



Iowa ChapterGram

CPCU Society Iowa Chapter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT. . . .

It was a busy December for the CPCU Iowa Chapter. Our first event of the month was staffing Jolly Holiday Lights for an evening. A big thanks to **Carol Bowers** for organizing the event and for the delicious chili that she made for those working the event. Jolly Holiday Lights supports the Make a Wish foundation.



It was certainly worth our volunteer efforts to support such a worthwhile cause. In addition to that, everyone that worked the event had a great time! I'm not sure which story of the event has caused me to laugh more – the story of the Hummer Limousine, the contests held at the front gate to see which line could get the most buses or the story about the pictures with the sorority girls from Drake! It was also great to work with and meet different members from our Chapter. The event has gotten a thumbs-up from this year's volunteers, so we'll plan to participate in the event again next year. If you weren't able to attend this year, look for the announcements about the date in our ChapterGrams next fall, so you can join the fun!

We also had a fun, social evening at our Holiday gathering at Glen Oaks on the 19th. The food and the company were top notch! In addition to the food and company, we enjoyed entertainment from a caricaturist.

I'm glad our chapter could use the month of December to have a social event where we could relax and enjoy each other's company in what is the busiest month in all of our busy lives. I'm also glad that we were able to take some time to help make a dreams come true for terminally or seriously ill children and their families.

One of the CPCU Society's strategic plans is to increase educational offerings in technical skills, career management and leadership & professional skills. Our luncheon meeting in January will focus on presentation skills. If you ever need to do presentations at work or for other organizations, don't miss this opportunity to learn how to improve your presentation skills.

An event that has just been scheduled for next year is a workshop that will focus on technical skills. The workshop will be held February 18th

at Farm Bureau Mutual in West Des Moines. The workshop topic is Additional Insured and Certificate of Insurance Issues. More specific details about the workshop will be mailed to you soon.

Our CPCU year is half over and we've filled the past months with many activities. During the past 5 months we've supported two good works projects – The Fire Safety Trailer and Jolly Holiday lights. We've also had 5 board meetings, 3 regular chapter meetings, an I day with excellent attendance and a CGL/BOP educational seminar. Through it all, we've had 10 speakers/presenters and we've had over 400 chapter members participate in our meetings.

If you aren't one of the chapter members that were able to participate in one of our events, don't miss your opportunity over the coming months to participate. The second half of our CPCU will be just as packed with activities, so I hope you'll find time to join us in one or all of the events we have planned for 2003.

Future Meeting Dates, Location and Topic

January 16, 2003	Christopher's	Stellar Presentations
February 18, 2003	Farm Bureau	Workshop—Additional Insured and Certificate of Insurance Issues
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

**March Seminar
Privacy, Fraud, Ethics and YOU!
Parents Hall, Olmsted Center, Drake University
March 6, 2003
8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Identity theft has been a hot topic recently, and it could happen to any one of us. Come hear Beth Givens, Director of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, San Diego, discuss identity theft and how corporations can reduce the risk for their customers through their information handling practices. Tracey Vispoli, Product Manager of the Cyber Security Policies for Chubb, will talk about a new coverage endorsement to provide protection against identity theft. Rounding out the program will be Cindy Schmell of the Iowa Insurance Division Fraud Bureau, discussing fraud, and Russ Sporer, CPCU, NOEL Insurance, concerning ethical issues.

The seminar is co-sponsored by our CPCU Chapter, the Society of Financial Services Professionals (SFSP), and the Des Moines Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (DMAIFA).

CE credits have been requested.

Watch for a registration form in next month's ChapterGram.

Questions? Contact Judy Brannon, jbrannon@guidemail.com; 267-5346

HELP FILL AN EMPTY SPOT

Your big opportunity is here! Thursday, January 16 at the January CPCU meeting (Christopher's Restaurant), you may bring bags and boxes and carloads of non-perishable food items for the Des Moines Area Religious Council (DMARC) Food Pantry.

Share some of that left-over holiday spirit with those in the Des Moines area who will not have enough to eat throughout the coming cold winter months. Don't make someone choose between heat and food. The need is great; donations are down!

Please share cereal, pasta, canned goods, food mixes, flour, sugar, juices; or, if it's more convenient, a check that will pay for shipping charges and fresh milk.

With so many funding cuts in government-run programs, you can help fill the void for those who are homeless, laid off, and struggling to feed the family. There is some opportunity.

**Iowa Chapter of CPCU
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 an/or an insurance related area of study.

Applicant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Year in school: Sophomore / Junior

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

***Please complete and return this form and the following information by
Wednesday, February 5, 2003:***

- 1. A resume´ that includes information regarding applicant's scholastic honors, extracurricular activities, employment history and other information you believe are important for consideration.
- 2. A statement explaining your career goals and your thoughts about why you are deserving of consideration for this scholarship award. Also, if you are majoring in or have an emphasis in insurance, please explain your interest in that career path.

Please mail the completed application, resume´ and statement to:

Dan Crew, CPCU
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You may direct questions to 515.362.7513 or dan.c.crew@emcins.com.

IOWA CHAPTER CPCU SOCIETY MEETING

Topic: Stellar Productions—Presentations with Pizzazz

Speakers: Karen Wassather and Jennie LeGates

Date & Time: Thursday, January 16, 2003 11:30 a.m.

Location: Christopher's, 2816 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, IA

Cost: \$18.00 per person

Like it or not, as you progress in your career you will be called on to make presentations. These days this will often mean using PowerPoint. Skilled use of this powerful tool can greatly enhance the perception that you are knowledgeable and competent, critical components of career success. Karen Wassather, CPCU of Tero International and Jennie LeGates, CPCU of Grinnell Mutual will share some tips on effective use of PowerPoint and other visual aids so that your productions will sparkle and you will shine.

Questions to: Dennis Forsythe (515) 226-6702
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