



# Insurance Women of Greater Danbury

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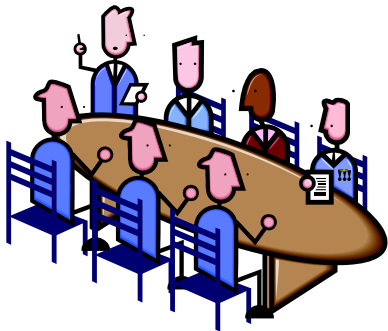
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## Meeting Notice

The September monthly meeting is on September 9<sup>th</sup> at Stony Hill Inn in Bethel. Our guest speaker is Heidi Rankin from the Women's Center of Greater Danbury.

Your Dinner choices are:

London Broil w/veggies, sautéed mushrooms & potato

Broiled Boston Scrod veggies and rice

Chicken parm with pasta

Grille chicken Caesar salad

Dinner Includes salad, dessert, coffee/tea

Cost is \$26

RSVP by September 7<sup>th</sup> to MaryKay Andrews at 1-800-801-8013 or email to: [marykay.andrews@sutherlandins.c](mailto:marykay.andrews@sutherlandins.c)

## **President's Message**

### **I.W.G.D.**

**SEPTEMBER 2009**

*Wow!! How fast has this year gone by. Though with the recession, the faster the year goes, the closer we are to recovery. (So they say.)*

*I hope you all had a great summer and are ready for a busy year with I.W.G.D.*

***PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING SEPTEMBER'S MEETING. WE NEED TO VOTE ON A FEW ISSUES.***

*Our first board meeting this past June went extremely well. Almost everyone who was required to be there was present. The meeting's minutes are included in this newsletter publication.*

*We are going to start the year off with "Community Service." Thanks to Patti Lake, our speaker will be Heidi Rankin. Heidi represents the Women's Center of the Greater Danbury Area; this includes the shelter for battered women. It is sad to know that abuse is still rampant in our society. I am sure we will find Heidi's information quite interesting.*

*I look forward to seeing you all on September 9th.*

*Keep on smiling..*

*Respectively yours,*

*JoAnn P Belfiore, LUTCF*

*President, IWGD*

## **Education**

United Restoration classes: 9/15, 9/16, 9/18 at their facility. Please contact Bob Liveri at (203) 506-2140 or Carolee Lamarre

Crystal Restoration Classes: 9/23 and 9/30. Please contact 1-800-442 -7978

The CT Insurance Department has announced that as of September 1, 2009 PearsonVue will no longer administer pre-licensing examinations or provide continuing education services for the State of CT Insurance Department. The new vendor will be Prometric.

Pre Licensing applicants: Pre licensing applicants may continue to schedule examinations for dates on or before August 31, 2009 until the close of business on Friday, August 28, 2009. As of August 1, 2009 pre-licensing candidates may contact Prometric at [www.prometric.com](http://www.prometric.com) or by calling toll free at 800-341-3257 to schedule examinations for test dates on or after September 1, 2009.

Continuing education: The only change for agents completing their continuing education credits will be how they check their credit status. IIAC will be issuing follow-up bulletin containing instructions as soon as they are available. These instructions will also be posted on the "Education" page of our website. If you should have any questions regarding this change, please contact Ed Meaney or Tracy Hearn at 860-563-1050 (Big I)

## **Member Update**

We would like to acknowledge Shanna R McKee from Servpro of Danbury/Ridgefield, Tyler Regis of Service Team of Professionals and Christina Aguilar of Paul Davis Restoration for their applications for members/sponsors. Their applications will be presented to the Board for approval.

Also welcome to Kathy Diemer of Albert's Auto Body, Inc. as sponsor.

## **Legislation**

Governor M Jodi Rell announced she has signed broad-based legislation that increases criminal penalties for identity theft and sets up a fund from forfeited assets to help individuals whose identity has been stolen. The legislation makes numerous changes in existing laws relating to identity theft, misuse of Social Security Numbers or other personal identifying information. The law also includes tougher penalties for those convicted of victimizing senior citizens.

A suspect now faces first degree identity theft charges – a class B felony – for victimizing anyone older than 60 and stealing assets and valuables over \$5,000. The law lowers the theft threshold for a first-degree offense from \$10,000.

## **Safety**

Discuss cyber safety with your child. Develop a set of rules your child must adhere to in order to keep their cyber privileges. Should your child rebel or break the rules, as many good kids will do, it's time to monitor their online activities. Better your child be mad at you for invading his/her privacy than become a statistic.

The FBI has published A Parent's Guide to Internet Safety. Download it at <http://fbi.gov/publications/pguidee.htm> before it's too late.

## **ByLaws**

Please visit the "Member only" section of our website to view the Proposed Bylaw changes we will be voting on at the September Meeting. These are the changes we reviewed at our MAY meeting regarding membership eligibility and the notification method we will use in the future regarding Bylaw changes.

## **Announcements**

State Day - "Surf the Waves of Change for a Stronger NAIW. The Registration form is on our website on the "link" tab at the bottom of our home page and hard copies will be available at the September meeting. The date Nov 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Birthdays**

Elizabeth Porter 9/14

