



# IAOSKC Informer

Insurance Association of Suburban Kansas City

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## From the President

IAOSKC MEMBERS

ITS THAT TIME OF YEAR WHEN WE INSTALL THE NEW BOARD AND PRESIDENT, SO MY TIME IS UP FOR THIS TERM.

I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY OF REPRESENTING OUR LOCAL ASSOCIATION AS PRESIDENT. IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET OR REGRET.

I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE NEW BOARD FOR 2010-2011 AND WISH THEM WELL IN CONTINUING TO REPRESENT OUR ASSOCIATION AND WILL SUPPORT THEM WHEREVER NEEDED.

CONGRATS TO MELISSA WESTBROOKE AND HER JOURNEY FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

YOUR PAST PRESIDENT,

DEBBIE DIETRICH ASLI, AIS, CPIW

## MEMBERSHIP

### DUES:

Please remember that all members must renew their memberships effective July 1, 2010 since this is when our fiscal year begins (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011). For those of you who may have joined midterm, note that you need to renew. If you can't locate your renewal application you received in the mail from NAIW, attached is a new application you can use. Additionally, note that NAIW (International) in Tulsa must receive your dues and payment before July 31, 2010 to avoid lapse in membership.

You can bring your application(s) and payment(s) to the July 8th dinner meeting or mail them direct to the NAIW address on the application. But please remember the deadline. All renewing or new membership will receive an email confirmation from NAIW (if you provided your email address) once they have recorded your renewal or new membership. Thank you to those who have renewed.

### NEW MEMBER:

We have one new member application submitted at the June dinner meeting, Misty Kuckelman, Farmers who was a referral of Arlean Groff. We welcome Misty and her application has been submitted to NAIW for official approval.

## **GUESTS:**

Please remember to encourage guests to attend the dinner meetings. Our meetings are very informative and offer many opportunities for networking, education, professional development, opportunities to earn awards and leadership skills. Belonging to a professional organization such as ours helps keep you in touch. As a member you will receive the Today's Insurance Professional magazine (NAIW's official publication) which strives to keep you informed on major industry issues. Please refer your guests to our website and also to [NAIW.org](http://NAIW.org) for more information, for viewing the many opportunities and benefits associated with membership. We had 4 guests register for the June meeting with 1 new member application submitted and 1 new member application emailed to the guest for completion.

This will be my last membership article as Barb Dietrich will officially be taking over Membership due to her recent installation as Vice President. So please look for more news on Membership from Barb next month. If I can help in Barb's absence, please don't hesitate to let me know.

Thank you,  
Sue Hickman

## **Education Committee**

I would like to know if anyone would like to take an ARM, AIS or AIC class for the fall semester. Please contact Sandy Chamberlain at [sandychamberlain@kc.rr.com](mailto:sandychamberlain@kc.rr.com) or call me at 913-2327-0386. I would like to be notified no later than August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sandy Chamberlain  
Education Chairman  
Insurance Association of Suburban Kansas City

## **Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl-A-Thon**

Hi Everyone:

I need two bowlers for Saturday, July 17th at 6pm. The bowling starts at 6:30pm and we will only bowl one game and a partial second game so the commitment will be a total of two hours. You will get 2 coupons for drinks which include sodas or beer and they also serve pizza which is free of charge to the bowlers. Children can bowl too! It will be held at the Lunar Bowl located at 2001 NW 7 Highway in Blue Springs. If anyone would like me to pick you up, I can do that. It is a fun evening.

I will make arrangements with you to give you the fund-raising sheet to collect donations. People can also go online and donate using their credit card. Please contact me so that I can let you know how to go online to get your information out there.

I appreciate any help I can get. Anyone who wants to donate, please give donations to Barb Dietrich, Melissa Westbrook, Sue Hickman, or me.

I am looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Sandy

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#### ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT

FIRST, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE AS THE 2010 ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN ARLINGTON, VA, JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup>.

THE FLIGHT BEGAN AT O'DARK HUNDRED WHICH WAS TOTALLY UNEVENTFUL (THANK GOODNESS). I ARRIVED AT REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE SHUTTLE VAN FROM THE MARRIOTT WAS THERE TO TRANSPORT ME TO THE HOTEL. THE DRIVER WAS PLEASANT AND POINTED OUT SIGHTS OF INTEREST ON THE WAY TO THE HOTEL.

ON WEDNESDAY EVENING CORPORATE CENTER HAD ARRANGED FOR BUS TOURS OF THE CITY AT NIGHT. WE STARTED OFF AT UNION STATION, WHICH HAD WONDERFUL HISTORY AND BEAUTIFUL ARCHITECTURE. HOWEVER WE WERE DROPPED AT THE FOOD COURT TO GRAB A QUICK BIT TO EAT. SINCE WE ONLY HAD AN HOUR AT THIS LOCATION THERE WASN'T AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY EXPLORE TOO MUCH.

OUR NEXT STOP WAS AT THE WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL. IT WAS QUITE IMPRESSIVE SEEING THE DETAILED MONUMENTS, WHICH DISPLAYED THE INDIVIDUAL STATES IN ORDER OF HOW THEY BECAME PART OF THE UNION. THERE WAS ALSO A WALL OF STARS. FOR EACH STAR ON THE WALL, IT REPRESENTED 400 AMERICANS THAT DIED. THERE WERE 100,000 STARS IN THE WALL. STANDING AT THE WALL YOU COULD SEE THE NATIONAL MONUMENT BEHIND YOU AND THE REFLECTING POOL AND LINCOLN MEMORIAL IN FRONT OF YOU. I SAID A LITTLE PRAYER OF THANKS FOR ALL THOSE THAT GAVE THEIR LIFE FOR OUR FREEDOM.

WE LEFT THERE AND CLIMBED THE 52 STAIRS TO GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL TO THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL. EACH PLACE WE VISITED HAD SO MUCH HISTORY AND OUR TOUR

GUIDE WOULD ENLIGHTEN US AT EACH SIGHT. FROM THE TOP OF THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL YOU COULD SEE ALL THE WAY TO THE WHITE HOUSE. IT REMINDED ME OF THE "FOREST GUMP" MOVIE AND THE SCENE WHERE HE WADED INTO THE REFLECTING POOL. IT WAS AWESOME TO BE RIGHT THERE.

THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL WAS OVERWHELMING. TO SEE ALL THE NAMES ENGRAVED IN THE WALL AGAIN GAVE ME PAUSE TO SAY A LITTLE PRAYER OF THANKS FOR BEING IN THE UNITED STATES AND FOR HAVING MY FREEDOM WHICH WAS GIVEN TO ME AT SUCH A GREAT COST OF LOST LIVES. SEVERAL OF THE MEMBERS IN OUR TOUR LOOKED UP THE NAMES OF LOVED ONES ON THE DIRECTORY SO THEY COULD TAKE A PICTURE OF THEIR NAMES ON THE WALL. AROUND THE CORNER IS A STATUE REPRESENTING THE WOMEN NURSES THAT SERVED IN VIETNAM.

THE FINAL MEMORIAL WE SAW WAS THE MARINE MONUMENT. SINCE IT WAS DARK, WE DID NOT GET OUT OF THE BUS, BUT DID DRIVE AROUND THE MONUMENT SEVERAL TIMES. ON THE WAY BACK TO THE HOTEL, WE ALSO SAW ARLINGTON CEMETERY. IT WAS A GREAT TRIP AND GLAD I WAS ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TOUR.

ON THURSDAY, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, THE PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS GOT TOGETHER FOR A LUNCHEON. THERE WERE ABOUT 10 OF US IN ATTENDANCE, SO IT WAS REALLY NICE GETTING SOMEWHAT CAUGHT UP ON EACH OTHER'S ACTIVITIES SINCE OUR LAST GATHERING. THE POC (PAST OFFICER'S COUNCIL) ONLY MEETS ONCE A YEAR FOR A LUNCHEON AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SO IT'S AN EVENT I TRULY ENJOY ATTENDING.

OUR WELCOME PARTY WAS HELD IN THE EXHIBIT HALL THAT EVENING. THERE WERE A LOT OF EXHIBITORS AND BY THE TIME I GOT THROUGH VISITING THEM, THERE WAS ONE LITTLE FINGER SANDWICH LEFT FOR CONSUMPTION. I GUESS OUR MEMBERS WERE REALLY HUNGRY AND WENT RIGHT FOR THE FOOD AS MANY MEMBERS HAD ALREADY VISITED THE EXHIBITORS WHEN THEY OPENED AT NOON. THERE WAS ALSO A DJ THAT PLAYED MUSIC SO WE COULD DANCE AND HAVE COCKTAILS. EXHIBITORS ALSO ANNOUNCED ALL THEIR PRIZE WINNERS. ALL I WANTED WAS THE KINDLE, BUT OH NO, MY NAME WAS NOT CALLED EVEN ONCE. BETTER LUCK NEXT YEAR.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> WAS THE AWARDS LUNCHEON. MICHELLE ADLER FROM REGION VII WON THE INSURANCE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR. IT WAS GREAT TO HAVE NOT ONLY THE WINNER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY ELECTION, L. JANE DENSCH FROM REGION VII, BUT ALSO AN AWARD WINNER FROM REGION VII. THESE LADIES ROCK!!

ON FRIDAY EVENING REGION VII MEMBERS GATHERED IN THE BAR (I KNOW YOU ALL FIND THAT HARD TO BELIEVE) FOR CELEBRATING JANE'S ELECTION AS SECRETARY AND MARGIE BROWN'S YEAR AS RVP. WE ALSO TOASTED JANE BIGGINS, MARGIE'S ASSISTANT FOR A GREAT YEAR OF WORK. A SMALL GROUP OF US WENT TO DINNER AT LEGAL SEAFOOD TO PARTAKE IN THE BEST BOSTON CLAM CHOWDER EVER MADE. WE HAD MEMBERS FROM COLORADO, NEBRASKA AND KANSAS. WHAT A GREAT NIGHT OF LAUGHING, EATING AND MAYBE A LITTLE DRINKING TOO. OF COURSE, NONE OF US WERE DRIVING SO WE WERE ALL RESPONSIBLE WALKERS BACK TO THE HOTEL FOR A GOOD NIGHTS SLEEP WITH A FULL TUMMY.

THE FINAL EVENT WAS THE CLOSING BANQUET. THERE WAS A RECEIVING LINE TO GREET AND MEET ALL THE OUTGOING AND INCOMING OFFICERS OF THE ASSN. THE DINNER WAS DELIGHTFUL AND THERE WAS A BAND THAT PLAYED SO WE GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK OFF THAT SPECIAL "NAIW" CUPCAKE THAT WE HAD FOR DESSERT.

THE TRIP WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT A SHOPPING VENTURE TO THE LOCAL HARLEY DAVIDSON STORE FOR YOU ALL KNOW WHO (YES, MADAM PRESIDENT). ON SUNDAY BEFORE WE LEFT ARLINGTON WE SECURED A WONDERFUL DRIVER FROM THE HOTEL TO TAKE US TO THE NATIONAL HARBOR TO GET DEB A HARLEY SHIRT. DURING OUR RIDE OVER TO THIS BEAUTIFUL AREA WE CROSSED OVER VIRGINIA, WASHINGTON AND MARYLAND STATE LINES. OUR DRIVER CAME FROM EAST AFRICA 15 YEARS AGO AND IS NOW A CITIZEN OF THE USA SO IT WAS INTERESTING HEARING HIS STORIES OF COMING TO OUR COUNTRY AND SHARING THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE LOCAL AREA. BE SURE TO ASK DEBBIE DIETRICH ABOUT HER PICTURE TAKING EXPERIENCE OF THE PENTAGON.

THANKS AGAIN FOR ALLOWING ME TO REPORT ON THE SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE CONVENTION AS YOUR ALTERNATE DELEGATE.

REPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

CHERI BAILEY, CIC, CPIW, AAI, ASLI, AU, AIS

## Upcoming Kansas Meetings

### Kansas Council Planning Meeting

Date: Saturday, June 26th

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Sue Hickman's home

## Monthly Meeting Info

Date: July 8, 2010

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: Wyndham Garden Hotel

7000 West 108<sup>th</sup> 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, July 2<sup>nd</sup> by 2 pm. THANKS!

**"A reservation made is a reservation paid."**