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Calling all Readers!

If you are interested in becoming a member of IPA, please contact Vice-President, Melissa Peak.

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.

Message from the President

October 4, 2007

Dear Members & Friends:

Keeping up with hectic schedules, meeting work demands, having time for family and keeping balance in our lives is a constant challenge. These days, just looking at the correct month on the calendar seems to be a challenge. The past month has just flown by and with it, the very hot days of summer and the Georgia Council meeting in Marietta held September 27 – 29, 2007. It is almost time for the October IPA meeting and I am having a difficult time explaining where the time went since the September meeting.

What I will tell you is that September was IPA's first presentation from the NAIW's '*I Can*' series of programs. The presentation on "Driver other car Coverage" clearly confirmed that I have colleagues who are supportive, knowledgeable and interested in learning regardless of the number of years in the field of insurance or related industry in which they work. It also confirmed that I need more practice in teaching! However, *I* really learned a lot, including that 'I Can' do research and present information new to me with the support of NAIW and IPA. I hope that everyone who attended the meeting learned something new, also.

The IPA October meeting will include a presentation by Melissa Peak, Vice-President, IPA on The Home Based Business. Please join us for what will certainly be an informative and interesting presentation and for the fellowship & networking opportunities within NAIW and IPA.

Cordially,

Connie L. Herrin, AIC ARM CIC
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!**

- October 8, 2007-
Columbus Day

- October 9, 2007 6pm
IPA Meeting at Aldo's

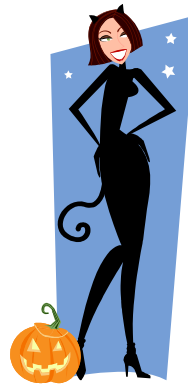
- October 16, 2007-
National Boss Day

- October 31, 2007-
Halloween

- November 6, 2007-
Election Day

- November 10, 2007-
Deadline for 2008
Region III Conference
committee sign-up.

- November 13, 2007
6pm-IPA Meeting at
Aldo's



Adults like to have as much fun during Halloween as the kids do! Adult Halloween parties tend to be much wilder than children's parties with dancing, alcohol use and catered food.

Using common sense can make a party a great one and avoid anything that may ruin it.

Keep an eye on the drinking. Don't let it get out of hand. Take the keys away from anyone that may be driving. Have one person stay sober and offer to drive those people home who may be too intoxicated to drive.

When deciding on a menu, check and see if anyone attending the party has food allergies that might be a problem. Common food allergies to dairy products, peanuts and shell fish can really put a damper on the festivities.

Planning ahead for problems can make all the difference for your Halloween party!

-From www.halloween-safety.com Tips for Adults.

Attention!

If you have not signed up for a committee for the 2008 Region III Conference, please turn your selections in to Jan Murray by November 10th, 2007. If you want to volunteer for a committee, please contact Jan Murray at janmurr1@aol.com.



Melissa G. Peak, CISR, CPIW

I have been in the insurance industry since 2001. I started out as a claims representative for a large independent insurance agency in Montgomery, Al. What was not intended to be a permanent position escalated into a career. Although most of my experience has been targeted towards claims, I do have experience in other areas of commercial and personal lines insurance. I currently work for American Safety Insurance Services, Inc. ("ASIS") as a claims representative for the pest control program. I have been with ASIS since moving here with my husband from Montgomery, Al in June of 2006.

I have worked towards many professional education programs since entering the business. I have received my Certified Insurance Service Representative designation and my Certified Professional Insurance Woman designation. I also hold adjuster licenses in four states. I have participated in numerous continuing education courses and seminars.

I have been a member of NAIW since 2002. I was a member of the Insurance Women of Montgomery until I moved and joined the Insurance Professionals of Atlanta. I have participated and chaired committees and served as an officer on the local level. I have won local association awards for being the Rookie of the Year and twice Claims Professional of the Year. I am currently serving as IPA's Vice-President.

I have been married for a little over three years to my husband, Chris. We do not have any children. We just have a five year old Rat Terrier mix named Buddy. We are very loyal Alabama football fans.

IPA is a wonderful group of people. NAIW has helped me grow personally and professionally through continuing education and networking. The friendships you build through NAIW will last a lifetime. Remember, participation is the key.

Insurance Professionals of Atlanta

Business as *un-Usual* Insuring the Home-based Business

A Professional Development Seminar from the NAIW I
Can! Series

Presented by IPA Vice-President Melissa G. Peak

This seminar does not provide continuing education credit.

Date: October 9th, 2007

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Aldo's Italian Restaurant

6690 Roswell Road

Atlanta (Sandy Springs), GA

Cost: \$23.00

Please let us know you are coming. Contact Melissa Peak
at mpeak@amsafety.com or 770-485-4340

November's Seminar: The Tax-Free Roth IRA