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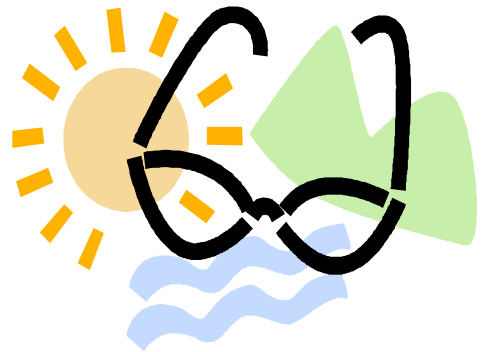
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August 17th 2006

**General Membership meeting
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**DID YOU 8
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Please welcome our newest members at the next general membership meeting!

1. **Julia Hinkle**, Phone# 918-359-6183 email: jhinkle@theholmesorg.com

The Holmes Organization, recruited by Rene Baker, BCBS

2. **Zane Whitlow II**, Phone #(800) 592-5433 x3240

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If you are interested in serving on the TAHU Board of Directors either chairing or serving on a committee, please contact one of the current Board members.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's a great time to be a TAHU member! Returning from National Convention in San Francisco, TAHU was well represented and brought home two National Awards: The Presidential and Pacesetter Awards!!! " You ask" What is the Presidential and Pacesetter award?

Come to our next weeks luncheon on the 20th of July and find out ! Our chapter works hard to qualify for these awards let alone win them!

David Fear, new NAHU President, charged local chapters to improve our involvement in public policy forums with state legislators. Legislation and politics are a huge part of health insurance. In order for us to be at the table, we have to be prepared and ready for action when action is needed.

I encourage each of you to attend the General Membership Meetings this year to learn how YOU can help TAHU be prepared as well as how TAHU can help you. David Fear's slogan is "Make It Happen" and together we can Make It Happen!

I am both honored and proud to serve as your 2006/07 TAHU President. If you need my assistance on anything, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Picture of myself, Harry and Janet Trautwein, CEO and Executive Vice President of NAHU. She's the lady the White House has been known to call when they need clarification on health Insurance related matters!!!

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

★ Medicare Hospital Payment Information

The Department of Health and Human Services recently announced that the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services will post payment information for 30 common elective procedures under Medicare. This move is a step in the right direction towards transparency in health care costs to assist patients with making appropriate and more informed health care decisions.

Information on quality measures is also being reported and information is available at www.HospitalCompare.hhs.gov.

This information is timely as Congress continues discussing cost transparency legislation and additional changes to Health Savings Accounts.

★ Anti-Money Laundering

The Treasury Department Financial Crimes Enforcement Network released its final rule and information on its anti-money-laundering program. The program was established to protect the country's financial system and ensure that the provisions of both the Bank Secrecy Act and the Patriot Act are applied appropriately. The final rule does not require agents and brokers to have separate anti-money-laundering programs, however insurance agents and brokers play an integral role due to their contact with customers. Each insurance company that issues and underwrites covered products must develop and implement a written anti-money-laundering program.

According to the rule, covered products are defined as a permanent life insurance policy other than a group life insurance policy, an annuity contract other than a group annuity contract, and any other insurance product with cash value or investment features. Insurance agents and brokers are not required to have separate anti-money-laundering programs.

For more information, visit www.fincen.gov/insurance_companies_faq.html.

★ Health Savings Accounts

Last month Congressman Eric Cantor (R-VA) introduced H.R. 5262, the Tax-Free Health Savings Act. The bill would increase contribution limits to HSAs, make premiums for HSA-compatible insurance tax-deductible, provide a tax credit for low-income individuals to purchase a high-deductible health plan, allow employers to make greater contributions to employees with chronic health conditions and allow early retirees to use HSA funds to pay for insurance coverage premiums. NAHU supports Cantor's bill and believes that it will help make health insurance coverage more affordable for low-income individuals and small businesses.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Market Reforms and S. 1955

Last month the Senate failed to garner enough votes to move S. 1955, Senator Enzi's Health Insurance Marketplace Modernization and Affordability Act, forward for a full vote. It is unlikely that the legislation will be brought up again this year.

Campaign season for the November elections is underway and Congress will adjourn its 109th session in December. The House-passed AHP legislation, H.R. 525, remains pending though it is unclear whether the Senate will take up discussion on the bill or its Senate companion, S. 406.

★ Pension Bill

As they have previously advised you, the House and Senate have established a conference to work out a compromise on the bills based by each chamber. In addition to pension items, the bill includes FSA rollover provisions and may include a provision that allows long-term care to be sold in Section 125 cafeteria plans. The conference has been delayed numerous times, but the new estimated completion date is immediately before the July 4th recess, with a possible floor vote the second week in July.

If you have any questions about topics covered in Washington Update -- or other legislative issues -- please contact NAHU's Government Affairs staff:

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National Association of Health Underwriters Region 6 Leadership Conference

August 4-5, 2006
Omni Corpus Christi Hotel
Corpus Christi, Texas

DATE



August 4 - 5, 2006

LOCATION



Omni Corpus Christi Hotel– Bayfront Tower

\$105 per night/ single or double

900 North Shoreline Blvd., Corpus Christi, Texas 78401
Phone: (361) 887-1600

Located in the lively downtown Marina District, the four-diamond Omni Corpus Christi Hotel offers spectacular views of the Corpus Christi Bay. Situated along 131 miles of inviting beaches, there are virtually limitless choices for water sports, including year-round sailing, swimming, snorkeling and some of the world's best deep-sea fishing.

- Complimentary Airport Shuttle & Wireless Internet
- Complimentary Covered Parking / Valet Parking - \$7 per day

Reservations must be made no later than Wednesday, July 12th by calling 1-800-843-6664
Check out the hotel at www.omnicorpuschristi.com



COST



\$50 Early Registration Fee– if received before Wednesday, July 12th

\$75 Registration Fee–if received after Wednesday, July 12th



SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Texas State Chapter will again be hosting its annual membership training in Corpus Christi the day before the conference starts- Thursday, August 3rd from 11am-5pm at the hotel. Attendees from states other than Texas will be charged a nominal \$25 charge for the training and is free for Texas members. Lunch is included! The event is open to anyone interested in new membership ideas!

WHAT TO DO



- USS Lexington
 - The Columbus Ships
 - Texas State Aquarium
 - Sailing, Deep Sea Fishing & more!
- Find out more! www.corpuschristicvb.com

**Don't miss out on a great opportunity to network with
NAHU leaders from around the region, share ideas
and enjoy the great city of Corpus Christi!**





**National Association of Health Underwriters
Region 6 Leadership Conference
August 4-5, 2006
Omni Corpus Christi Hotel
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REGISTRATION FORM



Please complete and mail or fax registration form to:

Jennifer Toups
PO Box 8765
Metairie, LA 70010
or fax to (504) 828-9395.

Name: _____ Nickname for Badge: _____

Company: _____ Title: _____

Business Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Chapter Representing: _____ Chapter Position: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Number: _____

Will you be attending the NAHU Membership Training Event on August 3rd? Yes ___ No ___

Registration Fee:

- \$50 per person Early Registration Fee if received by July 12, 2005
- \$75 per person Late Registration Fee if received after July 12, 2005
- + Add \$25 if you plan on attending the Membership Training sponsored by Texas AHU and you are not from Texas.

Payment By:

- Check (Made payable to NAHU)
- Credit Card: Circle Type Visa MasterCard American Express Discover
Card #: _____ Expiration: _____
Cardholder's Signature: _____
- NAHU Bucks- Amount: \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

IMPORTANT NOTE:

You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel. In order to get the conference rate of \$105 per night, you must book by July 12, 2006! Call (800) 843-6664 and mention that you are with the NAHU Region 6 meeting. We have a limited number of rooms blocked. When the block runs out, you will pay a much higher regular rate. Make your reservations early!

TAHU and OSAHU Announce Scholarship Recipients

The Tulsa Association and the Oklahoma State Association of Health Underwriters awarded their college scholarships at a combined Annual Business Meeting on May 18th at Tulsa Country Club. “We received a record number of applications, making this year’s selection by the Scholarship Committee very difficult,” said Harry Hanig. “The quality of the applications were very impressive. These students are the sons and daughters of our members and we wish them all the best in their college activities.”

The winners of the OSAHU Awards:

Shawna Goodin Memorial Scholarships for 2006 are:

Lindsey Ameen, Union High School, Tulsa; daughter of Kay Ameen, TAHU .

The attendees of the Annual Business Meeting received a special treat. Lindsey Ameen mesmerized the audience by singing “Beautiful” (Bethany Dillon). Lindsey will be attending the University of Oklahoma this fall.

Christina Sazama, Putnam City High School; daughter of Dan Oliver, OKCAHU Christina has selected Oklahoma State University and Kevin will attend Northeast Texas community College.

TAHU Nik Hanig Memorial Scholarship for 2006 :

Kevin Schlegel, Putnam City North; son of Mark Schlegel, OKCAHU.

Thank you all !!

Harry Hanig (TAHU Scholarship chair)

Photo’s attached: **1st:** Lindsey and Kay Ameen, **2nd:** Kevin and his parents Mark and Jo Ann Schlegel. Christina Sazama was unable to attend (no photo).

Thank you all !!

Harry Hanig (TAHU Scholarship chair)





Did You Know ??

This space is available for any pre-approved announcement or information you would like people to know.

Attention! Attention! :

Andrea Blevins (TAHU Vice President): On Friday, July 7th had a beautiful little girl, Zoe Grace Blevins. Proud grandpa said that everyone is doing fine. Zoe was born at 2:11, weighed 7lbs. 6oz, 19 inches long, lots of dark hair, long fingers and a cute little button nose. We are all happy that they are doing great !!!

Dan Hart: Has a position open for a Sales Support Assistant. They would be responsible for preparing group quotes, new case submissions and broker sales assistance. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone that may be looking, please contact me@. [Dan_Hart@glic.com]. Thanks!

If you wish to post a note or information, Please contact Kim Merriman via email: Kim@benefitsok.com

(Items must be approved, so send them in soon enough to go through the process) Thanks! Kim :)

