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L.A. RIMS NEWS

Los Angeles Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Did you attend our Education Day on January 16th? We had an excellent turnout. All of those present, had the great opportunity to hear some terrific speakers. During the Yada Yada Lounge portion of the conference, we learned that Mike Rossi and Steve Wilder were voted as having provided the best survival tools. And, close in second place was the panel moderated by Peter Junker. Thank you to all of our speakers and participants!

Also, a big thank you to our Education Day Committee chaired by Barbara Anderson. Barbara and her able assistants put together an outstanding program and took care of the behind-the-scenes details. Thank you to Diane Wren, Rae Knapp and Bill Witt for greeting our guests at the registration table. And thank you to Michelle Darringer who organized the distribution of the photos from our Holiday Installation. Many thanks goes to our Friends of RIMS who supported our Education Day. We look to our Friends not only for support but for their expertise as well by speaking at our luncheons and conferences.

It takes a good team to pull together an event such as this and our Chapter is fortunate to have received the benefits from the efforts of our Board, Friends, and Member volunteers. Thank you!

See you at the next meeting,

**Kathy Merkovsky
President, RIMS L.A. Chapter**

CHAPTER CLIPS

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DECEMBER 2001 HOLIDAY PARTY SPONSORS

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RIMS PRIZE WINNERS

Beers of the World-Vince Masucci
Hollywood Barbie-Sharon Liu
Coffee Basket-Paula Ferrini
Burberry Basket-Douglas Smith
Hot Cocoa Basket-Nina Brody
Hollywood Barbie-Jeff Tenn
Popcorn & Movie Basket-James McCullough
Fondue Basket-Jose Carmenatti
Wine Basket-Tammy McCann
Macy's Gift Certificate-Kris Davis
Liquor Basket-Ralph Gentry
Martini Basket-Kathy Merkovsky
Champagne Basket-Henry Bachrach
Pasta Basket-Pam Gausman
Spa Basket-Paul Pendolino
Four Seasons Hotel in Carlsbad-Paul Cyzeski

GIFT CERTIFICATES

\$25 Cheese Cake Factory-Graciella Flores
\$25 Cheese Cake Factory-Daniel Hoffman
\$25 Cheese Cake Factory-Terry Vinales
\$25 Cheese Cake Factory-Marcia Mercado
\$75 Nordstrom Gift Certificate-Greg Carpenter
4 Disneyland Tickets-John Pinner

RIMS HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 2001



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*Diane Wren, Kathy Merkovsky, Kurt Leisure,
Michelle Darringer, Rae Knapp, Bill Witt, Michael Carlin,
Ruth Lindstrom, Stacy Stevens, John Pinner*



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

SURVIVING A MAJOR DISASTER AT WORK

The recent terrorist attacks in the East are a terrible reminder of the reality of unexpected disasters. Disaster preparedness must become a way of life. In the event of a major disaster, freeways and surface streets may be impassable and public services could be interrupted or stressed beyond their limits. Therefore, everyone must know how to provide for their own needs, while commuting or at work over an extended period of time. Supervisors are responsible for providing or making disaster preparedness information available to employees. The City of Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Department has detailed information on how to prepare for disasters at home, on the road, and at work. Visit their web site at: www.lacity.org/epd for a complete listing of the important steps to take.

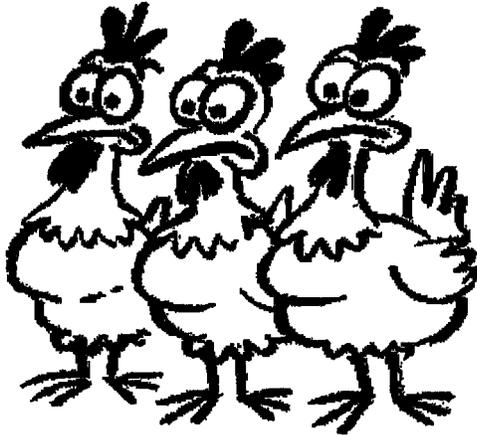
At-Work Survival Kit-

Many of us stand a 25% chance of being at work when a major disaster strikes. A mini-survival kit could make the hours until you are able to get home more comfortable and safe: "instant picnic" supplies, bottled water, small first aid kit, flashlight, battery radio, emergency instructions, gloves sturdy and warm, playing cards, good book, critical medication, extra clothing and shoes, candles and matches in a jar, coins for pay telephone, blanket, ziplock bags, toilet tissue, jacket-warm, note pad and pencil, extra keys.

Keep these supplies on hand and in an accessible location. Twice a year inspect emergency items for leakage and quality. We recommend making changes during daylight savings time. The Fire Department's Disaster Preparedness Unit has additional valuable information. Contact them at: 818.756.9674.

BE READY TO RESPOND BEFORE A MAJOR DISASTER STRIKES

CHAPTER CLIPS



WALK INS

DO THEY LOOK FAMILIAR?

These are walk-ins. Yes, even you may have been a walk-in before. Walk-ins don't get a choice of the menu, usually chicken or whatever the chef can cook up at the last minute. Walk-ins may not always be guaranteed attendance so always try to reserve your spot by the Friday before the luncheon date.

2002 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 20, 2002

Chapter Luncheon
The New Otani Hotel

"Navigating the Choppy Waters of Renewals"
Speaker: Mark Hudson
Marsh, Inc.

May 15, 2002

Chapter Luncheon
The New Otani Hotel

"Terrorism Coverage Finding it"
Speaker: Lori Yanklevits - Attorney,
Howrey, Simon, Arnold & White, LLP

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Nissan North America, Inc. Financial & Statistical Analyst, Risk Management

The Nissan North America, Inc., Risk Management Department is seeking a self motivated individual to fill a newly created position as a Risk Management Financial & Statistical Analyst. This is an advanced professional position requiring a Bachelor's Degree, or a minimum of eight years of increasingly responsible experience-plus a minimum of three years of Risk Management professional-level experience.

Please submit resumes via fax to: 310.771.2095 or by e-mail to: hra@nissan-usa.com

UNOCAL Senior Analyst, Insurance

Provides special assistance to Manager and Assistant Manager regarding various risk management matters as requested.

1. B.S. degree in Business Administration or related field
2. Technical expertise as ordinarily acquired through 6-10 years' progressively responsible large commercial underwriting, international insurance and/or corporate risk management positions.
3. In lieu of 1 and 2, an equivalent combination of education and/or related experience (e.g. Risk Management or Insurance degree; ARM, CPCU, AIU, ACII designations).
4. Proficiency in Excel, Word, and PowerPoint

Some travel, including internationally, will be required.

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