



## **NOVEMBER 2009 THE CONNECTIONS**

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Dear Members and Friends:

It's time to get out those winter coats and get ready for the holidays! November is a beautiful month in Texas and, before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here. It's the time of year to reflect on all we have to be thankful for. With that in mind, I hope everyone will attend NAIW Dallas Inc.'s Fall Festival on November 10, 2009 at 6:00 at the Doubletree Hotel in Farmers Branch (at 635 and Midway Road). This year we are going to host an auction. Please bring your homemade baked items (remember to bring your recipes--unless they are secret!) and any other items such as gift baskets, wine, holiday decorations and potential holiday gifts for auction. Proceeds from the auction will be donated to our charities! It is going to be a great event for social and business networking and for getting us all into the holiday spirit!

Also, we will be receiving a report about the recent Texas Council meeting (and cruise!). We have a couple of announcements about the accomplishments of some of our cherished members and we don't want anyone to miss it!

Remember also that the December meeting will be at Kobe Steakhouse instead of the Doubletree Hotel. We will have a gift exchange and a wonderful dinner. Please look for details in our next newsletter.

On a final note, we would like for all of you to bring a friend (or two or three) to our Fall Festival! There will be gift certificates for any of our members (and friends) who bring guests with them! Please bring your co-workers and colleagues along to prepare for a fabulous holiday season. I hope to see each one of you there!

In friendship,

Tracy Wolf  
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## ARRANGEMENTS

The October Dinner Meeting will be held on November 10, 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.

### November Menu

Mixed Green Salad  
Baked Lemon Pepper Tilapia with Capers and Fresh Herbs  
Wild Rice Medley  
Steamed Fresh Vegetables  
Platter of Assorted Cookies  
Coffee, Iced Tea

The reservations deadline is Friday, November 6, 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.

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## OCTOBER PROGRAM

Ladies, it is not time for our Annual NAIW Fall Festival. This is our annual fundraising event where we all bring a homemade dessert and a silent auction item which we will auction during the evening. We will not have a guest speaker, but we will have lots of food, fun and fellowship. See you on November 10th!

Christina McCracken  
Program Chairman  
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## COMMUNITY ACTION

Thanksgiving and Christmas are two VERY important holidays that are coming up for our charity giving. The food banks all over town are in real need of non-perishable items as many people have lost their jobs. I work up at the Desoto Food Pantry and we are seeing more and more families in dire need of help. If you are not otherwise supporting other food pantries, churches or families themselves, please consider bringing canned goods, cereal, soup and other non-perishable items to the November meeting. We have not done well on collecting food this year so please consider this NOW.

Also, we will be collecting cash or checks so that in December we can once again give Nancy Johnson a nice check for her craft items for Children's Medical Hospital. We did give her a check of \$325 this spring. Also, we have invited her to be at our Christmas dinner and it would be great to give her a nice check at this event. I think that we can hold off on bringing clothes for Bill Priest for now as I have taken items over there four or five times this year already. Please consider checking with your employers and friends for help in our charity needs as you feel comfortable doing so. If you have any questions or need more information, please give me a call.

Linda Tate  
Community Action Chairman  
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## RESOURCE COMMITTEE

Door Prize Donations are always welcome 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. Let me know if you have some fund raising ideas to help our charities.

I look forward to seeing everyone on October 13.

Susie Lowry  
Resource Chairman  
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## UPCOMING CONVENTIONS

### **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

11.05.09	TIIAA (TX Ind. Adjs) <a href="http://www.tiaa.net">www.tiaa.net</a>	Fall CE Seminar Radisson Hotel (35& Mockingbird) \$75 (non-members)	7.5hr/\$60
11.17.09	Syntax Training	Writing Tune-Up for Claims Professionals Great American Insurance (Richardson) Contact Michael (206) 782-8410	7.0hr/\$455
11.24.09	IIAD & CPCU ASSN.	CEO Panel Discussion plus lunch & tradeshow Hilton Anatole Hotel (All Industry) <a href="mailto:jennifer@iadallas.org">jennifer@iadallas.org</a>	2hr/\$130

Nov 2009 IWD is offering the following courses:  
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](mailto:Jackie.Young@republicgroup.com)

Nov. 2009 **Certified Risk Managers (CRM) Principles of Risk Management Course**

The CRM Principles of Risk Management course is 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

Remaining Course Date and Location:

- 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.

Cost is \$420. Sign up today 214.633.2165

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](http://www.dallasclaims.com)  
[www.maryroth.com](http://www.maryroth.com)  
[www.TheNationalAlliance.com](http://www.TheNationalAlliance.com)  
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[www.ceu.com](http://www.ceu.com)  
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[www.fortworthclaims.com](http://www.fortworthclaims.com)  
[www.InsureDallas.org](http://www.InsureDallas.org)  
[www.kfeducation.com](http://www.kfeducation.com)  
[www.touchstonebernays.com](http://www.touchstonebernays.com)  
[www.TXCE.com](http://www.TXCE.com)  
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## [GREAT INFORMATION AND REMINDERS](#)

Don't forget to check our website at [www.NAIWDALLAS.COM](http://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. Any contributions for the November Connections Newsletter must be submitted to [tanjamartini@hotmail.com](mailto:tanjamartini@hotmail.com) by November 25, 2009.

As of November 2, there are 52 days left until Christmas.

## [GIVING TIP](#)

The holiday season is upon us and with it comes holiday shopping. Some of the most meaningful gifts can't be purchased in stores, though. Do you have someone on your gift list with a big heart? You know the kind I mean, someone who cares more about others than themselves and is  always supporting various causes.

Here's a twist on holiday gift-giving: donate something to their favorite charity in their honor. Instead of buying something short-lived that will break or spoil, you'll be making them a part of something lasting. (This is also an excellent way to honor a deceased loved one during the holidays.)

Most charities will allow you to make a gift in honor of someone else. At the alzheimers association® website ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)), for example, click on the Donate link and then on Donate Online. The first question asked is whether this gift is a Memorial (to honor a deceased person), a Tribute (to honor a living person), or a general donation. If you don't know how to designate a donation to a particular charity as a memorial or tribute, contact the charity and ask.

Homeless shelters or soup kitchens could also use your help. In addition to financial resources, homeless shelters need food, clothing, and grooming items. With the oncoming cold winter season, the donation of warm coats and blankets is much appreciated. A coat or blanket can actually save the life of homeless person exposed to the elements. If you're not sure where you can help, here's a list of Dallas homeless shelters:

1. Genesis Women's Shelter – 214.358.3715
2. Mercy Seat Church – 214.738.2017 [www.handsheart.org](http://www.handsheart.org)

3. The Lord's Hands & Hearts Ministries, Inc. 214.738.2017 [www.handshearts.org](http://www.handshearts.org)
4. Interfaith Housing Coalitioun – 214.370.9513 [www.interfaithcoalition.org](http://www.interfaithcoalition.org)
5. Operation Care Dallas – 972.681.1200

Please contact the homeless shelter or soup kitchen nearest you to determine their most pressing needs.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY

Anita Flynn – November 7

## NOVEMBER RECIPE



Prep: 15 min., Broil: 15 min., Stand: 10 min., Cook: 7 min., Bake: 40 min.

Yield: Makes 8 servings

### Ingredients

- 4 poblano chile peppers
- 1 pound uncooked elbow macaroni
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 cups whipping cream
- 1 cup milk
- 3 cups (12 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese, divided
- 1 (4-ounce) package goat cheese, crumbled
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup Italian-seasoned breadcrumbs
- 1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded Parmesan cheese

### Preparation

Broil chile peppers on an aluminum foil-lined baking sheet 5 inches from heat about 5 minutes on each side or until chiles look blistered. Place chiles in a zip-top plastic bag; seal and let stand 10 minutes to loosen skins. Peel chiles; remove and discard seeds, and cut chiles into strips. Set aside.

Prepare macaroni according to package directions; drain and set aside. Melt butter in a Dutch oven over low heat; whisk in flour until smooth. Cook 1 minute, whisking constantly. Gradually whisk in cream and milk; cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, 5 minutes or until mixture is thickened and bubbly.

Stir in 2 3/4 cups Monterey Jack cheese, crumbled goat cheese, and salt until smooth. Stir in roasted chiles and macaroni. Spoon mixture into a lightly greased 13- x 9-inch baking dish. Top evenly with Italian-seasoned breadcrumbs and Parmesan cheese. Bake at 375° for 40 minutes. Remove from oven, and sprinkle evenly with remaining 1/4 cup Monterey Jack cheese. Broil 5 inches from heat about 3 to 5 minutes or until cheese is golden and bubbly.

## NOVEMBER IN HISTORY

**November 1, 1848** - The first medical school for women opened in Boston.

**November 2, 1947** - The first and only flight of Howard Hughes' "Spruce Goose" flying boat occurred in Long Beach Harbor, California. It flew about a mile at an altitude of 70 feet.

**November 3, 1957** - The Soviet Union launched the world's first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, which carried a dog named Laika.

**November 4, 1922** – Howard Carter discovered King Tut's tomb in Luxor, Egypt.

**November 4, 1979** - About 500 young Iranian militants stormed the U.S. Embassy in Teheran and took 90 hostages, including 52 Americans whom they held captive for 444 days.

**November 6, 1860** - Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th U.S. President and the first Republican. He received 180 of 303 possible electoral votes and 40 percent of the popular vote.

**November 7, 1944** - President Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to an unprecedented fourth term, defeating Thomas E. Dewey.

**November 8, 1895** - X-rays (electromagnetic rays) were discovered by Wilhelm Roentgen at the University of Wuerzburg in Germany.

**November 9, 1872** - The Great Boston Fire started in a dry-goods warehouse then spread rapidly in windy weather, destroying nearly 800 buildings. Damage was estimated at more than \$75 million. The fire's bright red glare could be seen in the sky for nearly 100 miles.

**November 9, 1989** - The Berlin Wall was opened after standing for 28 years as a symbol of the Cold War. The 27.9 mile wall had been constructed in 1961.

**November 11, 1938** - Irving Berlin's *God Bless America* was first performed by Kate Smith.

**November 11, 1972** - The U.S. turned ended direct its military participation in the Vietnam War.

**November 13, 1956** - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.

**November 14, 1666** - The first experimental blood transfusion took place in England, utilizing two dogs.

**November 15, 1777** - The Articles of Confederation were adopted by Continental Congress.

**November 15, 1864** - General William T. Sherman burned Atlanta.

**November 17, 1558** - Queen Elizabeth I ascended the throne of England at the age of 25, reigning until 1603 when she was 69. Under her leadership, England became a world power.

**November 17, 1800** - The U.S. Congress met for the first time in the new capital at Washington, DC.

**November 18, 1883** - A Connecticut school teacher, Charles F. Dowd, proposed a uniform time zone plan for the U.S. consisting of four zones.

**November 19, 1863** - President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address during ceremonies dedicating 17 acres of the Gettysburg Battlefield as a national cemetery.

**November 19, 1978** - The biggest mass suicide in history occurred as Reverend Jim Jones led over 900 followers to their deaths at Jonestown, Guyana.

**November 19, 1998** - The U.S. House of Representatives began an impeachment inquiry of President Bill Clinton

**November 20, 1945** - The Nuremberg War Crime Trials began.

**November 20, 1962** - The Cuban Missile Crisis concluded as President John F. Kennedy announced he had lifted the U.S. Naval blockade of Cuba stating, "the evidence to date indicates that all known offensive missile sites in Cuba have been dismantled."

**November 22, 1963** - At 12:30 p.m., on Elm Street in downtown Texas, President John F. Kennedy's motorcade slowly approached a triple underpass. Shots rang out. He was rushed to Parkland Memorial Hospital where fifteen doctors tried to save him. At 1 p.m., John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th President of the United States, was pronounced dead. On board Air Force One, at 2:38 p.m., Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as the 36th President.

**November 24, 1859** - Charles Darwin's book *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection* was first published, theorizing that all the living creatures descended from a common ancestor.

**November 26, 1789** - The first American holiday occurred, proclaimed by President George Washington to be Thanksgiving Day, a day of prayer and public thanksgiving in gratitude for the successful establishment of the new American democracy.

**November 30, 1782** - A provisional peace treaty was signed between Great Britain and the United States heralding the end of America's War of Independence.

**November 30, 1995** - Bill Clinton became the first American president to visit Northern Ireland.

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Happy Thanksgiving and happy birthday to our November Baby. I hope you enjoyed reading this edition of the 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 November issue, please submit your contribution to me no later than November 25, 2009.

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