

# IAOSKC Informer

Insurance Association of Suburban Kansas City

## Newsletter April 2010

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## **KANSAS COUNCIL FUNDRAISING NEWS**

2010 KS Council Meeting Fundraiser Held:

IAOSKC participated in a PartyLight Fundraiser as a means to obtain conference funds for the upcoming 2010 KS Council Meeting, Oct 22-23rd in Overland Park, KS. Thanks to everyone who sold or bought items for the fundraiser. We sold \$535.05 (inclusive of tax) and made a profit of \$246.50. We have also opened this up to the other KS local's to help in this endeavor. They are selling the candles the month of April, so hope to have even more funds available for conference expenses. If anyone did not get an opportunity to purchase the candles, let me know and I'll gladly send you a brochure. They have a couple of food items as well available. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Sue Hickman

KS Council Director Elect

Insurance Association of Suburban KC

## **Nominating Committee**

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee I presented the slate of candidates for the 2010-2011 term at our April meeting. Elections will be held at our May meeting.

President - Melissa Westbrook - Melissa works for Travelers Ins and has been there for 31 years. She is a Sales Executive with Travelers Personal Insurance. Melissa has been a member of IAOSKC since February 2003. She has served on the board as Director, Secretary, Vice Pres., Pres-Elect and President. She has served as Fund-raising chairman and Membership Chairman and stepped in as a Committee Chair during the 2005 Regional Conference. She has served as the Credentials Chairman for our Kansas Council Meeting and at 2006 Regional Conference. She is currently service as a member of the 2011 Regional Conference Committee. Melissa won "Rookie of the Year" at both the Council and Regional levels in 2006. She was also awarded the Kansas Council Member of the Year Award in the fall of 2008.

President Elect - Sue Hickman - Sue works for Westrope as a Marketing Specialist. She has served on the board as President, Vice President, President Elect, Secretary and Director. She has the CPCU, AIS, CISR, CPIW AND DAE Designations and has previously been Rookie of the year, Insurance Professional of the year (state and regional)

Vice President - Barb Dietrich - Barb works for Tozier Parkway Housh and Jones. She has served on the board as Assistant Treasurer, Treasurer & Director for IAOSKC and when she lived in Wyoming she held each of board positions and was President 2 times plus she was Wyoming State Director. She has her CPIW and LUTCF designations

Secretary - Rita Cunningham - Rita works for Tozier Parkway Housh and Jones. She has been in NAIW since 1978. She has the following education/designations Ins 21, 22, 23, 7 parts CPCU, Assoc in Automation Mgr, AAM, AIS, CPIW. She was Regional RVP for 1999/2000, Kansas State Director 1993-94. She has held all board positions and was President of IAOSKC.

Treasurer - Kelly Thresher - Kelly works at Lockton Agency as an Account Manager. She has been in the insurance industry 5 years and a member of NAIW for 3 years. She has served on the board as Director and Asst. Treasurer.

Asst Treasurer - Arlean Groff - Arlean works for Farmers Ins as a Personal Lines Underwriter. She has been in the insurance industry 31 years. She moved to our area from Aurora, Il and was instrumental in getting several new members from Farmers Ins. She was Rookie of the year in Illinois. She has the following designations CPIW, AAM, AIM.

## Nominating Committee (continued)

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Board Member - Kelly Downing - Kelly works for Conrad Insurance as CSR. She has been in the insurance industry 17 1/2 years and has been a member of NAIW 2 years. She has served on the board as Director. She has served as Arrangements and Reservations Chairman and on the Nominating committee. She won Rookie of the year at State and Regional and will represent Regional VII at National this summer.

Board Member - Carol Hollomon - Carol works for Cline Wood Agency as Surety Account Manager. She has been in the Insurance industry for 40 + years. She has been a member of NAIW 26 years. She has held various positions on the board and was President from 2008 to 2009. She has her CPIW designation. She was Rookie of the year and won LACE at local. Carol has attended many State/Council Conferences, Regional Conferences and 3 National Conferences.

Carol Hollomon, Immediate Past President

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## **Insurance Scholarship Foundation**

Sue Hickman served as the ISFA Ambassador at the Regional Conference in Denver. Billie is thanking all the members of our Region for their support. See below.

**From:** Billie Sleet [<mailto:billie@inssfafa.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, April 16, 2010 12:37 PM

**To:** Sue Hickman

**Subject:** Thank You

Sue,

Thank you for representing the Insurance Scholarship Foundation of America at the Region VII Conference and taking care of the ISFA fundraiser in your region. It is volunteers like you that help make ISFA so successful.

We really appreciate you and the members of Region VII for your support in our goal of Promoting Excellence through Education ... and Growing to Award More Scholarships.

Again, thank you for your help.

### **Billie**

Billie Sleet, CIC, CPIW

Insurance Scholarship Foundation of America

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Growing to Award More Scholarships"*

## 2011 Region VII Conference

Hi Members of IAOSKC:

I am attaching a timeline to be completed by May 11 when we have our next meeting. If there is nothing for some of the committees to do for that time, the committee members do not need to attend. I would like the next meeting to be June 15 so that we are not attending two meetings in one week, the dinner meeting and the conference meeting. We will discuss the date at the May 11 meeting.

We do not have Committee Chairs for the Entertainment Committee, Public Relations Committee or Conference Speakers. We have Debbie Diettrich as the Protocol Chairman with Shirley Gerner as a member of the committee. If that is not correct, please let me know. I need members to step up to take the Committee Chair positions. I need a response by the end of April. I would be happy to send the responsibilities for the committees again for anyone who wants them.

Danielle Tyler said she knows a disc jockey and will check on how much he charges. If anyone knows someone at a Dance Studio that might know of a group of mature women that has dance routines, please let me know. Sue and I were thinking that we could have a group for either the Friday luncheon or the Saturday luncheon.

As far as timelines go, I want to do them no more than two months ahead at a time so that no one feels overwhelmed.

If anyone has any questions on the tasks I have laid out, please let me know.

I hope to see a lot of you at the next conference meeting. Please let me know by Friday, May 7th, if you are attending the May 11 meeting. I was thinking we could just pitch in and buy pizzas at Pizza Hut for \$10 a pizza.

Regards,

Sandy Chamberlain, AIS, API, ACS, AAI, CPIW, DAE  
Conference Co-Chairman

DATE	COMMITTEE	TASK	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	MONTHLY MEETING DATE
April 16, 2010	HOTEL	Hotel picked	Cheri Bailey-Chairman	
				May 11, 2010 Sandy Chamberlain's house
May 11, 2010	HOTEL	Menus, break choices, room rates, amenities and sample contract provided	Cheri Bailey Margie Brown	
May 11, 2010	REGISTRATION	Registration bags picked out-cost provided, have at least one e-mail to all Region VII members advising the date of the conference and the location	Harriett Herbert - Chairman	

<p>May 11, 2010</p>	<p>CONFERENCE SPEAKERS</p>	<p>Coordinate with RVP- Margie Brown to start process of picking speaker for the conference - Friday morning - Thelma Cunningham?</p>	<p>Need Chairman Glenna Thompson - member</p>	
<p>May 11, 2010</p>	<p>ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE</p>	<p>Have a list of potential entertainment ideas - i.e. - disc jockey, band for Friday night - quartet, dancing ensemble for Friday or Saturday lunch - provide prices of each venue</p>	<p>Need Chairman Danielle Tyler</p>	
<p>May 11, 2010</p>	<p>PUBLIC RELATIONS</p>	<p>Check out local newspapers, KC Star about deadlines to advertise the conference and give a report at next monthly meeting</p>	<p>Need Chairman Carol Hollo-mon-member</p>	

<p>May 11, 2010</p>	<p>PRE- CONFERENCE SEMINARS</p>	<p>Provide list of potential seminars, names of potential instructors, ballpark figure of costs for the seminars for Thursday, April 7</p>	<p>Barb Dietrich - Chairman Rita Cunningham - Co-Chairman</p>	
<p>May 11, 2010</p>	<p>VENDORS</p>	<p>Provide list of vendors to be targeted, have letter completed to be sent out to potential vendors, decide if vendors will be able to set up for a specified time period or if they can be set up for certain hours each day of conference - decide on cost of each table</p>	<p>Melissa Westbrook - Chairman  Members - Kelly Downing Shirley Gerner</p>	

May 11, 2010	PROTOCOL	Nothing to do at this time		
May 11, 2010	FUND-RAISING	Nothing to do at this time		
May 11, 2010	HOSTESS ROOM	Nothing to do at this time		
May 11, 2010	CWC	Nothing to do at this time		

**PROGRAM**

May: Safety Program

June: All Industry Night



### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

I think our winter is over. Spring is here with sunshine and warmer weather. I know we are all feeling better. The flowers are blooming and the leaves are coming out on the trees. What a wonderful feeling it is to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. So take a walk, go to the gym or fire up the barbeque. Whatever you do enjoy yourself.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Nancy Noe Nichols, who has been a long time member of Region VII and a member from afar of IAOSKC, who lost her beloved husband, Steve, to cancer this month. If you would like to send a word of encouragement to Nancy her address is 3637 Marsh Park Ct., Jacksonville, FL 32250. The memorial service for Steve was held Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Washburn Towers (theater), 526 S Main St., Ottawa, KS 66067.

### April Birthdays!



P. Dianne Moore

Happy Birthday to any I may have missed!

## **Monthly Meeting Info**

Date: May 13, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Wyndham Garden Hotel  
7000 West 108th Street  
Overland Park, KS 66211  
(913)383-2550

Cost: \$23

Reservations Required for Dinner:

Contact Kelly Downing

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Members, please note:

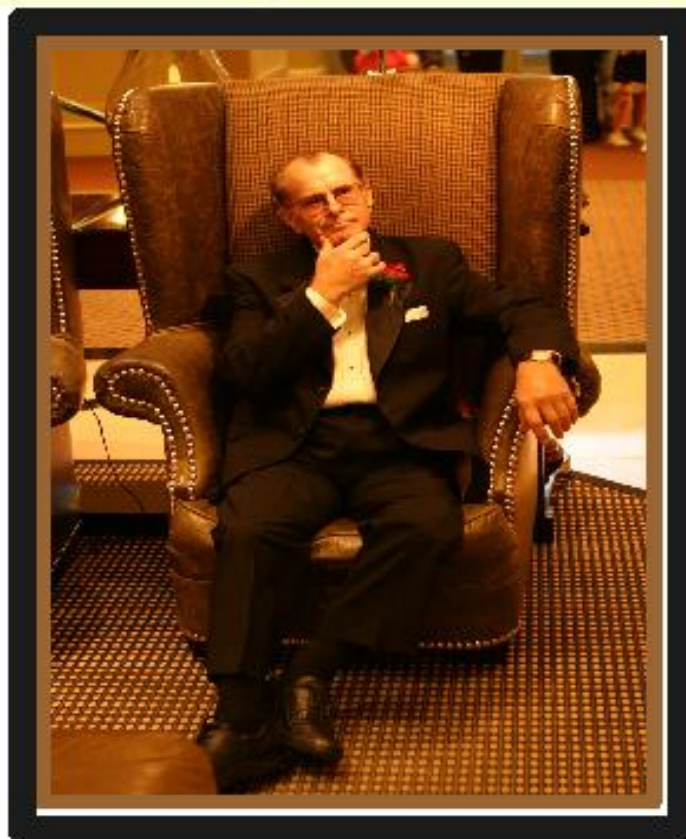
The RSVP's for our Monthly meeting will be sent via the NAIW website. This way I don't miss anyone. I am encouraging EVERYONE to update their email addresses on this website. I will send out emails via both channels for the next couple of months but transitioning over to this method.

**I will need RSVP's no later than Friday, May 7th by 2pm. THANKS!**

**“A Reservation made, is a Reservation Paid”**

*Please remember to consider contributing towards this Scholarship. Norm was an active member of IAOSKC (past president) and was very much loved. We hope this scholarship will assist others seeking careers in the insurance industry.*

## *Norm Ziegler Trailblazer Scholarship*



Insurance Scholarship Foundation of America is the administrator of this scholarship. They are a 501 (c)3 tax exempt non profit organization. ISFA was founded by members of National Association of Insurance Women.

The Norm Ziegler Trailblazer Scholarship is for men and women working in the insurance industry who seek to improve their careers. Norm (Norbert) Ziegler was a Mentor to many in the insurance industry and owned his own Claims Adjusting business called Frontier Adjusters. Norm was a member of NAIW International and a member of and Past President of Insurance Association of Suburban Kansas City, State of KS, Region VII.

Please visit [insffa.org](http://insffa.org)

For online donation select 'Donate Now' button and choose Honor/Memorial Gift Norm Ziegler Trailblazer Scholarship. Thank you for your support.