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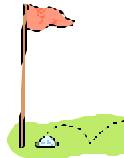
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RIMS GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 2, 2003 SPONSORS

The Los Angeles RIMS Chapter would like to extend our appreciation for the generosity to our 2003 tournament co-sponsor **Zurich** and our corporate sponsors and companies that donated raffle gifts. The list of corporate sponsors includes:

ACE USA Special Risk
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Aon Risk Services
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FM Global
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Marsh USA
Near North
Willis
Zurich



Course Contests:

Team Awards - (Callaway Scoring) 1st Prize (\$50.00 Each Player) 2nd Prize (\$25.00 Each Player) 3rd Prize (Dozen Golf Balls Each) - **L.A. RIMS**

Hole in One Contest sponsored by -
Aon Risk Services

- "2003" Toyota Corolla
- \$ 10,000 in cash
- Set of Ping Irons



Closest to the hole (\$50.00 - Men # 8 / Ladies # 13) -
L.A. RIMS
Longest Drive (\$50.00 - Men # 3 /Women # 11) -
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Prize Listing:

- Three-day/two night stay for two at the Hilton La Jolla - Torrey Pines - **Hilton Hotels**
- Three-day/two night stay for two at DEL Lowe Hotel - **Lowe Enterprises**
- Various Gift Certificates - **L.A. RIMS**
- Collectable Barbie Dolls - **Mattel, Inc.**
- Gift Basket - **Avery Dennison**
- Spark's WNBA Tickets - **Lockton**
- Four Passes to Disneyland - **Walt Disney Co.**
- Sony DVD/CD Player - **American Appraisal**

Various companies including Aon, Marsh, Lockton, Maxson and Young, Liberty Mutual, Royal Sun Alliance, Willis and the Fox Group contributed golf balls, towels and other tournament gifts.

A very special thanks to all the volunteers of the tournament! Kathryn Baumann - Liberty Mutual, Paul Pendolino - FM Global, Rochelle Manipol - Platinum Equity, LLC, Georgina Gutierrez - One Call Medical/PHM Diagnostics, Dawn Sneed Lucas - Har-Bro Inc.

Kathy Merkovsky
President, RIMS L.A. Chapter

CHAPTER CLIPS

RIMS GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 2, 2003 PRIZE WINNERS

The annual charity golf tournament was held last month at Brookside Country Club. The course was in great shape and everyone had a wonderful time. The following list notes some of the raffle winners and golf tournament winners:

Good Guys Certificate:

Garret Mathieson, Willis

Ice Age Video:

Marcia Rutledge, Marsh

Fox Video:

Rex Hartwig, Encore Entertainment

Tower Records Certificate:

Kathryn Dorton, Marsh

Michael Pegnon, Zenith Insurance

Mark Owens, Crum & Forster

Chaim Sellinger, Becher + Carlson

Stella Rheinhardt, So. Cal. Edison

Golf Balls:

Mark Ballin, Claim Specialists

Glen Zepnick, Zenith Insurance

David Dennian, Marsh

Brian Borasso, AON Risk Services

2 Nights @ Torrey Pines/La Jolla:

Leslie Demos,

American Technologies

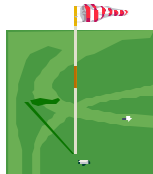
Sony DVD Player:

Mark McConico, Ace USA



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4 Disneyland Passes:
Julie Doherty, AIG
Sportmart Certificate:
Deborah Kerr, PCS, Inc
2 Nights @ DEL Lowe Hotel:
Carolyn Napp, Dreamworks
Team Award-1st Prize:
Chris Simons, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.
Bryan Judice
Jeff Leedom
Team Award-2nd Prize:
Kathy Mekovsky, Port of Los Angeles
Ken Caldwell, AON Risk Services, Inc.
Bob Dixon, AON Risk Services, Inc.
Mike Heffernan, AON Risk Services, Inc.
Team Award-3rd Prize:
Rick Lyons, Dempsey, Myers & Co.
Glen Rand, Dempsey, Myers & Co.
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Paul Jones
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EDUCATION DAY

The Education Day Committee will be meeting prior to the luncheon meeting, at 10:30 a.m. on July 16th, at the New Otani Hotel. If you would like to participate in the planning of this event, please join us. Or you may contact Kathy Merkovsky by email at kmerkovsky@portla.org.

2003 WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Mark your calendars for the week of September 14th. This year's conference will be held at the Salishan Lodge & Golf Resort in Gleneden Beach, Oregon. For more information, go to www.oregon.rims.org and click on 2003 Western Regional Conference.

2004 WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The Southern California Chapters, which include the Inland Empire, Orange County, San Diego, and Los Angeles, will be hosting the 2004 Western Regional Conference in Newport Beach. The planning committee will be meeting in July. We will keep you posted on this event and will have a request for volunteers at a later date.

SAVE THE DATES

July 16th - Education Day Committee meeting
July 16th - Chapter luncheon meeting
August 20th - Port of L.A. Boat Tour
August 20th - Strategic Planning Meeting
September 14-17 - Western Regional Conference
September 17th - Chapter luncheon meeting
September 24th - Friends of RIMS Night
October 15th - Education Day

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

RIMS ON THE HILL MEETINGS

The 5th Annual RIMS on the Hill Meetings were held on June 10th and June 11th in Washington, D.C. The California attendees were Ruth Lindstrom, LA RIMS Board Member; David Dolnick, San Diego RIMS Board Member; and Rodger Davies, San Francisco RIMS Board Member. The California attendees held meetings with staffers from the offices of Senator Dianne Feinstein (D), Senator Barbara Boxer (D), Congresswomen Nancy Pelosi (D) and Congressman Duncan Hunter (R). Congressman Adam Schiff (D) met personally with the group. The issues that were addressed at the meetings are listed below:

Asbestos Litigation Reform

No bill has passed either the House or the Senate, although several have been proposed. The reform measures being proposed are to establish a national trust to compensate asbestos victims funded 50% by insurance companies and 50% by defendant companies.

There was a general consensus among the lawmakers about the need for asbestos litigation reform. The issue is currently being spearheaded by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) who chairs the Judiciary Committee. Senator Feinstein is a member of that committee and her staffer indicated that she would likely support this legislation. Senator Boxer's staffer indicated that she has strong feelings that the trust fund amount proposed in the current bill is too low. Congresswomen Nancy Pelosi's staffer expressed similar concerns. Congressman Schiff indicated that he would likely support this legislation. Congressman Hunter fully supports the legislation.

Class Action Tort Reform

The intent of class action tort reform is to allow large, multi-state class-actions filed in state court to be transferred to federal court when at least one plaintiff and one defendant are from different states and the aggregate amount in controversy is at least \$5 million. This would eliminate "forum shopping" by plaintiff attorneys, and eventually discourage the kind of exorbitant damage awards that generally occur more often in state courts. The House recently passed a class-action lawsuit reform bill (HR 1115). The Senate Judiciary Committee approved the Class Action Fairness Act of 2003 (S.274) and it now awaits action on the Senate floor.

Senator Feinstein is a strong supporter of this legislation and sponsored an amendment to the Senate bill. Senator Boxer, Congresswomen Pelosi, Congressman Schiff are opposed to the legislation citing that it does not conform to current California law which they feel is broader.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES CONTINUED

The RIMS on the Hill Meetings are an important part of the process for lobbying risk management issues to lawmakers. This year, it appears there is a lot of momentum to pass some type of tort reform. These meetings helped to highlight to our legislators why tort reform is needed in our business. Stay tuned to the outcome.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

VP / DIRECTOR OF RISK MANAGEMENT

World Bridge Partners (www.worldbridgepartners.com) is an executive recruiting firm with a practice group specialty representing Professional Employer Organizations (PEOs). We are currently representing the PEO division of a Fortune 500 client to find a VP / Director of Risk Management to work in their San Diego office.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Must have comprehensive understanding of self-insured plans.
2. Must have comprehensive understanding of pricing issues.
3. Must have experience working within the PEO industry.
4. Strong communication skills for dealing with clients and corporate parent company.

COMPENSATION

1. Competitive Salary
2. Bonus
3. Excellent Benefits
4. Relocation Assistance (if required)



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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

V.P. OF CLAIMS, PROPERTY & CASUALTY LOS ANGELES, CA

If the Insurance industry was the navy, would you be considered as officer material? Are you the Third Mate of the Queen Mary (i.e., a large carrier?) Or do you feel like the Captain of a tug boat, chugging along? We are looking for someone to take their years of P&C Claims Experience and lead our yacht to take the America's Cup. Yes, there are bigger boats to sail, but you like to know your ship from bow to stern. You'll be behind the wheel, but you still enjoy raising the sail from time to time.

To be considered:

Minimum of 10 years Property & Casualty Claims Experience Broker, TPA, Carrier)

- Demonstrated Supervisory and Management Success
- Strong Client Communication Skills
- Ability to Lead and Grow an Organization

Sending me your resume and a brief letter, telling me about your experience sailing the high seas: Rodney Guffey; Phone: 925.830.0262
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EMAIL: rodney.guffey@seedsconsulting.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

James Slover, **Worldwide Restaurant Concepts**
Susan Salerno, **Worldwide Restaurant Concepts**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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