$200 Non-Member

___ \$ 50 Student

Please indicate if you will be staying for :

Lunch Yes___ No___

Evening Reception Yes___ No___

Dinner Yes___ No___

Extra Dinner Guest (s) Yes___ No___

(There is an extra \$40 charge for each guest)

(name) _____

Golf only Yes___ No___

Golf Handicap _____

Team Name _____

(Afternoon only session or Golf only constitutes a full day)

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

**Deputy of a Houston Chapter Corporate Member

***The individual that is the Houston Chapter Associate



Join Us In Houston

ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT

October 27-28, 2005

This is a two-day interactive workshop that covers the essentials of enterprise risk management and broadens the perspective of attendees in order for them to begin or expand the process in their own organizations.

Earn credits towards the RIMS Fellow designation by participation in this workshop.

The Meeting Location: The Downtown Club at Houston Center

Day One – Enterprise Risk Management Overview

Day Two – ERM Risks, Benefits and Obstacles

A detailed topic outline can be found by visiting our Web site.

Instructor/Facilitator: **Harvey B. Lermack** has over 20 years of experience in risk management, consulting and training. He was the Training Director at a leading freight railroad in Philadelphia, where he spearheaded workforce training in risk management, environmental health and safety, behavioral safety, and technical training. He was part of a team that successfully implemented an ERM initiative that contributed to a large increase in the bottomline. He currently has his own consulting firm in Cherry Hill, New Jersey specializing in training and consulting services in risk management, behavioral safety, change management, and leadership. He now works with clients on all aspects of ERM implementation. He received Lakewood Publications 1997 award as “Outstanding Performer in Training”. He also teaches at Philadelphia University. He received his MBA from Widener University.

Registration fee includes course manual, continental breakfast and lunch.

For details and registration, visit:

<http://www.rims.org/ermhous>

For further information, e-mail: pd@rims.org or call 212-655-6212

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