

Dear CT Valley Chapter of RIMS members:



Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July and happy summer! Are you already holding your suntan lotion and beach blanket? Well before you take off to enjoy that day at the beach or wherever your vacation may take you, we wanted to share some reminders and information with you.

Have you renewed your RIMS membership and thus your CT Valley Chapter membership for the 2017-2018 year? If you already have – thank you – if not please add this to your “to do” list. Are you a member, but don’t think you have time to attend meetings?

We know everyone is busy and workloads can make it difficult to attend an off-site meeting. However, here’s why you should invest your time in attending a CT Valley Chapter of RIMS meeting:

RIMS is the premier organization for Risk Management professional and as a CT Valley Chapter member you are entitled to attend *local events* for ongoing professional risk management education and/or enrichment, plus great opportunities to network with your risk management peers - **at no cost!**

In case you missed some of last year’s programming, here’s a “2016-2017 Year in Review” of the events/programs that took place:

- **SEPTEMBER 2016** began with the always popular golf tournament at Tunxis Plantation. This is our group’s only fundraiser, and these monies fund Spencer Education scholarships for young Risk Management Professionals as well provide the means to host informational and educational sessions **at no cost to our members.**
- **OCTOBER 2016:** we had a joint meeting with the University of Hartford, Barney School of Business and CPCU Society of CT at the 1877 Club where we hosted:

*Gail Audibert, of Gail Audibert Associates who spoke about creating our own personal profile and elevator pitch.*

- **NOVEMBER 2016:** through the efforts of Diane Bascom, a joint meeting with CoreNet took place at Stanley Black & Decker headquarters. CoreNet is the world’s leading association for corporate real estate (CRE) and workplace professionals, service providers and economic developers.

*Bo Anderson was the dynamic speaker who presented on Active Shooter preparedness.*

- **DECEMBER 2016:** the “Risk Management Professionals Only” meeting was again hosted at LEGO Systems, Inc. in Enfield.

We enjoyed a **half day** of seminars ranging on topics from *Drones, to Hurricanes and overflowing email “in boxes” and how to solve that problem!*

The day also included the ever popular LEGO® Trivia quiz and prizes and a tour of the LEGO Model Shop!

- **FEBRUARY 2017:** back again in our usual meeting spot of Angelo’s on Main in West Hartford, to hear Ryan Suerth and Melissa Federico of Murtha Cullina LLP, speak about *“Captive Insurance: An Alternative to the Traditional Insurance Approach.”*

- **MARCH 2017:** we learned about “*Valuing Cyber Risks and First Party Damages*” with Russell Zinn and Bob Kirchmeier from RWH Myers Agency.
- **APRIL 2017** some of us met at the National RIMS Conference in Philadelphia and we all enjoyed three jam-packed days with educational opportunities galore.
- **MAY 2017:** Stephen Kay from Marsh spoke on the topic of “*Political Risk in Focus: Is this the End of Globalization?*”
- **JUNE 2017:** Our Annual Meeting and Board of Directors election included presentations on:

“*Practices for Building an LGBTQ Inclusive Workplace and Preventing Claims*” as presented by the Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP Law Firm – as well as first person narrative by Dr. Elijah Nealy, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work and Latino Community Practice for the University of Saint Joseph about living as a transgendered person. We also enjoyed music by a Hall High School jazz trio and fine cuisine from Billings Forge.

We offer congratulations to the following Officers and Board Members who were elected:

President: Janice E. Favreau, RP – LEGO Systems, Inc.  
 Vice President: William P. Desroisers – The Hartford Steam Boiler I&I Company  
 Secretary: Louise King, ARM, Mass Mutual Life Insurance Company

Board of Directors members:

Diane K. Bascom, ARM, -Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.	Peter Martin – Aetna, Inc.
Robert Battaglia, CPCU, ARM –Lane Construction	Robert J. Nighan – The Travelers Companies
Daria J. Cirish, CRM - State of Connecticut	Geoffrey Perkins – The Hartford Financial Services Group
Susan M Donatelli, ERM, ARM – Town of West Hartford	Amy Popielarczyk – The Hartford Steam Boiler I&I Company
James Horan – The Travelers Companies, Inc.	Richard Roberts – Ensign-Bickford Industries, Inc.
Christopher King – Mass Mutual Life Insurance Company	Rachel Sekorski – Town of West Hartford
Cindy Lastrina – The Connection, Inc.	

Most of all we appreciate, **YOU**, our members, who come to these events and use the opportunity not only to learn, but also to ask great questions of our speakers and show your support of professional risk management continuing education. **Thank you! Hope to see you in the fall!**

**Best regards,**

**Janice Favreau  
 President  
 CT Valley Chapter of RIMS**