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## President's Message - Scott Ritto

L.A. RIMS Chapter President



The RIMS Conference in New Orleans is quickly approaching, and I hope that we have an excellent attendance this year. Many events are taking place in New Orleans to benefit the City and it is great to see our industry pull together and support the rebuilding that is essential in returning New Orleans to a much desired travel destination. I hope that a successful RIMS Conference will assist in bringing other large conferences to the City. I hope to see many of you there.

The Annual LA RIMS Golf Tournament is also quickly approaching, as it comes on the heels of the RIMS Conference. I would encourage all of you golf fanatics, and those seeking a very fun time, to register yourself or your foursome as soon as you get the chance. We have always sold out the event, and I would hate to see you miss out this year. Please go to our website for registration information or look for the email blasts that will continue this month. I want to thank all of the sponsors that have committed to this event, as well as the many volunteers that sign on to assist. The event would never be as successful as it has been in the past without all of your support. I would encourage any other organizations that may be considering a sponsorship to contact me or another Board Member if we can answer any questions you may have.

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

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## Western Regional Conference

October 2 - 5, 2007

Vancouver, British Columbia



Our conference continues the tradition of risk managers sharing their experiences for the benefit of the West Coast risk management community.

Risk managers speaking at the 2007 Vancouver conference include:

- **Dan Kugler**, Assistant Treasurer, Risk Management, Snap-On Incorporated
- **Michael Scott**, Manager of International Insurance, Archer Daniels Midland Company
- **Lance Kayfish**, Risk Manager, City of Kelowna
- **Mark Robertson**, Manager, Risk Management, Nexen Inc.
- **Steve Van Halst**, Director, Insurance and Claims, TELUS Corporation
- **Mark Gajb**, Manager, Risk and Emergency Planning, City of New Westminster
- **Roberta L. Martoza**, First Vice President Insurance Manager Insurance & Risk Management, Washington Mutual
- **Joe Seeger**, Manager, Insurance, Suncor Energy

**For details and registration information, visit:**

<http://www.wrc.rims.org/>

## SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars. A day of golf is planned for May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Rio Hondo Country Club with the RIMS L.A. Chapter! You don't want to miss our Chapter's biggest event of the year...a day on the course, plenty of food and beverages, and a chance to win great prizes. All for a good cause: to raise money for scholarships, to contribute to those in need in the L.A. Chapter region. Stay tuned for registration details as all the information will be coming soon by email and on our website at [www.larims.org](http://www.larims.org).



### GOLF TOURNAMENT LOCATION

The annual golf tournament and charity event will be held at the Rio Hondo Country Club in Downey. Those of you that played last year know that rain or shine, the event is on! Rio Hondo offers a challenging course, an updated banquet facility, serve excellent food, and all your favorite beverages.

For more details about the golf course, go to [http://www.downeyca.org/city\\_cs\\_riohondo.php](http://www.downeyca.org/city_cs_riohondo.php)

### SPONSORS

What better way to advertise than by co-sponsoring the tournament or sponsoring a hole at the annual golf tournament? The cost to co-sponsor the tournament is \$5,000. Co-sponsors are also given free registration for one foursome. The cost to sponsor a hole is \$1,500. A sign boldly displaying the sponsor's name will be placed on the course to let other individuals and businesses know that you are helping support the L.A. RIMS Chapter. Whether you're a co-sponsor or sponsoring a hole, all sponsors will be recognized at the event, at luncheon meetings, in our newsletter, and on our website, [www.larims.org](http://www.larims.org). For more information, contact Michael Carlin at 626-568-7059 or [Michael.Carlin@jacobs.com](mailto:Michael.Carlin@jacobs.com).



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## CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE L.A. CHAPTER

Each year the golf tournament helps raise the necessary funds to support the various community activities and charitable donations of the Los Angeles RIMS Chapter. Last year's donations included:

- \$15,000 in scholarships to CSUF risk management students,
- \$5,000 donation to Toys for Tots for bicycle helmets,
- \$5,250 donation LAUSD for emergency preparedness training,
- \$3,500 donation to Operation USA to support their children's vitamin program,
- \$3,500 donation to Humanitarian Focus to support Disaster Search & Rescue Teams,
- \$3,500 donation to City of Hope for cancer research,
- \$3,000 donation Spencer Foundation for risk management related scholarships,
- \$400 in tuition reimbursements for CPCU and ARM candidates,

These activities of the Los Angeles RIMS Chapter help make a difference nationally and within our community.

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## Pet Preparedness

If you own pets or service animals, you need to prepare for their safety and survival during disasters. Your pet is an important member of your family. When making your family's emergency plan, keep in mind what is best for you is generally what is best for your animal companion as well. Last year, President Bush signed into Federal law the Pet Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 2006 to ensure that state and local emergency plans address the needs of individuals with household pets and service animals following a major disaster or emergency. However, but you still need to be proactive. Review the information below to ensure your pet is ready for the next disaster. Also make advance preparations of evacuation routes and for buddy systems for both the four-and two-legged members of your family.

### **Emergency Preparedness Tips Create a Pet Emergency Supply Kit**

At least 1 week's supply of dry or canned food (with opener), water and treats  
Copies of health and shot records in a waterproof pouch  
Collar/harness/I.D.  
/leash/muzzle  
Photos of your pet and you  
Pet first aid manual and kit, and emergency plan  
Microchip information  
7-10 days of medications; plus flea meds

for cats & dogs ○ Vet phone numbers ○ Blanket, towels, bedding and toys ○ Pet carrier with I.D. tags for cats and dogs (add out of state phone number) ○ A secure cage for birds or pocket pets ○ Non-breakable food and water containers ○ Waste disposal bags (dogs); litter box and scooper (cats)

### **Consider Microchipping**



A microchip, is the size of a grain of rice and is injected under the skin by a needle. Each chip has a code number embedded in it. Puppies, kittens, birds, livestock and even fish can be safely microchipped. Vets have a special hand-held scanner that shows the unique number when passed over the chip. Collars can come off, so microchipping is the best way to find your animals if they are lost or run away. When you microchip your pet, complete the registration forms to assure your information is registered. If you move, remember to update it.

### **Crate Train**



Don't wait for an emergency to crate train your pet. Start when your pet is young and they will be safe and comfortable in it. Keep a blanket and favorite toy or treats inside. For tips on crate training, visit <http://www.hsus.org/> There may not be enough portable cages available in case of a widespread disaster. It is advised you should purchase one for each of your pets.

### **Develop Alternate Plans**

Although plans are being made to have portable kennels located at certain emergency evacuation centers, you may not be able to keep your pet with you at an American Red Cross shelter. Horses may have to be taken to a community college or equestrian center. Have pre-planned boarding information for your pets in case you are sick, injured or have to evacuate after a disaster. Send your out-of-area contact a copy of your emergency information as well.

### **Post Emergency Placards**

An emergency placard indicating that you own pets or have service animals is useful for emergency personnel during disasters. The placard should be placed in a visible location, such as a front window or by the front door. Laminate one for your crate or pet carrier. Keep a pet I.D. card in your wallet in case you are in an accident. Send copies to your out-of-area contact. Include a pet preparedness sheet to help rescuers.

### **Keep Current Documentation**

It is a good idea to maintain up-to-date records for each of your pets. During disasters this information is useful in the event your pet is missing or is taken to a shelter. For more information or to obtain the following forms, please go to <http://www.lacity.org/epd>. ○ Emergency Placard ○ Emergency Wallet Card ○ Individual Pet Record ○ Pet Preparedness Checklist. Get your pets prepared today, don't delay!



# L.A. RIMS ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007

**Where:** Rio Hondo Country Club  
 10627 Old River School Road  
 Downey, CA 90241  
 562-927-2329

**Cost:** Golf & Dinner **\$195.00**  
 Dinner Only **\$65.00**

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. Registration  
 11:00 a.m. Putting Contest  
 11:30 a.m. Lunch  
 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start  
 6:00 p.m. No Host Bar  
 7:00 p.m. Dinner



**Corporate Sponsor:** \$5,000 includes foursome  
**Hole Sponsor:** \$1,500 does not include foursome  
 Corporate Sponsors and Hole Sponsors are provided signage prominently displayed on the course, recognition as a sponsor in the program, at the event, in the Chapter's newsletter, in golf emails to our membership, and on our website at <http://losangeles.rims.org>.  
**Raffle Prizes and Gift Bag Donations:** Please contact Noriel Sandoval at [nsandoval@castlecooke.com](mailto:nsandoval@castlecooke.com).

## Registration and/or Sponsorship

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*Name on Sign:			

Co-Sponsor*:	\$5000	\$	<b>Includes foursome</b> <b>Not required for corporate sponsors</b>
Entry Fee:	\$195 x ___ number of golfers =	\$	
Hole Sponsor*:	\$1,500 x ___ number of holes =	\$	<b>Will not be playing golf</b>
Dinner Only Fee:	\$65 x ___ number of diners =	\$	
TOTAL		\$	

## Golfer Information

	Last Name, First Name	Handicap	Email Address
Golfer 1:			
Golfer 2:			
Golfer 3:			
Golfer 4:			

## Dinner Only Information

	Last Name, First Name	Email Address
Diner 1:		
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Diner 3:		
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