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Dear NAIW Dallas, Inc. Members:

I cannot believe August is already upon us. It is almost time to send the children back to school--in my case to kindergarten! The days have been hot and long and lots of people are thinking about vacations. I know everyone is busy, but I hope everyone will put August 11, 2009 on the calendar and plan to attend our August meeting! Jay Zelesky, a Dallas attorney and mediator, will be our guest speaker (and there will be CE credit offered!). He will speak to us regarding getting the most out of mediation. It should be a wonderful program. Please be sure to spread the word to your friends and co-workers. It would be great to grow the ranks of our membership. We already have several wonderful new additions to our association. I hope that each of you will spread the work about NAIW Dallas, Inc. It is a wonderful time to grow--and the more we grow, the more we can offer.

If you have not returned your dues statement yet, it is not too late to do so. The NAIW website also offers the option of paying online.

I hope everyone is enjoying this summer and finding opportunities for rest and relaxation. I am looking forward to the Fall and I hope everyone is excited about all the possibilities this year holds.

I look forward to seeing everyone on August 11!

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ARRANGEMENTS

The July Dinner Meeting will be held on August 11, 2009 at the Doubletree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane, LBJ/Midway, Dallas, 75244. The cost of dinner is \$26.00 (cash or check).

Board meeting will start at 5:15 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Cocktails are available at the bar at your own expense.

August Menu

Garden Salad with Ranch Dressing
Roast Loin of Pork with Peppercorn Sauce, Rice Pilaf
Mixed Vegetables
Chef's Choice of Dessert, Iced Tea, Coffee

Reservation deadline is Friday, August 7, 2009.

Please note that meals for any "no-shows" will be billed to NAIW Dallas. Therefore, we ask you to take this into consideration when submitting your reservation.

Susie Lowry
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AUGUST PROGRAM

I would like to remind everyone that NAIW Dallas invited Jay Zelesky of Zelesky Mediations, as our guest speaker. Jay will to speak with us on "How to Have a Successful Mediation" - 1 hr of CE credit will be given for this presentation. I have known Jay for years. Jay has handled thousands of mediations in Dallas and is a well respected mediator. Please join us for this informative hour.

Christina McCracken
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COMMUNITY ACTION

I am always able to collect your gently used business clothes to be donated to the Bill Priest Institute. Please bear in mind that canned goods and non perishables food items are always welcome for the food banks.

Linda Tate
Community Action Chairman
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RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Ladies, thank you for your continued support for NAIW. We are in need of door prize donations for our dinner meetings. Please bring wine, gift cards, movie tickets, or any items that would be fun to have to the meeting so we can continue our raffle program. Raffle tickets are sold during the dinner meetings for \$5.00 for 3 tickets or \$2.00 for 1 ticket.

Please let me know if you have some fund raising ideas for NAIW Dallas. Scholarships, as well as donations to our charities will be given out at our May Luncheon. NAIW Dallas supports the following charities:

1. Children's Medical Center (Donations given to Nancy Johnson's Craft Program for the children;
2. Bill Priest Institute (Clothes donated help women dress for job interviews); and
3. North Texas Food Pantry (Food and cash donations help families in need).

I look forward to seeing everyone on August 11.

Susie Lowry
Resource Chairman
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UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

2009 Texas Council Meeting

October 22 – 26, 2009

Cruise from Galveston to Cozumel on Carnival Cruise Ship *Ecstasy*

Houston NAIW, Inc. will host the 23rd annual meeting of the Texas Council of NAIW (International). The meeting begins on Thursday, October 22 on the cruise ship *Ecstasy*, which will depart from the port of Galveston, travel to Cozumel, and return to Galveston on Monday, October 26. For more information, please contact Anita Flynn at AnitaFlynn@aegislimited.com.

Sign up Today

National Convention June 9 – 13, 2010

Marriott Crystal Gateway

Washington, DC

2010 Region VI Regional Conference

March 11 – 13, 2010

Moody Gardens, Galveston, TX

Hosted by Insurance Professionals of Bellaire

2009 CE INFORMATION FOR THE DFW AREA

Aug 7 **Dehumidification/Drying*** 9 am – 12 pm at Blackmon Mooring, 315 North Great Southwest Parkway, Arlington, TX 76011

Aug 25 **Mold Remediation*** 11 am – 2 pm at Spaghetti Warehouse, 1517 N. Central Expressway, Plano

* ALL COURSES ARE 3 CREDIT HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED AND LUNCH WILL BE SERVED. Please RSVP with Debra Harding at 817.247.2614 or Toll Free 1.877.730.1948.

Aug 2009 – IWD is offering the following courses:
Nov 2009

1. **Associate in Commercial Underwriting (AU)**
2. **General Insurance (INS 21)**

Both courses will be held at Republic Insurance with instructor, Bill Bradford, CPCU, ARC, ASF, ARP. & AIM.

For more details, contact Jackie Young at Jackie.Young@republicgroup.com

Various
Dates

Certified Risk Managers (CRM) Principles of Risk Management Course

Now is the time to line up your risk management education for 2009, while space is available when and where you want it. The CRM Principles of Risk Management course is the recommended course to take first – and become more valuable to your agency and your clients by learning the essentials of risk management.

A case study is interwoven throughout this 20-hour course, with application exercises to reinforce the information.

Topics:

- Risk Management Concepts and Their Effect on the Organization
- Risk Identification: Methods
- Risk Identification: Logical Classifications
- Ethics and the Risk Management Process
- Financial Concepts for Risk Management
- Loss Data Analysis
- Risk-Taking Appetite and Ability

Course Dates and Locations:

- August 19-22, 2008 Louisville, KY
- September 23-26, 2008 Portland, OR
- October 7-10, 2009 Lansing, MI
- October 14-17, 2009 Columbia, SC
- October 19-22, 2009 Dallas, TX
- November 11-14, 2009 Richmond, VA

CE approvals in all states. Learn more about CE credit by calling the CE department at 1.800.633.2165.

Note: Any one CRM course may be substituted for any one CIC institute to earn CIC designation.

Cost is \$420.

[Sign up today](#)

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For information on free monthly 3, 4, or 6 hour CE courses, please go to:

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For additional information on seminars that offer 1 hour of CE monthly in the DFW Metroplex, please go to:

www.dallasclaims.com
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[GREAT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS](#)

Don't forget to check our website at www.NAIWDALLAS.COM.

To ensure timely circulation and posting of the NAIW Dallas Connections Newsletter, all articles, Committee Chair reports, and any other contributions for the Connections Newsletter must be submitted no later than the 25th day of the preceding month. Thus, any contributions for the September Connections Newsletter must be submitted to tanjamartini@hotmail.com no later than September 25, 2009.

Sidney Bartlett has asked that we use her home email for NAIW business-- se2bartlett@yahoo.com. Also, her cell phone number is 972-529-8411.

We have a new NAIW Dallas member – Tori Story of DW Story. She may be contacted via email at tstory@dwstory.com. Please take a moment to welcome Tori to NAIW Dallas.

GIVING TIP

Did you know that you should not give cash to a charity? Also, do not give your credit card number to a telephone solicitor or internet site that you do not know. Be sure to obtain a receipt or printed copy of your donation so you will have a record for tax purposes. Read more tips for giving on-line at http://www.charitywatch.org/articles/online_giving.html.

For tax purposes, you will need to keep a record of all your contributions of any amount. For contributions under \$250.00, records may be in the form of a bank record, cancelled check, or written communication from the charity. The written communication may be in the form of a receipt or letter that must contain the charity's name and the amount and date of your contribution.

For all tax-deductible contributions of \$250 or more, the IRS requires that you obtain a receipt from the charity (a cancelled check will not suffice). For more information, please go to <http://www.charitywatch.org/tips.html>.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Joi Wilson – August 19
Sheri Deaton – August 25
Mildred Rainey – August 26

JULY RECIPE

Thank you Sue Brewer for the delicious contribution to our August Connections Newsletter.

SUE'S SLAW

1 package cole slaw mix
2 packages of Ramen noodles
3 chopped green onions
1 cup sunflowers seeds or peanuts
1/3 cup of sugar
1/3 cup of vegetable oil

Mash-up the noodles while they are still in the package and add to cole slaw, sunflower seeds, and onions.

Mix the packages from the noodles with the remaining ingredients and add the liquid mix to the dry mix.

Mix well and let it set overnight or a couple of hours and enjoy!

INTERESTING EVENTS THAT OCCURRED THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

August 1, 1944 – Ann Frank penned her last entry into her diary. “[I]” keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if ... there weren’t any other people living in the world.” Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Ann died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in 1945 at age 15.

August 2, 1776 – In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence.

August 3, 1492 – Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, *Nina*, *Pinta* and *Santa Maria*. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12 in the Bahamas, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island.

August 6, 1945 – The first Atomic bomb was dropped over the center of Hiroshima at 8:15 a.m., by the American B-29 bomber *Enola Gay*. The bomb detonated about 1,800 ft. above ground, killing over 105,000 persons and destroying the city. Another estimated 100,000 persons later died as a result of radiation effects.

August 6, 1965 – The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. The Act suspended literacy, knowledge and character tests designed to keep African Americans from voting in the South. It also authorized the appointment of federal voting examiners and barred discriminatory poll taxes. The Act was renewed by Congress in 1975, 1984 and 1991.

August 17, 1978 – The first transatlantic balloon trip was completed by three Americans, Max Anderson, Ben Abruzzo, and Larry Newman, all from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Starting from Maine on August 11, they traveled in *Double Eagle II* over 3,000 miles in 137 hours, landing about 60 miles west of Paris.

August 18, 1920 – The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

August 21, 1959 – President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50th state.

August 24, 79 A.D. – Vesuvius, an active volcano in southern Italy, erupted and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum.

August 24-25, 1814 – During the War of 1812, Washington D.C. was invaded by British forces that burned the Capitol, the White House and most other public buildings along with a number of private homes. The burning was in retaliation for the earlier American burning of York (Toronto).

August 28, 1963 – The March on Washington occurred as over 250,000 people attended a Civil Rights rally in Washington DC at which Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. made his now-famous *I Have a Dream* speech.

August 29, 1991 – Following the unsuccessful coup of August 19-21, the Soviet Communist Party was suspended, thus ending the institution that ruled the Soviet Union for nearly 75 years.

August 31, 1997 – Britain's Princess Diana died at age 36 from massive internal injuries suffered in a high-speed car crash, reportedly after being chased by photographers. The crash occurred shortly after midnight in Paris inside a tunnel along the Seine River at the Pont de l'Alma bridge, less than a half mile north of the Eiffel Tower. Also killed in the crash were Diana's companion, Dodi Fayed, 42, and chauffeur Henri Paul. A fourth person in the car, bodyguard Trevor Rees-Jones, was seriously injured.

Happy Birthday to our August Babies. I hope you enjoyed reading this Connections Newsletter and found it useful. Please feel free to send suggestions, corrections, or future contributions to me. If you would like your contribution to appear in the September issue, please submit your contribution to me no later than September 25, 2009.

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