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# Iowa ChapterGram

CPCU Society Iowa Chapter

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT. . . .



Welcome to our new designees who were conferred at a very successful I-Day held on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Over 150 members attended the event and the survey results were very positive. We received over 100 survey forms. Over 90% of the responders

rated the seminar in the good and excellent categories, over 85% found the information presented in the seminar useful and over 80% found the information applicable to their job and their future.

Thanks to Vice President, **Dennis Forsythe** and his program committee for a very successful I-Day program this year. It takes many volunteer hours to put such a great event together and all their effort and time is truly appreciated. The program committee consisted of **Pat Martin, Barb Sullivan, Jody Ochsner, Tom Henline, Russ Greenwood, Judy Brannon, Ted Lussem, Julayne Sankot** and **Kristi Buyert**. Thanks to all of them for their hard work. Also, a special thanks to Farm Bureau who hosted the speakers' dinner the evening prior to I-Day.

The CPCU Annual Meeting and Seminars in Orlando was a great experience! There were many great seminars, social events and that wonderful Florida weather to top it all off. This was my first opportunity to attend an Annual meeting and I was thoroughly impressed with the event.

As I've mentioned in previous ChapterGrams, our Chapter was recognized as one of the top chapters by receiving the Gold Circle of Excellence Award. It was truly an honor to represent the Iowa Chapter in Orlando in receiving this award and to have John Reynolds, the national CPCU Society President who attended our I-Day last year, make special mention to me on how great the Iowa Chapter is.

Don't forget about our Chapter's involvement in Jolly Holiday Lights on December 6<sup>th</sup>. If you're able to volunteer some time for this event, please contact Carol Bowers at 237-2009. Also, be sure to make plans to join the Chapter at our December 19 meeting at Glen Oaks Country Club. Bring your spouse or guest to join the fun. It promises to be a relaxing evening with CPCU friends. (Attire is business casual.)

Hope you all have a nice Thanksgiving and hope to see you at Jolly Holiday Lights and at Glen Oaks in December!

## HELP FILL AN EMPTY SPOT

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'Tis the season... Ho! Ho! Ho! It will be the holiday season soon enough, but not everyone will enjoy it as much as you do. The annual food drive for the Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) Food Pantry will take place at our January 2003 meeting. However, as you celebrate with your families, think of those with so much less, and put aside food to donate.

Or, write a check now for perishable items while you have money left!

At the January 16, 2003, monthly meeting at Christopher's Restaurant, you may bring non-perishable food items or a cash donation. The food pantry is always depleted after a major holiday, which is one reason this meeting was selected for the food drive. Let's fill some empty tummies. There is a lot of winter left after Christmas.

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## Make a Wish Come True

You can help make a dream come true for a terminally ill or seriously ill child by helping with **Jolly Holiday Lights!** This fundraiser for the Make a Wish Foundation has provided many children over the past years with a wish.

CPCU members can help by volunteering for Friday, December 6th (5 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.). You will turn on and off the displays, hand out programs, and collect fees. These displays are located in Water Works Park and have been a family favorite ever since their inception in 1995. Every year gets bigger and better.

There are two shifts (5-8, 7:30-10:30) or you can stay for the entire evening.

Help put some **sparkle** in a child's eyes, contact Carol Bowers at EMC Ins. Cos., 515/237-2009 or via e-mail – [J.Carol.Bowers@EMCIns.com](mailto:J.Carol.Bowers@EMCIns.com). Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. In addition, there is a release form that all volunteers must complete.

## **Electronic ChapterGram Success Story!**

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The first three months of phasing in electronic ChapterGrams have been very successful! Approximately 75% of our 500+ membership received the ChapterGram as an email link last month with an error return rate of less than 2%. CPCUs have responded enthusiastically because individuals prefer to receive the ChapterGram links with email, and the information is received a week earlier than normal. The printing and postage expenses have been cut dramatically in the first three months.

The December ChapterGram is scheduled to be sent electronically to all CPCUs with email addresses. Therefore, if you receive a mailed paper copy of the ChapterGram, please let us know your current email address.

Take time now to make sure your email address is up-to-date on Society records. Go to [www.cpcusociety.org](http://www.cpcusociety.org) and log on as a member. Click on membership on-line quick link, then click on your name and you'll be able to edit your membership data.

Questions? Contact Judy Brannon [jbrannon@guidemail.com](mailto:jbrannon@guidemail.com) or Nancy Green [nancy.d.green@emcins.com](mailto:nancy.d.green@emcins.com) or Don Shafer [dshafer@guidemail.com](mailto:dshafer@guidemail.com).

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## **Future Meeting Dates, Location and Topic**

December 19, 2002	Glen Oaks Country Club	Caricature Drawings
January 16, 2003	Christopher's	Career Management
February 20, 2003	Wakonda Club	Special Investigation Units
March 6, 2003	Olmsted Center Drake University	Spring Seminar
April 17, 2003	Des Moines Golf & CC	Leadership
May 15, 2003	EMC Insurance Companies	Installation of Officers Guest Speaker: Terri Vaughan
June 12, 2003	Legacy Golf Club Norwalk, IA	Golf Outing

## **CHAPTERGRAM FORMAT**

The Iowa Chapter is always looking for ways to improve its service to its members. Now that most of our members receive the ChapterGram via e-mail and a number of them read it on-line rather than in paper format, one member suggested dividing the columns horizontally rather than the traditional vertical method (newspaper format) for easier on-line reading. If anyone has suggestions for the ChapterGram, please contact Jody Ochsner at [jody.l.ochsner@emcins.com](mailto:jody.l.ochsner@emcins.com) or 515-362-7631.

## **WEB NEWS**

Check out what's new at the CPCU Society on their web site at [www.cpcusociety.org](http://www.cpcusociety.org). There's information recapping the 2002 Annual Meeting & Seminars, New 2002-2003 Officers, Career Management, Mold Mania CD, Educational Events and more! Also, keep up to date with the Iowa Chapter's upcoming events, current members, and more at [www.cpcu-iowa.org](http://www.cpcu-iowa.org).

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## **Scholarship News for Iowa Chapter CPCU Members**

Don't forget that an Iowa Chapter CPCU scholarship for \$1,500 will be awarded to an Iowa Chapter member or one of their dependents. To be eligible, applicants must be sophomores or juniors attending a four-year accredited college or university in the state of Iowa and be maintaining an overall G.P.A. of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale. Preference will go to students majoring in business and/or an insurance related area of study.

Keep watching the Chaptergram and web site (<http://www.cpcu-iowa.org>) for further details. An application will be available soon. Contact Dan Crew at [Dan.C.Crew@EMCIns.com](mailto:Dan.C.Crew@EMCIns.com) or 362-7513 for additional information.

**IOWA CHAPTER CPCU SOCIETY MEETING –**

Topic: Caricature Drawings  
Speaker: Gene Hamilton  
Date & Time: Thursday, December 19, 2002 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Location: Glen Oaks Country Club, 1401 Glen Oaks Drive, West Des Moines  
Cost: \$23.00 per person  
**Spouses and guests are encouraged to attend.**

The evening will begin with a social hour that will allow CPCUs and their spouses or guests to network, while enjoying hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar will also be available. Following the social hour, everyone can sit back and relax while our guest speaker draws caricatures and cartoons. However, you never know when you might be chosen to participate in the "Name Game" or "Doodle Challenge".

Questions to: Dennis Forsythe (515) 226-6702  
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To enable us to have an accurate count for food purposes, **please call, fax, or e-mail reservations by December 13, 2002** to:

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