



Hello!

My name is Janice Favreau and again I have the pleasure as the President of CT Valley Chapter of RIMS and on behalf of the Board of Directors to welcome you to the 2016-2017 Membership year.

The 2016-2017 Membership year is off and running – it's already November and Christmas is just around the corner!

Here's a recap of the year so far:

- **September 2016:** We started the year with a bang with another highly successful CT Valley Chapter Golf Tournament at the Tunxis Plantation Golf Course in Farmington. A portion of the monies raised not only funds scholarships for young risk management professionals through the Spencer Risk Management Education Foundation, but also provides the Foundation with the means to extend grants to companies who are seeking risk management interns. All foursomes were sold out, and perfect weather to grace the players all day! Thank you to Chair, Sue Donatelli, for a job well done!
- **October 2016:** We co-partnered with students from the Barney School of Business at the University of Hartford and the CPCU Society of Hartford and together welcomed Gail Audibert from Gail Audibert Associates, a recruitment agency, who spoke to us about our "personal branding" how to get one and how to develop it.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **November 30, 2016:** We will be joining CoreNet for a joint breakfast meeting to be held at the Stanley Black & Decker, Inc. Learning Atrium where Bo Mitchell of 911 Consulting will speak about "In Emergency Response, Great Plans are a Smart Thing; Training is Everything!"
- **December 14, 2016:** Risk Professionals Only meeting at LEGO Systems, Inc. – join us for a half day of risk management education and networking and enjoy luncheon speaker who promises to teach us "how to get organized" – and don't we all need help with ever growing list of tasks and over flowing email box?! Finish your day with an optional tour of the LEGO® Model Shop and Christmas shopping at the LEGO Company Store.

As we look to the year ahead, we want you to consider the benefits of being a CT Valley Chapter member, such as:

- The opportunity to attend *local* educational meetings and expand your risk management knowledge base not only on current risk management topics, but also on topics for your

professional and personal development, *at no cost*, with your paid membership to RIMS National,

- To show your employer that you take your role as a risk management professional seriously by your participation in risk management learning opportunities outside of your job,
- The opportunity to network with other local risk management professionals,
- The opportunity to contribute to your profession by mentoring students and young professionals, and
- The ability to develop your leadership and management skills as a Board or Committee member.

This is an organization for you. We encourage your attendance and interest in order to share and stimulate new ideas. To continue to grow, we need to hear from you. We want *your ideas*! Please share with us the topics of interest to you. Do you have a speaker to recommend? Or would *you* like to be a speaker? Have you encountered an unusual risk management situation that you would like to share with the group? Do you have a talent that you can share, i.e. website development, presentation skills, a desire to mentor a young risk professional, or maybe continue your own risk management education through certification?

Send us an email or give us a call – this is an organization that is by and for Risk Management Professionals and we need your help to create innovation and continual improvement.

We look forward to hearing from our members new and continuing, and as your Board, look forward to your suggestions and to again making this a GREAT membership year!

Best regards,

Janice Favreau  
President  
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