



Iowa Chapter Gram

CPCU Society Iowa Chapter

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President's Message ...

President's column guest written by Judy Brannon, Vice President

As I write this column, the forecast is for 5 to 7 inches of snow tomorrow. The talk in the elevators and break rooms is whether spring will ever come. And yet we know it will, and with it will come our annual golf outing. Once again this year, our golf outing will benefit Farm Safety 4 Just Kids. Founded by Marilyn Adams (a former GuideOne employee), after her son Keith was killed in a farm accident, Farm Safety 4 Just Kids seeks to prevent farm-related fatalities by providing education about farm safety. You can hear Marilyn speak at our April breakfast meeting.

Our golf outing, organized by Steve Peterson, will feature a shotgun start this year, so that all golfers can get together afterward. We've planned a social hour to follow golf, at 5:30 in the Willow Creek Clubhouse. Following the social hour will be a dinner and our May meeting with installation of officers. Hope to see you

there!

Before we get to our golf outing, there are two other important dates on our CPCU calendar.

April 17 we are sponsoring a 4 hour program on HO-2000, presented by Ralph Maffei of ISO, one of the drafters of the 2000 forms. This should be of interest to agents, underwriters, claims adjusters, product managers, and actuaries. Please spread the word in your companies. If you would like some flyers, contact me. Note that we have filed this program for CE credits.

On April 19, we have a breakfast meeting at Machine Shed, where they serve a wonderful country style breakfast. This is our annual business meeting and election of officers. Marilyn Adams, Farm Safety 4 Just Kids, will speak.

You may be wondering why this column has a guest author this month. Bob Conroy's wife Carol, passed away on March 13, at Hospice Kavanaugh House. Carol was diagnosed with cancer shortly after her trip with Bob to the CPCU Annual Meeting in San Antonio last October. She was at home



Robert D. Conroy
President 2000-2001

with her family until the day before her death, and Bob was able to spend his time with her the last months. Bob and Carol have three children and one grandson. Carol's death is a reminder that life can be way too short, but also of the importance of friends and family. Bob had strong support from both. If you haven't hugged someone you love today and told them you love them, do it now.

50th Anniversary Items For Sale

To help celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Iowa Chapter, we are offering the following items for sale.

Make check payable to: Iowa Chapter CPCU

Shirt

100% combed cotton button down Khaki w/black interior collar. Great for business casual. \$36.00 each.

Sizes---Men—M, L, XL, XXL Women’s—S, M, L, XL

Portfolio

Zippered black portfolio with calculator. Room for papers, business cards, etc.. Classic look. \$20.00 each.

Desk Mug

Smoke colored 14 oz. Director office mug. \$10.00 each

Commuter Mug

Stainless Steel 16 oz. travel mug. \$10.00 each.

All items will have the 50th Anniversary logo attached.

-----DETATCH AND MAIL WITH CHECK-----

Send order to:

Jeff Jeffus CPCU

PO Box 1848

Des Moines, Iowa 50306-1848

Your Name _____

Address _____

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ITEM	Quantity	Men/Women	SIZE	COST	TOTAL
SHIRT				X\$36 each	
PORTFOLIO		-----		X\$20 each	
DESK MUG		-----		X\$10 each	
TRAVEL MUG		-----		X\$10 each	
				TOTAL	\$

Help Wanted

Do you want to become more active in the Chapter? There are several committees whose chairs are open for 2001-2002. Those who serve on the board would tell you that being active as a committee chair, director or officer, makes CPCU even more fun, rewarding, and increases networking possibilities.

If you are interested in or have questions about Section Liaison Chair or Golf Event Chair, please contact Kevin Seward 225-5699. For Good Works Chair, Standard Setters Chair or Fire Safety Trailer Coordinator, please call Dan Crew 362 7513. If doing research is your "thing", call Barb Sullivan 225 5445 about the Research Project Chair.

Nominees for Next Year's Officer/Directors

The nominees for the CPCU Society Iowa Chapter for the 2001-2002 year are:

Judy Brannon, President

JoAnn Olson, VP

Dennis Forsythe, Secretary

Nancy Green, Treasurer

Directors: Doug Pearson 2001-2003

Kevin Seward 2001 - 2003

Dan Crew and Barb Sullivan are also Directors; their terms expire in 2002, so they are not up for election this year.

The election will be held at our April 19 breakfast meeting. Bruce Kelley chaired the nominating committee.

**Our chapter has a site
on the World Wide
Web.**

**Check it out at
<http://www.cpcu-iowa.org>**

**Please see the site for
our Chapter Officer,
Director & Chairs list,
past ChapterGrams,
and other news and
updates.**

Future Chapter Meetings

Please mark your calendars for the following meetings:

April 17, 2001	Homeowners 2000	GuideOne Ins
April 19, 2001	Farm Safety 4 Just Kids	Machine Shed
May 17, 2001	Iowa Ins. Hall of Fame Dinner	Drake University
May 23, 2001	Golf Outing	Willow Creek

Summer School

SUMMER SCHOOL STARTS May 21, 2001

A study group for the IR 201 course starts May 21st to hit the August 15th testing window for the computer testing of the Institutes.

This 12 week course earns a "Certificate of Completion" and if you have completed CPCU 5 and AIAF 111 leads to the Association in Regulation and Compliance (ARC) designation.

Contact Ted Lussem at 243-4289 if you have an interest.

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CPCU Scholarship Recipients

Two Drake students will be awarded \$1500 scholarships by our Chapter for the 2001-2002 school year.

Alison Agre is the recipient of the Theodore Lussem Scholarship. Alison is a junior from Nisswa, MN. She came to Drake to major in Information Systems, but after working for the claims department of State Farm in Brainerd, MN, the summer of 1999, she was hooked on insurance. She subsequently changed to a dual major, IS and Insurance, and spent summer of 2000 again with State Farm, this time in Des Moines as a property claims adjuster intern, climbing roofs to inspect for hail damage. Perhaps it was inevitable that Alison would end up liking insurance; her father is a CPCU who has been in the industry for 30 years. She enjoys talking shop with him, and has decided to make insurance her career.

Summer Zwanziger, a junior from Strawberry Point, IA, also comes from a family who is in the insurance business. Her parents own an independent insurance agency in Strawberry Point. Summer, who is fluent in German, spent fall semester, 1999, studying at the Universitat Salzburg, Salzburg, Austria, and plans to spend fall semester, 2001, doing Semester at Sea. A General Business and Insurance major, Summer worked for T.C. Field & Company, an independent agency in St. Paul, during the summer of 2000. After graduation, she plans to pursue an MBA, after which she wants to work in international risk management and underwriting.

These are two very focused, enthusiastic and bright young women, whom we predict will make good contributions to the property & casualty industry in the future. They will be honored at Drake College of Business and Public Administration Annual Business Days banquet on April 5. Ted Lussem will represent our Chapter at the banquet.

Our scholarships are made possible through \$1500 donated by our Chapter, and \$1500 in matching monies from the Loman Foundation. The selection committee was chaired this year by Greg LaMair, CPCU.

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IOWA CHAPTER CPCU SOCIETY MEETING – APRIL
Breakfast Meeting

Topic: Farm Safety 4 Just Kids/ Business Meeting & Election of Officers
Speaker: Marilyn Adams, President & Founder, Farm Safety 4 Just Kids
Date & Time: Thursday, April 19 7:45 a.m.
Location: Machine Shed Restaurant, 11151 Hickman Rd.
Cost: \$15.00 per person

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids is a very special program that seeks to prevent farm-related childhood injuries and fatalities, by providing education about the importance of farm safety. Come join us for a good breakfast, and hear Marilyn Adams, who founded this organization following the tragic death of her son Keith in a farming accident.

For the second year, our Chapter's May Golf Outing will benefit Farm Safety 4 Just Kids.

We will also have a brief business meeting, including election of officers and directors for 2001-2.

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To enable us to have an accurate count for food purposes, **please call, fax, or e-mail reservations by April 16** to:

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