



PIEDMONT CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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Piedmont RIMS Holiday Event

Join us for dinner and **CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE**.

http://www.cirqueproductions.com/project_details.php?CategoryID=6&ProjectID=4

"Ornaments come to life when costumed characters perform astonishing feats that celebrate the holiday season with spectacle, imagination and whimsical dreams."

Come for dinner only or dinner and the show.

When

Saturday, December 5, 2009

Dinner – arrive at 5:00 p.m. **sharp!**

Show – 8:00 p.m.

Where

Dinner – Mo's Diner, 306 E. Hargett Street, Raleigh

Show – Progress Energy Center-Memorial Auditorium
2 East South Street, Raleigh

Menu

Ordering from menu: <http://www.mosdiner.net/>

Cost

Dinner only – \$25.00 Member & 1 guest, \$30.00 non-Member & 1 guest

Dinner and Show – \$35.00 Member & 1 guest, \$40.00 non-Member & 1 guest.

Cancellations within 48 hours of event and no shows will be subject to billing.

If you plan to attend, please **RSVP by Monday, November 30**, to Charlotte Peedin. cpeedin@goldencorral.net

Piedmont Chapter's Student Involvement Program Gathers Steam

After many fits and starts, 2009 will go down in chapter history as the year of revival for our Student Involvement Program (SIP). After *many* years, the Piedmont chapter meetings are brightened by the presence of young men and women from area universities that are interested in the risk management profession.

Old-timers may remember when UNC-Greensboro had a robust risk and insurance management program that was led by Dr. Joe Johnson, Dr. George Flanigan, and Dr. Robert Cline. Piedmont RIMS meetings were attended by many undergraduates during those years, and the chapter sponsored several students at our national and regional conferences. Unfortunately, the program at UNC-G fizzled when these respected educators moved on to other institutions or retired. As a result, the chapter's SIP declined and became dormant.

After repeatedly banging on several area B-school doors, the chapter found willing professors at East Carolina University and Elon University to steer interested students our way. Between them, Dr. Jim Westmoreland of ECU and Dr. Christy Benson of Elon have sent nine impressive undergraduates to our meetings. Chapter members have been amazed to learn about the accomplishments and perspectives of these Millennials/Gen-Y'ers. We could not fathom some of their achievements when we were in college! The students' feedback indicates a real appreciation for the insurance industry, and an eagerness to get educated about a career in risk management.

Our challenge is to nurture the SIP and encourage our academic institutions to develop a risk management curriculum. We can take giant steps toward this objective by sponsoring students at the 2010 Southeastern Regional Educational Conference and the 2011 RIMS National Conference. Get involved! Engage the students and professors at every opportunity! You will be glad that you did!

Charitable Endeavors

Tis the season to be thankful for your blessings and generous with those who are less fortunate. We are ramping up to assist with another charitable cause. More details are forthcoming shortly.

2009 Piedmont RIMS Slogan Contest

Congratulations to Debra Lord, with Job Ready Services, for winning our slogan contest. Debra won a \$50 gift card to Outback Steakhouse for submitting the winning slogan. Piedmont RIMS' new slogan is:

Planning for the Everyday, Preparing for the Unthinkable

12 Reasons to be Thankful you Burnt the Bird!

1. Salmonella won't be a concern.
2. Everyone will think your turkey is Cajun blackened.
3. Uninvited guests will think twice next year.
4. Your cheese broccoli lima bean casserole will gain newfound appreciation.
5. Pets won't bother to pester you for scraps.
6. No one will overeat.
7. The smoke alarm was due for a test.
8. Carving the bird will provide a good cardiovascular workout.
9. You'll get to the desserts even quicker.
10. After dinner, the guys can take the bird to the yard and play football.
11. The less turkey Uncle You-Know-Who eats, the less likely he will be to walk around with his pants unbuttoned.
12. You won't have to face three weeks of turkey sandwiches.

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