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**THE AWARD WINNING HOUSTON CHAPTER**



Houston's Chapter Leaders accept the awards for 2001 on Monday April 15th in New Orleans at the Membership Breakfast. Pictured among the other chapter's winners are: Mike Tawney (1) Bob Card (2) and Ella Andrews (3). Not pictured, Sherryl Bittick (I think we woke her up too early that morning and she slipped out before this picture was taken to catch a wink before her first session!) photo by Ken Hawkins, see website

**Reservation Deadline**  
is Monday May 13, 2002 at 4pm.  
Please send your response, by e-mail to julie.jackson@dynege.com or fax the notice to her, at 713.767.6242. If plans change at the last minute call if possible, but by all means come to the meeting. Reservations are necessary to make sure there are seats and food for all.

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**So What's the Big Deal with Space?**

The May speaker is Robby Gains who is an engineering graduate from Texas A&M. He was a "Pad Rat" at the Cape Canaveral Air Force Launch Pad 41 where he prepared the pad for the launching of spy satellites and the Mars Rover. He is on the Houston Board of Directors of the National Space Society, a member of the Planetary Society and a founding member of the Challenger Learning Center. In January, Robby was named as one of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) Solar System Ambassadors.

Robby's presentation will address the wonders of space and the excitement of exploration. The Space Presentation is designed to educate, entertain, and celebrate all aspects of Space and Space activities.

For example, did you know that five years ago astronomers only speculated that there "might" be planets orbiting other stars. Today there are sixty seven known planets outside our solar system. Recently, the first solar system outside our own system was discovered. Even more interesting is the fact that twelve of these planets orbit their suns in the habitable zone, the same distance Earth and Mars orbit our sun. So not only are there sixty seven new planets, but there are twelve that could support life as we know it!

Please bring your staff to the luncheon on May 15, 2002 for this interesting and entertaining presentation.

Explore more on space at

<http://www.space.com/>

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By Ella Andrews

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It seems that the year just started and already, we are in the month of May. This is a special month for our local chapter because on May 15<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our annual staff appreciation day. We will also recognize those wonderful volunteers who helped the board accomplish its goals during 2001. We have a great speaker lined up for this event and the word is that we have some fabulous door prizes to give away. Make it your business to bring those special members of your office staff to the meeting. This month's "Shout Out" is a simple word of thanks and it goes to all of our supporting staff and volunteers.

For those of you that attended the opening meeting of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual RIMS Conference in New Orleans last month, thank you on behalf of the board for the thunderous show of support you gave us as we accepted the awards for our chapter.

Next month, the board will be having its second annual planning retreat. If you have some ideas as to how we may be even better than what we are as a chapter, send to me your comments and suggestions by June 7, 2002. My e-mail address is [EllaAndrews@PZLQS.com](mailto:EllaAndrews@PZLQS.com). Also, if you are interested in volunteering, let me know. Our Fall Conference will be here before we know it and volunteers are always needed.

The speaker evaluation drawing for the May meeting is worth \$60. Show your supporting staff the proper way to behave when you win the money so be sure to bring them to the meeting with you. I'll see you there.

Sincerely, *Ella*

Welcome to all of the Corporate Members and their Deputies, the Associates and Affiliates that joined or re-joined (sometimes, due timing of payments a long time member shows up as new) our chapter in the first four months of 2002. Rick Morrow, NCI Building Systems; John Staton, USI Insurance Services of Texas; Jennifer Howard, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center; Dennis Steen, Camden Property Trust; Michael Poppe, Group 1 Automotive, Inc.; Jimmy Winters, Aon Risk Services; James Dickinson, Aon Risk Services, Inc.; David Leslie, Associate Member; Brenda Schmidt, Transocean Off-shore Inc.; Michael Schmidt, Affiliate Member; Pam Mihovil, Marathon Oil Company; Randall Finley, CHRISTUS Health; Jayne Green, EOG Resources, Inc.; David Looney, EOG Resources, Inc.; Gloria Brown, Entergy Corporation; Robert Irving, Entergy Corporation; Ashley Streetman, University of Houston CL; Donato Mastroberardino, Administaff, Inc.; Stacey Collins, Administaff, Inc.; William Hastreiter, El Paso Corporation; Ronald McGee, Administaff, Inc.; Cynthia Vickers, El Paso Corporation; John Frey, Compaq Computer Corporation; Judson Capps, Flagship Properties Corp.; Andrea Moore, Flagship Properties Corp.; Wanda Collins, Talent Tree, Inc.; Faith Daniels, Talent Tree, Inc.; Jeffrey Stregge; Advance Stores Co., Inc.; Mary Austin Harlow, Hanover Compressor Company; Charles Harris, Marathon Oil Company; Gerard Modecki, Marathon Oil Company; Peter Schreck, Hanover Compressor Company; Donovan Allen, Baker Hughes; Lillian Flores, Apache Corporation; Gary Ballard, Windsor Frozen Foods; Angela Poppenhusen, Enterprise Products Co.; Scott Toth, Enterprise Products Co.

### Houston Area Jobs— May, 2002

- Claims Manager – Kirby Corporation (04/18/02)
  - Manager, Risk Management – Houston ISD (04/01/02)
  - Risk Manager, Houston, - Willbros USA, Inc. (03/05/02)
  - Senior Risk Analyst – SYSCO (02/22/02)
  - Account Manager – GEM Insurance, L.P. (02/22/02)
  - Risk Manager – Willbros USA, Inc. (02/22/02)
  - Employment Benefit Specialist – Fort Bend I.S.D. (02/21/02)
  - Client Review Underwriter - Administaff (02/21/02)
  - Insurance Administrator – Chicago Bridge & Iron (The Woodlands) (02/13/02)
  - Risk Management Specialist – Keith Lawyer Management, Inc. (01/21/02)
  - Risk Manager – North Harris Montgomery Community College District (11/12/01)
  - Risk Management Specialist, Houston - Texas Children's Hospital (09/24/01)
  - Insurance Manager, Houston - Methodist Health Care System (08/31/01)
  - Safety Auditor, Houston - ABS (Associated Building Services) (08/10/01)
- ❖ Above 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 the above positions or to place a job opening for your company in our newsletter, contact Bob Milkint, Director - Job Placement, via email at [bmilkint@thewoodlands.com](mailto:bmilkint@thewoodlands.com) or by telephone at (281) 719-6339
- ❖ For information regarding National RIMS listings, contact Kamy Persaud at RIMS New York at (212) 286-9292, extension 242.
- ❖ 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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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

RIMS Luncheon Meetings are at 11:30 am

**2002**

May 15, 2002 - **Staff Appreciation**

June 19, 2002

July 17, 2002 - **Broker Appreciation**

August 21, 2002

September 18, 2002

October TBA - **Fall Conference**

November 13, 2002

December 18, 2002

**Meeting Location is**

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

Parking is also available on the surface lot to  
the south of the hotel for \$4.00.

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

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