

President's Message

Scott Ritto

L.A. RIMS Chapter President

I am happy to say that the year 2006 is off to a great start. The January Monthly Luncheon had a wonderful level of attendance. We had a total of 86 risk professionals attend the luncheon, as John Schaefer provided important information on risk management reporting. Thank you, John, for a great presentation.

Continued improvements are being made in our registration process for monthly luncheons and other activities. I hope those of you registering for the January luncheon were able to navigate through the process easily, and if you had any difficulty, please let us know so that we may continually improve the system. If you did have difficulties, please accept my apologies as everything gets worked out.

The Board of Directors for the Los Angeles Chapter is working diligently to bring interesting and relevant risk management presentations to the membership in 2006. We welcome any feedback relating to the topic of the luncheons that you attend, as well as suggestions for topics that you would like to see in the future.

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Calendar of Events

~ ~ MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
2006! ~ ~

February 15 ~ Luncheon Meeting at The New Otani

March 22 ~ Public Safety and Homeland Security Conference & Luncheon Meeting at The New Otani

April 19 ~ Luncheon Meeting at The New Otani

April 23-27 ~ RIMS Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii

May 22 ~ L.A. Chapter's Annual Golf Tournament

June 21 ~ Luncheon Meeting at The New Otani

July 19 ~ Luncheon Meeting at The New Otani

August 16 ~ Luncheon Meeting at The New Otani

September 20 ~ Luncheon Meeting at The New Otani

October 1-4 ~ RIMS Western Regional Conference in Park City, Utah

October 18 ~ L.A. Chapter's Education Day

November 15 ~ Luncheon Meeting at The New Otani

December 6 ~ L.A. Chapter's Holiday Event & Installation at the Jonathan Club

Dates and locations are subject to change. Advance notice will be provided. Check our website at <http://losangeles.rims.org> for the most current information.

We are also working to merge our various mailing lists in order to reach all of the interested parties when we send out email blasts relating to the newsletter and upcoming events. We are always adding new people to this list, so if for some reason you are not getting the information, please inquire and we will be sure that you make it on the list.

We look forward to seeing you at the February luncheon, where we will discuss some of the seemingly never ending effects of Hurricane Katrina. And don't forget to register for the National Conference by February 24th, to obtain the \$100 discount. Hawaii is shaping up to be another exciting conference.

All the best,
Scott Ritto
L.A. RIMS Chapter President ◆

February Luncheon

Topic: Hurricane Katrina Property and Business Interruption
Claims – Complex Issues That Could Impact Companies Operating in California

Speakers:

Gregory Thaler, Director, National Leader, Property Insurance Claims, LECG, LLC
Peter Rosen, Partner, Latham & Watkins

This timely presentation will focus on business property and business interruption insurance with an emphasis on claims and will address such topics as: How can we anticipate the objections of insurers and see that our policies are written in ways that are more likely to cover loss? What is the best way to prepare and present a business interruption claim when the losses are caused by a combination of physical damage to the policyholder's property and damage to the wider geographic area?

Also to be discussed will be ingress/egress, civil authority and contingent business interruption coverage and claims, concurrent cause of loss, mold exclusions and other interesting claims and coverage issues.

Please plan on joining us on Wednesday, February 15, 2006. ◆



**Chapter
Clips**

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Evite & PayPal

Q *I can not access the URL from the LA RIMS website.*

A. Evite is having issues with the URL. The problem should be solved by Evite soon

Q. *How do I register if I can not access the Evite?*

A. Easy, mail in a check to Ruth Lindstrom and don't forget to let her know your lunch option.
Fish – Chicken – Veggie

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Q. *I am on the Evite site, but I do not want to pay by credit card. Can I mail my payment?*

A. Yes. Still register on Evite so that we can have

B. You pre-registered and select your lunch option. You do not have to pay using PayPal. This is just an added service we are providing.

Q. *I am unable to pay for more than one person on PayPal.*

A. Just mail payment in for the remaining balance or you can pay at the door. The most important thing is that you and your guest are registered! ♦

The L.A. Chapter of RIMS jointly with the City of
L.A. Emergency Preparedness Department Presents

PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY CONFERENCE

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(Please note this event is being held on the 4th Wednesday
of the month and in lieu of the monthly luncheon)

The New Otani Hotel

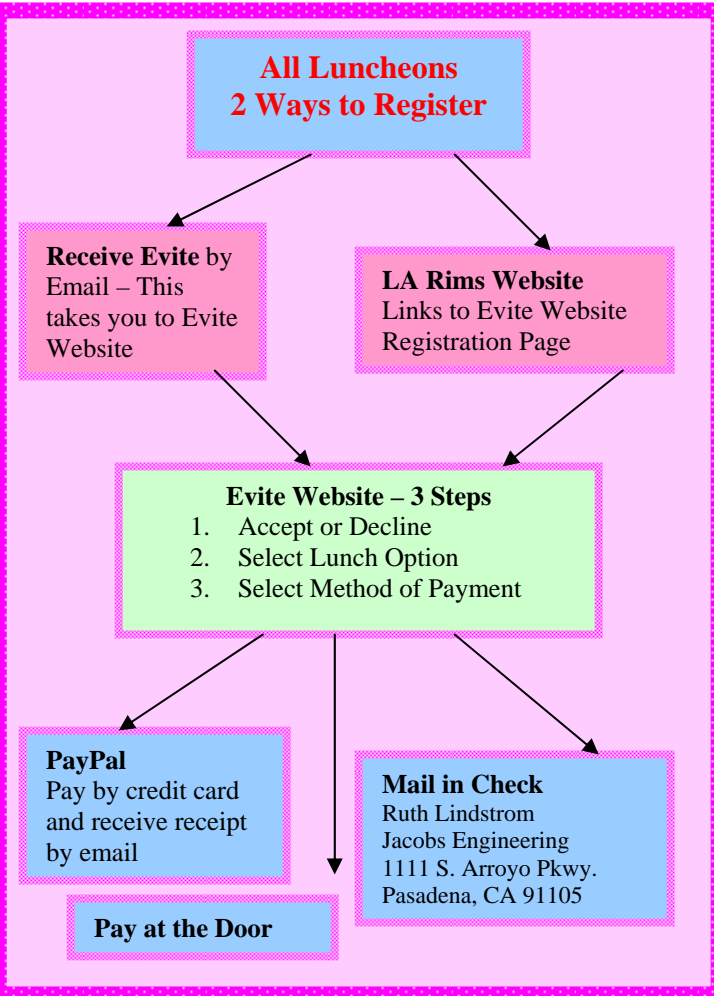
The Session Will Include Both Continental
Breakfast and Lunch.

Program Will Be Held From 8:00 am Until

Approximately 2:30 pm.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR & HOLD THAT DATE!

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