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Calling all Readers!

If you are interested in becoming a member of IPA, please contact Vice-President, Melissa Peak, or visit our website at www.ipanaiw.org.

Your comments and suggestions for the newsletter are welcomed. Please submit any photos, articles, announcements or other items you would like to see included. Deadline is the 15th of each month in order to be included in the next month's newsletter.

Please submit to
Melissa Peak.

January 9, 2009

To Members & Friends:

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. The following sums up my thoughts about the 2008 holiday season ---

The Month After Christmas

'Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house
Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.

When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rared.
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."

As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt---
I said to myself, as I only can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"

So--away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruitcake, every cracker and chip
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
"Til all the additional ounces have vanished.

I won't have a cookie--not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or cornbread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.

I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore---
But isn't that what January's for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot,
Happy New Year to all, and to all a good diet!

---Author unknown

Cordially,

Connie L. Herrin, AIC ARM CIC CPIW
President Insurance Professionals of Atlanta

IPA meets at Aldo's Italian Restaurant
6690 Roswell Rd NE
Atlanta, GA (Sandy Springs) the 2nd
Tuesday of each month.

Meetings begin at 6:00 pm.

Cost: \$23.00 per person.

Please check the newsletter for upcoming events which may change the monthly schedule.

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Mark Your Calendars!

January 13, 2009

IPA Meeting, Aldo's Restaurant
Sandy Springs, 6:00pm
Business Etiquette

February 3, 2009

IPA 8 Hr CE Class
1117 Perimeter Center West, Atlanta, GA
30338 first floor conference room

February 7, 2009

State Planning Meeting
GA Council of NAIW
GEICO-Macon 2 Building
4400 Weaver Road
Macon, GA 31295
9:00am

February 10, 2009

IPA Meeting, Aldo's Restaurant
Sandy Springs, 6:00pm
Emergency Organization /



Insurance Professionals of Atlanta



Presented by IPA Vice President Melissa Peak

Date: January 13, 2009

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Aldo's Italian Restaurant
6690 Roswell Road
Atlanta (Sandy Springs), GA

Cost: \$23.00

Dinner includes salad, entrée, garlic rolls, coffee, tea or soda.

Please let us know you are coming. Please contact Melissa Peak at mpeak@amsafety.com or 770-485-4307. If you are uncertain and decide to come at the last minute, please feel free to join us.

Service Project Updates

Adopt-a-Family: All of the gifts for our adopted family were delivered. The mother of the 2 girls was overjoyed at the generosity. She is very thankful that her girls had a wonderful Christmas. We have a photo of the girls that we will share with everyone at the next meeting. Thank you to everyone that made donations and special thanks to Veronica Spellman for coordinating the project.

Dress for Success: IPA is actively participating in the Dress for Success charity program. This charity service is for disadvantaged women who are entering the professional workforce and need assistance with attire. The following clothing items can be donated:

Business Continuity
Planning

March 26-29, 2009
Annual Region III
Conference
Embassy Suites
Convention Center
North Charleston, SC

Business Suits
Skirts
Blouses
Scarves
New panty hose

Slacks/Trousers
Blazers
Purses
Belts
New Cosmetics & Toiletries

Shoes - we especially need size 9 and up, and wide widths

WE PRIMARILY NEED SIZES 0 & 2 and SIZES 16 & UP

All items must be

- **freshly dry-cleaned or laundered and ironed**
- **on hangers (except accessories)**
- **no more than three years old**

Additional information can be researched on the following link:

<http://www.dressforsuccess.org/affiliate.aspx?sisid=1&pageid=1>

If you would like to participate in this charity with IPA, please bring your donations to the IPA monthly meetings. If you can not attend the meetings, drop-off locations are as follows:

- 220 Spring Street NW, Suite 102, Atlanta, Ga 30303(Loading dock of America's Mart Building 2). Donation drop-off at this location is Monday through Friday 9am to 3 pm.
- St. James United Methodist Church, 4400 Peachtree Dunwoody Rd., Atlanta, GA. Donation drop-off at this location is Thursday only, 9am to noon. At this location, you will be required to carry your items to the lower level.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the project, please contact Veronica Spellman at yspell60@comcast.com or 770-314-0123.

GEORGIA COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING

The Georgia Council of NAIW has scheduled a state planning meeting to take place on Saturday, February 7th, 2009 at 9:00am in Macon, GA. The cost is \$25.00. A registration form with instructions and directions to the location are attached at the end of this newsletter. This meeting is open to all members.

CE Class hosted by Insurance Professionals of Atlanta

As a reminder, the next class for EIGHT (8) CE hours which includes four (4) hours of ethics, is being hosted by Insurance Professionals of Atlanta and is being taught by Elise Farnham. The cost of each part is \$45.00 OR you can attend the entire day for \$80.00. The good news is that now you can pay for this by cash, check or CREDIT CARD (VISA, MC, DISCOVER). A copy of the revised registration form with the information to enable you to make your payment via credit card is attached to the end of this newsletter. Information concerning CE requirements for various licenses can be obtained by visiting:

<http://www.inscomm.state.ga.us/Agents/CE%20Requirements.aspx>.

Continuing Education Program Registration Form



Hosted by: *The Insurance Professionals of Atlanta*
Presented by: *Elise M. Farnham, CPCU, ARM, AIM, CPIW, Illumine Consulting*

Date: **February 3, 2009** **8 Hours CE**

Time: **8:30 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. “CGL – De-Mystifying the Definitions” 4 hours P & C**
 1:00 p.m. – 4:35 p.m. “Forging a High Values Culture” 4 hours Ethics (applied)

Location: 1117 Perimeter Center West, Atlanta, GA 30338 *first floor conference room*
(Enter at West Lobby, then right at hallway before elevators)

Directions: **From I-285:** north on Peachtree Dunwoody Rd., at the light for Costco & Home Depot turn right then immediate left into the West Lobby Parking area.
 From GA 400: take Abernathy Exit toward Dunwoody, right at Peachtree-Dunwoody Rd., at the light for Costco & Home Depot turn left then immediate left into the West Lobby Parking area.

Programs:

1. “CGL – De-Mystifying the Definitions” GA #34668 We will review the definitions contained in the CGL policy in order to understand the intent of the coverage based on the definitions used.

8:30am to 12:05pm _____ @ \$45.00 = _____

2. “Forging a High Values Culture” . In this seminar, we will explore the connections between ethics, values, and corporate culture.

1:00pm – 4:35 pm _____ @ \$45.00 = _____

OR **Both Seminars (8 hours CE)** @ **\$80.00** = _____

NAME: _____ **License #** _____

e-mail address _____

TOTAL: \$ _____ via check *or* credit card: Visa MC Discover

Credit Card # _____ Exp Date _____

Security Code: _____

Billing Address & Zip: _____

**Mail check to: Illumine Consulting, 633 Bo Bo Banks Rd., Grantville, GA
30220**

Reserve early, space is limited. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

Price includes: *Continental breakfast sponsored by: Crawford & Co.*
 Afternoon snack sponsored by: Donan Engineering
 Lunch sponsored by: Black Diamond Transportation and CorVel
 Additional Sponsors: The Glass Doctor
 Electronic filing of CE credits & Certificate of Completion

To Register: Fax to (678) 802-3233 or e-mail to: Gayle@elisefarnham.com

Questions? Call Elise Farnham at 770-367-3148

Feel free to copy or forward this announcement to invite others. www.elisefarnham.com

**GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL OF NAIW
STATE PLANNING MEETING
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2009
9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.
GEICO – MACON 2 BLDG.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! This is our first meeting for the 2009 year and we look forward to every member and local association participating for the Education, Fellowship, Networking and Fun to continue making our organization a success.

Registration will be PROMPTLY at 9:00-9:30 starting w/a continental breakfast. The business session will start promptly at 9:30 a.m.; so we ask that everyone is present by then so that we can get started as we have a full agenda. Thank you

NAME: _____

ASSOCIATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ **(W)** _____
VM/CELL _____

E-MAIL: _____

**(PLEASE MAIL IN REGISTRATION AND RSVP NO LATER THAN FEB. 7TH) TO:
rsimon_jackson@hotmail.com and mail in registration to the following to reach my P.O. no later than Feb. 5th). Checks should be made payable to: Georgia State Council of NAIW in the amount of \$25.00.**

**Attn: Renee Simon-Jackson
P.O. Box 1322
Stone Mountain, GA 30086**

If you choose to fax in your acknowledgement please do so at (770) 978-2157 and if payment has not been rec'd it will be collected at the meeting.

The address for the meeting is as follows:

**Address for meeting: GEICO – Macon 2 Bldg., 4400 Weaver Road, Macon, GA 31295.
From I-75 South: Merge on to 1-16 E toward Savannah; take Ocmulgee E. Blvd. Exit; make left at traffic light; proceed and make a right at the 3rd traffic light on to Weaver Road.**

From I-16 West: Take Ocmulgee East Blvd. exit: make right at the stop sign and proceed to the 3rd traffic light; merge right onto Weaver Road.

The GEICO 2 Bldg. will be on the right; enter the driveway and the parking area on the right. Enter through the double glass doors and tell Security you are here for the “State Planning Meeting” and the meeting will be in the Atlanta Room.