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Upcoming Events

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Thursday, February 17	Des Moines Club	Speaker: Charlie Kingdollar Topic: Personal Injury
Thursday, March 24	TBA	Ethics Day
Thursday, April 21	Des Moines Blank Park Zoo	Speaker: Adrian Lund, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety



Message from the President

I want to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year. The New Year is a time of resolutions and new beginnings. Many people use the New Year as a chance to make changes in their lives. Similarly, you will notice some changes in your Iowa Chapter. We are modifying the ChapterGram by giving it a more modern look. We will also be spotlighting recent recipients of the CPCU designation in the "Do You Know" section starting in February. This will allow you to recognize and become acquainted with our new members. As you see them, congratulate them and encourage them to join us at our CPCU meetings.



Our December meeting featured a great presentation from Debbie Ladehoff from Farmers Mutual Hail. She spoke on generational differences, and we learned how including people from different generations can improve the overall effectiveness of our teams.

In addition, recognizing the events that shaped each generation may help give us a better understanding of the behavior and attitudes of that generation. While not all of the characteristics of a generation apply uniformly across all of its members, by generalizing, we can gain more insight into the possible contributions from that generation to our teams. By recognizing and embracing diversity as we create our work teams, we can improve their overall quality.

Thank you to each of you who donated to the food pantry at the meeting. Through your efforts, we were able to achieve one of our most successful holiday Good Works projects in recent history. We have a great slate of meetings scheduled for the remainder of the 2010-2011 CPCU year. Our January meeting will take place on the 20th and will feature Lon Abeltins. Mr. Abeltins is currently the President of IFIC and will speak on fire prevention. I hope you will be able to join us at the Des Moines Botanical Center for what is sure to be an informative meeting.

For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice.

---T.S. Eliot---

Russ Greenwood, President, Iowa Chapter of CPCU

Happy New Year

2011 CPCU Events

Thursday, January 20, 2011 11:30 - 1:00	Botanical Center	Speaker: Lonn Abeltins, Senior Fire Investigator
Thursday, February 17, 2011 11:30 - 1:00	Des Moines Club	Speaker: Charlie Kingdollar Topic: Personal Injury
Thursday, March 24, 2011	TBA	Ethics Day
Thursday, April 21, 2011 11:30 - 1:00	Des Moines Blank Park Zoo	Speaker: Adrian Lund, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety
Thursday, May 19, 2011 7:30 - 9:00	Des Moines Golf & Country Club	Speaker: Jeff DeTurris, ISO (Insurance Service Office)
Wednesday, June 8, 2011 10:00 am	Legacy Golf Course	Golf Outing

2011 Scholarship News for Iowa Chapter Members

This spring, the Iowa Chapter of CPCU will again be awarding up to two \$1,500 scholarships, one of which is the Ted Lussem Scholarship, to Iowa Chapter members and/or their dependents. This has been a very successful program and we are glad to continue to offer this opportunity to our members.

The scholarships are available to graduate and undergraduate students. To be eligible, graduate applicants must be an Iowa Chapter of CPCU member and attend an accredited graduate college or university. For undergraduate applicants to be eligible, they must be an Iowa Chapter of CPCU member or a dependent of a member, be a sophomore, junior, or senior attending a four-year accredited college or university in the state of Iowa, and maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. Preference will be given to students majoring in insurance or an insurance-related area of study. Note: The undergraduate scholarship can also be used by a current Iowa Chapter member that is pursuing a four-year degree.

Please use the applicable form provided in this ChapterGram. The forms are also available on our website at www.cpcu-iowa.org. Applications should be sent to Doug Nuehring by March 11, 2011.

Graduate Scholarship Application

Iowa Chapter of CPCU
2011 Graduate Scholarship Application

Scholarship Amount: \$1,500 toward tuition at an accredited graduate college or university.
Amount may be applied to spring, summer, or fall tuition.

Eligibility:

- a. Iowa Chapter of CPCU members only; and,
- b. Attending an accredited graduate college or university

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Graduate Program: _____

Please complete and return this form and the following information by Friday, March 11, 2011:

1. A résumé that includes information regarding applicant's scholastic honors, extracurricular activities, employment history, and other information you believe is important for consideration.
2. A statement explaining your career goals and your thoughts about why you are deserving of consideration for this scholarship award. Please state why your graduate degree will help you on your path to your career goals. Also, please list graduate level insurance courses you have taken or plan to take.

Please mail the completed application, résumé, and statement to:

Doug Nuehring, CPCU
Iowa Chapter of CPCU
c/o EMC Insurance Companies
Box 712
Des Moines, IA 50306-0712

Alternatively, you can email the documents to "Doug.W.Nuehring@EMCIns.com".

Undergraduate Scholarship Application

Iowa Chapter of CPCU
2011 Undergraduate Scholarship Application

Scholarship Amount: \$1,500 toward tuition during recipient's sophomore, junior, or senior year.
Amount may be applied to spring, summer, or fall tuition.

Eligibility:

- a. Iowa Chapter of CPCU members or one of their dependents; and,
- b. Sophomores, juniors, or seniors attending a four-year accredited college or university in the state of Iowa; and,
- c. Maintaining an overall G.P.A. of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. Preference will be given to students majoring in business and/or insurance-related area of study.

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ CPCU Member Name _____

Year in school: Sophomore / Junior / Senior

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

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Chapter Meeting

Date & Time Thursday, January 20. 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Location Des Moines Botanical Center

Speaker Lonn Abeltins, Independent Forensic Investigations Corporation (IFIC)

Topic Fire Prevention

Description:

Lonon Abeltins, CFEI, CFS, is the President and Senior Fire Investigator with IFIC. He has over 27 years experience and has conducted over 3,000 Origin & Cause investigations. Lonon is a Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator, as well as a Certified Fire Specialist. He also holds a degree in Fire Science Technology. Lonon has testified as an expert in both federal criminal and civil courts, as well as in various state courts throughout the Midwest.



To enable us to have an accurate count for food purposes, please mail or e-mail reservations by January 14, 2011 to:

cpcu-iowa@associationinsight.com

Make checks payable to: Iowa Chapter - CPCU

Mail checks to: Iowa Chapter CPCU
c/o Association Insight
1255 SW Prairie Trail Parkway
Ankeny, IA 50015

Name(s): _____

Company: _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____
Cost: \$25 per person

To register by credit card, visit our chapter website (www.cpcu-iowa.org) and click on the link on the main page under News and Hot Topics.

For questions about the meeting, not concerning reservations, please call Richard Keith at (515) 327-2755.