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*NAIW—Bridge to
Your Horizon . . .*

Message from GA Council Director by Linda Brown CIC, CPIW, DAE

Fellow Members,

I hope each of you are enjoying this special time of the year.

I found the below to be so true and wanted to share with you.

Has it ever occurred to you that words can be the best Christmas gift of all? Author: Niamh

Has it ever occurred to you that words can be the best Christmas gift of all? Depending on what we say to people we can inspire them, encourage them or motivate them. In other words what you say can change the way people live their lives. So if you are a teacher addressing students, a boss addressing staff or a club officer speaking to members what you say can have a lasting effect on individuals and the way they think and act.

Friendships enrich lives and meeting friends through NAIW could result in lifelong friends. Alternatively, you might give the

all important gift of confidence by urging people to develop confidence and self belief. That is something that will help them throughout their lives and change it for the better.

On a more personal level you can say to someone you know "life is a challenge-meet it." By doing so you might just change a pessimist into an optimist and, naturally, life is much better for optimists. It's much better to see obstacles as challenges that can be overcome. Many people alienate others because they are aggressive. If you can get the message across to them to be assertive not aggressive you will certainly have helped make their life a lot happier. Finally, a very good lesson to teach anybody is don't procrastinate—do it now. That applies to your Christmas shopping too of course! My friends, may your holiday season be full of kind words, kind

works and kind spirit. God's blessing on you and your loved ones this holiday season. In fellowship, Linda



Spotlight— NAIW Region III 64th Annual Conference

Jewels of the Emerald Coast...NAIW

NAIW Region III 64th Annual Conference

The Insurance Professionals of the Emerald Coast are proud to host the 2010 Region III Conference in Destin, Florida.

It is such a beautiful area, with fabulous restaurants and wonderful shopping, including the largest outlet mall in the U.S.

DATES

March 25—28, 2010

LOCATION

Bayside Inn at the Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort

Destin, Florida

RATES

\$134 per night

Book online at www.sandestin.com

Group Code: 22A0MM

Conference Registration Is Coming Soon...

For Questions, please contact:

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Membership Update by Lara Nelson AAI, CISR

One of the many benefits of being a member of NAIW is the educational opportunities. **NAIW now offers webinars to its members. These courses are free and range from many different topics. Most recently, I participated in "Conflict Resolution".**

This was an hour long web based seminar addressing the factors that cause conflicts and the solutions for how to resolve them. As we all confront conflict in both our professional and personal lives, this course outlined the reasons for conflict

and guidelines for solutions. I strongly recommend this particular course to those who are experiencing significant amounts of stress. If we listen and apply these teachings to our everyday lives, then we can reduce the amount of stress and live a more balanced life.

There are webinars offered each month. Simply log in to www.naiw.org and review the class listings offered and schedule them into your workflow. Remember, in order to be more productive you must take care of yourself.

As we go into the holiday season, with all the hustle and bustle, it would be most advantageous to participate and take part in the many benefits our membership has to offer.

Share this information with a co-worker or a potential member, as I am confident that it will serve as a tool to grow and retain membership within your local association. **If you should have any questions on how to get signed up for this class or any others, contact Lara Nelson at lln@jjins.com or 912.230.1435**



Legislation Update by Connie Rose

Become familiar with the candidates in the race for Insurance Commissioner. This site will give you a list of the candidates running www.ethics.state.ga.us/EFiling/

John Michael Mamalakis
Stephen Dale Northington
John Weimann Oxendine
Gerald Alan Purcell
Mary Sheffield

They are also listed as follows:

John Michael Fuchko III
B. Seth Harp, Jr.
Ralph T. Hudgens
Thomas Patrick Knox
Harold Logsdon

Please see attached for full legislative report.

For questions, you may contact me at conniedrose@comcast.net, connierose@empirerecruiters.com or 770.256.7406.

Education Update by Melissa G. Peak CISR, CPIW, DAE

Are you struggling with determining what to get your insurance friends and colleagues for Christmas?

Give them the gift of EDUCATION

NAIW offers NAIW Bucks which can be purchased in \$25.00 increments

The recipients of these gift certificates use

these bucks towards the purchase of NAIW products and educational materials.

The purchase price of NAIW Bucks is \$26.00, which is \$25.00 for the value of the gift certificate and \$1.00 for shipping and handling. They can be purchased at https://naiw.yourmembership.com/store/view_product.asp?id=366585

Flood - Home & Office Inventory Solutions

Tips from www.floodsmart.gov

Safeguard your possessions

Create a personal "flood file" containing information about all your possessions and keep it in a secure place. It should include a copy of your insurance policies, a room by room inventory and copies of all critical documents.

Prepare your house

Make sure your sump pump is working. Clear debris from gutters and downspouts. Anchor any fuel tanks. Raise your electrical components at least 12 inches above the projected flood elevation. Move furniture, valuables and important documents to a safe place.

Develop a family emergency plan

Create a safety kit. Post emergency phone numbers. Plan a flood evacuation route. Have a plan to protect pets.

Safety Update

Tips from NFPA's Website

Fire Safety during the Holiday Season

- Use sturdy, safe candle holders placed on a surface where they cannot easily be knocked down.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended. Never leave a candle lit while sleeping.
- Consider using battery operated candles.
- Be careful not to splatter wax when extinguishing a candle.
- Use flashlights rather than candles for emergency lighting.
- Keep your Christmas tree well watered. Do not purchase a tree that is dry or dropping needles excessively.
- If you purchase an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire-retardant.
- Always unplug or switch off lights when leaving the house or before going to bed.
- Do not use strings of lights that are worn, frayed, manually spliced or broken.
- Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires—they should not be warm to the touch.