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January 2009

Insurance Professionals of Roanoke

Next Meeting

**Holiday Inn-Tanglewood
January 15, 2009**

Dinner 5:30

**Menu:
"Chef's Choice"**

**Guest Speaker:
Marcia Barber
Va State Council Director**

Cost \$15.50

**Contact Julie Harrell
for Reservations
jharrell@bbandt.com**

**Phone
540-983-4616**

**Deadline: 10:00am
Friday, Jan 9, 2009**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a great Christmas and is ready for a fantastic year.

Please plan to be at our meeting on the 15th. Our special guest will be our Virginia Council Director Marcia Barber. We want to make sure we have a great turnout for her.

Chris Nichols has begun the process of putting our NASCAR fundraiser together, and Julie Harrell is working on ideas for a future IPR Open House. If you have ideas or suggestions for this project or any others our association might be interested in, please don't keep them to yourself.

2008 was a challenging year for many of us, both personally and professionally.

Alexander Graham Bell said "When one door closes, another opens. But we often look so regretfully upon the closed door that we don't see the one that has opened for us".

As we begin this New Year, let's not focus on what didn't work out in the previous year, but instead choose to focus on the open doors that are in front of us.

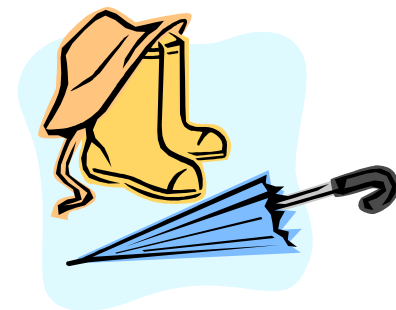
Sincerely,

Jessica

President

Jessica Mason, CPCU, AIS,
CPIW

Insurance Professionals of
Roanoke



2008-2009 IPR Officers & Committee Chairpersons

OFFICERS		PHONE	FAX
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Scholarship			
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Gifts & Flowers	Melanie Hedgepath	774-4572	774-4572
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Audit	Freda G. Horn, CIC, CPIW	345-7721	345-4614
Ways & Means-Nascar	Chris Nichols, CPCU, CIC, CPIW	983-4583	982-6507
Golf Tournament	Patricia Clark, CPIW, ACSR, DAE	855-5185	344-4096
Reservation	Julie Harrell, CPIW	983-4616	774-4572
Long-Range Planning	Board Members		

Monthly Program		
August	Planning Meeting	Jessica Mason
September	Public Relations	Sandy Bowling
October	Welfare	Melissa Maddox
November	Ways & Means	Chris Nichols
December	Hospitality	Trish Clark
January	Membership	Julie Harrell
February	Safety	Angelina Rubenzer
March	Legislative	Teresa Sloan
April	Education	
May	Hospitality	Trish Clark

Reminder
Holiday Inn requires that reservations for the monthly meeting be given to them on Friday prior to the Thursday meeting.
Please call your reservations or email Julie Harrell jharrell@bbandt.com no later than 10:00am on the Friday prior to the Thursday meeting.
No refunds will be available on reservations cancelled after the 10:00am deadline.



Secretary's Report

Insurance Professionals of Roanoke
Monthly Meeting
November 20, 2008
Holiday Inn Tanglewood

Insurance Professionals of Roanoke meeting was called to order by President Jessica Mason, CPCU, AIS, CPIW at 5:45p.m. Julie Harrell, CPIW read the NAIW collect.

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There were 6 members and 5 officers present and our guest speaker Sergeant Major Sisson with the Virginia Defense Force.

Sonya David, CIC passed out the October 2008 Treasurer's report. The report will be filed for audit.

The October 2008 minutes will be presented at the January 2009 meeting.

Freda Horn, CIC, CPIW, CRM has completed the audit; Jessica Mason will email the audit report to our members.

The Board met on November 5, 2008.

Trish Clark made a motion to accept the Boards recommendation regarding to keep the commitment to Evan this year for \$1,000.00 and to award two additional Scholarships for \$1,000.00 each with the Insurance Professional of Roanoke Board making the choice of who receives the scholarships.

The motion was seconded by Sandra Bowling, all approved and the motion carried.

Hospitality/Golf: Patricia Clark, CPIW, ACSR, DAE stated that only 21 members and guest had signed up for our December Holiday Party, we need 30 to pay for the party. Margaret Wilson made a motion to dispense with our December 2008 meeting because of the number of people. Sonya David seconded the motion, all approved and the motion carried.

Julie Harrell has two ideas for membership which will be discuss at our January 2009 meeting.

50/50 was won by Margaret Wilson; the total was \$9.00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Teresa Sloan, AIS, CPIW
Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GIFTS & FLOWERS – No report

LEGISLATIVE

EDUCATION –

MEMBERSHIP –

I propose that we have an open house (sometime after September) for prospective members. I would like to send invitations to insurance companies in the area to come for refreshments, have a pre-prepared pamphlet of information to hand out about IPR and maybe a couple of door prizes. We can discuss the idea further at our October meeting.

Julie Harrell, CPIW – Membership Chair

WAYS & MEANS - Nascar!

It was discussed and decided that we would raffle 4 NASCAR race tickets and a 2-night stay in Charlotte again as one of our 2 fund-raisers for the year. The tickets for the 2009 races at Lowe's Motor Speedway over the Memorial Day weekend have been purchased. Once the hotel reservation is finalized, the raffle tickets will be ordered. Due to minimum purchase costs at the printer, there probably will not be any changes in the maximum number of tickets available to sell. We plan to keep the \$5 per chance price the same as last year, and I hope to have the raffle tickets available for sale in December.

Chris Nichols, CPCU, CPIW, CIC – Nascar Chair

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE The Board of Directors met today and will be making a recommendation to the members, to be voted on at the November meeting, as follows:

We will fulfill our final \$1,000 commitment to Evan Graham this spring. Two new scholarship recipients will be awarded \$1,000 each this spring pending review and acceptance by the Board of their applications.

Additional Information that will not require a vote by the members:

The amount and number of scholarship recipients will be determined annually by the Board following our golf tournament each year and will be based primarily on the success of each year's tournament.

Angelina Rubenzer will be serving as Scholarship Committee Chairperson this year and has agreed to send out letters to the schools and have the applications returned to her.

Jessica W Mason, CPCU, AIS, CPIW
President

Welfare

Melissa Kay Maddox, AIC, AIS – Welfare Chair

TREASURER

Form 990-N has been filed, accepted and forwarded to NAIW.

For future reference, according to the IRS, our fiscal year is actually 5/1 to 4/30 so we were late filing.

Per Mark Adams at NAIW, IRS is not assigning penalties for late filings this year but in the future we should file by September 15th. I have confirmed this on the IRS website, they are supposed to send a reminder notice - which I have not seen if not filed on time. If not filed for three consecutive years you will lose tax-exempt status after the filing date of the third year.

Thanks,

Sonya J. David, CIC – Treasurer

SAFETY –

The TIKE Program is up and running after a bit of a hibernation. I have sent out stickers to the VA Tech Police Department, the Wythe County Sheriff's Office, and the Bedford County Sheriff's Office in the last week and Jessica has passed out several during the local law enforcement conference. Please continue to pass the word and let me know if you would like me to bring any stickers for your family or friends!

As a review of what the TIKE Program is and how it evolved:

TIKE stands for Toddler Info Kept for Emergencies and came about in 1995 when a 6 month old boy was involved in a head-on traffic collision while riding with a relative. The driver was left unconscious and the boy suffered a life-threatening head injury that required immediate surgery. Police did not know the child's identity and were only able to trace his parents because an address book was located in the wreckage. Valuable time was lost due to this delay. The boy was airlifted to a nearby hospital for emergency brain surgery. He has since fully recovered. This sticker is to be placed on the back of your child's car seat to assist emergency personnel in identifying your child should an accident occur which disables the adults in your vehicle.

Angelina Rubenzer, CEI
Safety Chairperson

PERSONAL ITEMS

We welcomed a Chihuahua puppy into our home on December 25, 2008. Audrey named him Tanner (after her best friend) and he is adjusting well to his new home. He's very playful, but also loves to cuddle. He's a very sweet, well-behaved dog and we are having a great time getting to know him. The puppy and Audrey are becoming great friends, as you can see from the picture of her reading to him.

Jessica Mason, CPCU, AIS, CPIW



My son Todd and Grandsons, Jared & Nathan from Alabama spent after Christmas week with Wayne and I. Most of my days were spent cooking, eating and cleaning up the kitchen. We did have several days of playing board games since the weather was not cooperating for outdoor activities. Todd and the boys did take one day off to go skiing, and they were disappointed it did not snow during their stay. Todd did say when he went home on Friday after New Years, they ran into snow in Wytheville and it snowed on them into TN. He said that was just their luck, to run into snow on the way home. I guess the Weatherman did not have our area's interest at heart and let us have a "White Christmas".

Margaret Byrd Wilson, CIC, ACSR, CPIW, DAE

Frank and Melissa danced the night away at the Natural Bridge Hotel Gala on New Year's Eve!
Melissa Maddox



JOYCE JOHNSON WILKINS

Please keep Joyce Johnson Wilkins in your Thoughts and Prayers. Recently Joyce Johnson's daughter, Vanessa, found out her cancer came back. Joyce went to Charlotte, NC to be with Vanessa. While in Charlotte, Joyce fell and broke her right leg, both feet & toes. She has either had an operation or will be operated on and it will take her 6 months to heal. Joyce is now in a wheel chair. Please send Joyce a card and let her know you are thinking about her.

Joyce's Home Address is:

Joyce Wilkins
149 Locust Street
Amherst, VA 24521-3103

HAPPY Birthday!



December Birthdays

12/04 – Kim Elliott

12/15 – Dianne Simmons

No January Birthdays!