

Chesco Chatter

Happy Holidays

Next Dinner Meeting

Thursday, Feb 2

6 p.m.

**Downingtown
Country Club**

**No Meeting in
January!**



Our Christmas Charity Party was held on Thursday, December 1 at the Downingtown Country Club. Everyone brought a gift for the Tom-bola table. And, everyone went home with a gift!

We also collected bedding items such as sheets and blankets. These items and the proceeds from the sale of Tombola raffle tickets will benefit the Women's Domestic Violence Center in West Chester.

The Country Club did a fantastic job decorating the meeting room this year. We were all impressed! It was a very nice evening with stories shared and lots of laughter.



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NAIW Mission

The National Association of Insurance Women services its members by providing professional education, an environment in which to build business alliances and the opportunity to make connections with people of differing career paths and levels of experience in the insurance industry.

Membership is open to all insurance and risk management professionals in the industry.

NAIW of Chester County holds their monthly dinner meetings at the Downingtown Country Club. The club is located adjacent to the Brandywine Square Shopping Center on Lancaster Avenue (Business Route 30) in Downingtown. Typically the first Thursday of the month.

JOB BANK

NSM Insurance Group has the following openings:

- Property Underwriter with carrier experience
- Claims rep with 3-5 years experience
- Underwriter with professional liability background...preferably legal/dental

Contact: Tara Campbell, HR Manager
 555 North Lane, Suite 6060
 Conshohocken PA 19428
 Voice: 610-941-9877 x 105
 Fax: 610-941-9889
tecampbell@nsminc.com

McKee Risk Management Inc has the following opening:

Product and Underwriting Analyst

The Product and Underwriting Analyst is responsible for supporting the Chief Underwriting Officer in product planning, underwriting and compliance. This includes interacting with Underwriting, Claims and Risk Control Departments as well as interacting with our Carrier Partners.

- Supports with review, implementation and communication of assigned filings and ensures compliance with statutory requirements.
- Participates in developing product and rate revisions, underwriting guidelines, manuals, and procedures.
- Performs Underwriting File reviews, provides summary of analysis and communicates results.
- In conjunction with IT, assists with implementing and enhancing internal/external operating systems to ensure production capabilities are both effective and efficient.
- Assists with the development of workflows.

5 years of related underwriting or product experience.

Demonstrates technical knowledge with moderately complex insurance concepts.

Adeptness at learning new technology and tools.

Position may require occasional travel.

Send resumes to jobs@mckeerisk.com Visit www.mckeerisk.com for other openings.

Seeking Employment

Administrative Assistant: If anyone has an opening I have a strong candidate with 5 years experience working as a paralegal, administrative assistant and in customer service. btowson@hathomson.com



Safety Report

Sandra L. Snyder, CIC, CISR

Winter Holiday Safety Tips

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of LED strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them. Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding



FACTS

Holiday decoration fires are most likely to happen in the living room, family room or den.

Almost half of all home decoration fires are started by candles.

Half of holiday decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.

2012 Region I Conference

**2012 NAIW/IAIP Region I Conference
"Sailing into Success with NAIW"
March 29 ~ April 1, 2012
Hyatt Regency, Goat Island, Newport, Rhode Island**

Guaranteed Room Rate - \$135 single/double
Parking is \$20 per day, \$25 if you choose valet parking
\$4 toll to go over the Newport Bridge
Wi-Fi is \$10.95 per day
Transportation (each way) from TF Green Airport is \$25

Registration Fees:

Before 2/12 - \$265
2/13 to 3/1 - \$290
After 3/1 - \$325

Door Prize Donations

Each year in continuation of long standing tradition, local associations contribute door prizes for the Regional Conference, often something unique to their association's home state and/or area, which are then raffled to lucky conference attendees. If your association would like to continue and participate in this tradition, please let us know as soon as possible so we can ensure you get proper recognition in the conference program.

(Door prizes may be dropped off at the conference registration desk upon arrival.)

Please Contact:

Donna A. Liro, AIS, CPIW, DAE
2012 Region I Conference Co-Chair

Phone: 800-343-3375 X770 Fax: 401-495-9770 Email: DLiro@nbic.com

Local Association Fund Raising Tables

Regional Conferences present a great opportunity for local associations to Raise Funds providing you meet the Eligibility Requirements.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Fund Raising at the regional conference shall be limited to those associations who have successfully bid for a Regional Conference, Council Meeting, Mini-Board or associations hosting a National Convention, or associations having hosted a Regional Conference, Council Meeting, Mini-Board or National Convention resulting in a deficit.
- Fund raising will also be allowed for the purpose of establishing a Regional Fund or to add revenue to an existing Regional Fund.

Please Contact:

Donna L Varin, AIT, CIIP

2012 Region I Conference Co-Chair

Phone: 800-652-6422 X23540 Fax: 401-334-1634 Email: dvarin@amica.com

Association Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reason for Fund Raising (see eligibility requirements above)

Cost per association: \$30 per table

Make check payable to: **NAIW of RI 2012 Region I Conference**

Please return to: Brenda Miller, 65 Zachariah Place, Warwick, RI 02889

Dawn will discuss the Region I Conference door prizes and fund raising tables at a future meeting.

Committee Chairs for 2011-2012

Audit:	Deanna Reczek and Barbara Towson
Education:	Open
Legislative:	Bonnie Raley
Membership:	Open
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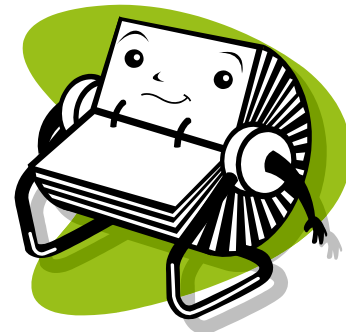
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