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Dear Members:

What a wonderful year we have in store for us! I am so excited to be your new President! I am looking forward to a year of growth and opportunity. We have benefited from outstanding leadership ever since I joined NAIW-Dallas, Inc. (and for the years prior to my joining). Dee McCullough was an outstanding President and I would like to start off by thanking her for her guidance and friendship. I am so grateful to have Dee and Sue Brewer as our directors. I look forward to the support and advice I will receive from these two past presidents over the year to come. I am also very excited to serve with Christina McCracken, Mildred Rainey and Anita Flynn--not to mention all of the fabulous chair people. I would like to see all of our members taking an active role and working to keep up the momentum we have achieved over the past few years. This year is particularly exciting on the wings of the 66th Region VI Conference. We can do amazing things when work together as a team.

July is one of my favorite months--despite the Texas heat. It is a month for celebrating our great Country and for patriotism. I am so proud to be American and for the opportunity to live and prosper in this proud nation!

I hope all of you will join us on July 14, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Doubletree Hotel to enjoy a presentation by John Browning, Gordon & Rees, LLP. John has been a mentor to me and to so many other young attorneys at our firm and throughout Dallas. His topic will be "From Law Books to Facebook: What Claims Professional Need to Know About Social Networking Sites." In the days of MySpace, Facebook, Twitter and so many other social networking sites, this is a topic that should interest everyone. John has a gift for educating--and entertaining--his audiences. You won't want to miss this meeting!

I hope that everyone is able to avoid the heat and enjoy the 4th of July! See you on July 14th!

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ARRANGEMENTS

The July Dinner Meeting will be held on July 14, 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.

July Menu

Mixed Green Salad
Boneless Breast of Chicken
Chef's Choice of Vegetables
Key Lime Pie with Fresh Seasonal Berries

Reservation deadline is Monday, July 13, 2009.

Susie Lowry
Arrangements Chairman
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JULY PROGRAM

I would like to remind everyone that we will be having John Browning, a partner with Gordon & Rees LLP, as our guest speaker - 1 hr of CE credit will be given and he will be speaking on social networking websites, "From Law Books to Facebook: What Claims Professionals Need to Know About Social Networking Sites."

We will have several door prizes at the meeting, including gift cards. I hope to see everyone at the meeting on July 14th.

Christina McCracken
Program Chairman
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COMMUNITY ACTION

At our June meeting we collected over \$250 to be given to Nancy Johnson for the cancer craft unit of Children's Medical. There is still time for you to donate for this great project. I will collect any remaining donations at July's meeting and then take a check to Nancy. The checks are to be written to NAIW - Dallas with a notation that it is for the Children's Medical Center. Also, I took a large load of clothes to Bill Priest Institute, thanks to Pamela Scofield and some of her office staff. Thanks also to Dee who has always been so supportive of this project. 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. Please bring wine, gift cards, and other door prize items to the meeting so we can continue our raffle program. I look forward to seeing everyone on July 14th.

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

July 2 **Disaster Recovery*** 9 am – 12 pm at Blackmon Mooring, 315 North Great Southwest Parkway, Arlington, TX 76011

July 8 **Ethics III** 9 am – 12 pm at 1205 Texas Star Pkwy, Ste. 100, Euless** “If You Don’t Live It You Don’t Believe It.”

This is a nationally recognized class that delves into insurance ethics from a legal, moral, and social perspective. It is distinct from the other offered ethics classes and is also a state approved CE class. And better yet, it is free! Hurry and RSVP as there are only 15 seats left available for this course.

Contact Terry Sutton to RSVP at 817.267.5555, fax 817.571.7772, or terry@dfwclean.com

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:

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| • July 8-11, 2008 | Brookfield (Milwaukee), WI |
| • 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
214.633.2165

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

www.blackmonmooring.com
amber@dalworth.com
www.servicemasterdfw.com

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

www.dallasclaims.com	www.fortworthclaims.com
www.maryroth.com	www.InsureDallas.org
www.TheNationalAlliance.com	www.kfeducation.com
www.cceucation.com	www.touchstonebernays.com
www.ceu.com	www.TXCE.com

www.irmi.com (online)
www.webce.com (on-line)

EFFECTIVE 2/17/09 TDI REQUIREMENTS

Course providers have 30 days following completion of a course to notify the TDI that a licensee has completed a course. The provider can be fined \$100 for each improperly completed certificate. So do the provider a favor and ask them if they are aware of the new TDI requirements. There will also be a fee charged to the provider of \$.75 per hour per student/attendee. This is not the case for CE classes that are also being taken for a designation such as CIC, CPCU, AU, etc. www.tdi.state.tx.us for more information.

Debby Gilliam
Education Chairman
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[GREAT INFORMATION](#)

TDI-DWC Dallas Office Moves to New Location on July 1.

Austin, Texas – The Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) Dallas Office will be open at its new location at 8:00 am on July1, 2008. The new address is 1515 W. Mockingbird Ln, Ste. 100, Dallas, Texas 75235, MS-101. The

telephone number will remain 214.350.9299 and the fax number will remain 214.350.3750. The office serves injured employees and other workers' compensation system participants in Dallas, Kaufman, and Rockwall counties.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. on July 1 at the new office location with special guest Commissioner of Workers' Compensation Rod Bordelon and Office of Injured Employee Counsel Public Counsel Norman Darwin.

For more information contact PIO@tdi.state.tx.us.

[GIVING TIP](#)

Did you know that not all charities soliciting for "good causes" are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. "Tax exempt" means the organization does not have to pay taxes. "Tax deductible" means the donor can deduct contributions to the charity on his or her federal income tax return. Request the charity's tax exempt letter. If the charity does not have a tax exempt letter indicating its status with the IRS, you cannot legitimately claim your contribution as a tax deduction. For more information, please go to <http://www.charitywatch.org/tips.html>.

[JULY BIRTHDAYS](#)

Sidney Bartlett--July 31

JULY RECIPE

4th of July Lemon Bar Flags



Servings: 6

Ingredients:

Shortbread Crust:

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter , softened
1/2 cup firmly packed light-brown sugar
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
1 teaspoon grated lemon rind

Lemon Filling:

1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup lemon juice
1/2 cup water
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 eggs
2 teaspoons grated lemon zest

Toppings:

1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

1/4 cup blueberries

1 tube red gel frosting

Instructions:

Heat the oven to 350°F. Grease a 9-inch square baking pan.

Prepare the shortbread crust: In a large bowl, with an electric mixer on medium speed, beat the butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy.

Reduce the mixer speed low, and beat in the flour and lemon rind until well combined; pat the mixture evenly into the prepared pan. Bake the crust 15 minutes, or until golden. Cool the crust in the pan on a wire rack.

Meanwhile, prepare the lemon filling:

In a 2-quart saucepan, mix 1 cup granulated sugar, the lemon juice, water, and cornstarch until well combined. Heat the mixture to boiling over medium-high heat, stirring constantly; cook 1 to 2 minutes longer or until the mixture thickens. Remove from the heat.

In a medium-size bowl, with a wire whisk, beat the remaining 1/2 cup granulated sugar, eggs and the lemon rind until thick and lemon colored. Slowly beat the lemon mixture into the egg mixture until well combined. Pour the filling into the prepared crust.

Bake the cookies 15 to 20 minutes, or until the filling is firm. Cool the cookies completely in the pan on a wire rack.

Cut the cookies into 6 rectangular bars. Place the bars on a serving plate. Sprinkle confectioners' sugar over the cookies. Create stripes across the bars with the red gel frosting. Place 6 blueberries in the top corner of each bar.

[IN CELEBRATION OF OUR GREAT NATION –](#)
[A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR FLAG](#)

Congress first authorized the United States Flag on June 14, 1777, the day we currently celebrate Flag Day in America. This date is also significant in that it qualifies our flag as

the third oldest of the National Standards of the world, even older than Britain's Union Jack.

First flown from Fort Stanwix, on the site of the present city of Rome, New York, on August 3, 1777, the flag had a tumultuous beginning, going through the Battle of Oriskany when it was only three days old on August 6, 1777.

The flag's original design called for a star and a stripe for each state, making thirteen of each, to correspond to the original thirteen colonies. In 1791, Vermont was admitted to the union, followed by Kentucky in 1792. The number of stars and stripes was accordingly raised to fifteen. As other states joined, it was clear something would have to be done about the ever-expanding flag. An act of Congress in 1818 reduced and restricted the number of stripes on the flag to thirteen. A star would be added for each new state.

The individual stars depicting the states represent the power of our Federal Constitution, which reserves to the States their individual sovereignty, except as to rights delegated by them to the Federal Government.

George Washington said of the flag's symbolism, "We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing Liberty."

The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Franklin D. Roosevelt, message for Jefferson Day, April 13, 1945.

Congratulations to the new officers and committee chairmen. I hope you enjoyed reading this Newsletter and found it useful. Please feel free to send suggestions, corrections, or future contributions to me.

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