



# Insurance Women of Fresno May 2010 Bulletin



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

May 2010

Hi Members and Friend:

April 1, check, April 15 i.e., check check... This time of year is great for checking things off that long list.

Just around the corner we have two exciting events that we I'm sure the committee chairs will be glad to check off their lists. Please support Alison Holmes and here committee and come out to the May Luncheon on the 19th. Suite Up for Success will be our speaker so to honor this, Alison came up with a great idea to wear your best "Day at the Races" Hat.

Next up, Mary Thonenson and Noi Weissbrod have been busy at work on the Golf Tournament that will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Whether you golf or not, there is something for everyone so contact these ladies if you would like to attend or just help out.

For those of you that were not with us at the April General Meeting, we held elections for the July 1, 2010- June 30, 2011 Officers & directors. The following people were elected: Directors – Connie Carpenter, Judy Grill, Shirley Leone, Stephani Powers and Karen White; Treasurer – Kathleen Soares; Secretary – Esmeralda Mendez; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President – Noelia Weissbrod; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – Alison Holmes; and President – Cathy Temple. Please help support these ladies by attending the Installation Dinner in June. If you are looking to help on a committee, now is the time to let the next President, Cathy Temple, know so she can get you plugged in. Mentoring is a key component of her theme so I'm sure she would love to find a place for you.

As I notified you all by email, the majority of voting delegates passed sending the proposed Bylaws changes to the National Convention. As your delegate, I will be there to represent you. That means I need your feedback. If you have something you want me to be aware of before heading to the National Conference in June, please email me or let me know if you would like to meet to go over the proposed Bylaw changes in person.

If you have any questions or input, please let me or one of the Officers, Directors or Committee Chairs know. This association only works through the commitment of our members and the community around us!!

In Fellowship,

Amy Cole, CISR, CPIW  
President  
E-Mail: [4coles@sbcglobal.net](mailto:4coles@sbcglobal.net)





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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 6, 2010	Board Meeting	DiCicco's (Blackstone & Barstow)
May 19, 2010	Annual May Luncheon	Pardini's (See Attached Flier)
May 21, 2010	Insurance Women of Fresno Annual Golf Tournament	Madera Municipal Golf Course (See Below)
June 17, 2010	Installation Dinner	Andiamo 1275 Shaw Ave (See Attached Flier)

DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT THAT NEEDS TO BE LISTED? PLEASE E-MAIL THE INFORMATION TO THE BULLETIN CHAIR BY THE LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH!

### GENERAL MEETING

- WHEN:** Wednesday, May 19, 2010
- WHERE:** Pardini's 2257 West Shaw Ave., Fresno, CA
- TIME:** 11:30 A.M. Socializing and Networking
- COST:** \$27.00 PER PERSON
- PROGRAM:** Awards and Scholarship
- RSVP:** **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:**  
Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
(See Attached Flier for more Details)

*STANDING RESERVATIONS APPLY THIS MONTH, A "NO SHOW" WILL BE INVOICED FOR DINNER*

#### STANDING RESERVATIONS LIST

KAREN ANDERSON, KIM CAMERON, CONNIE CARPENTER, AMY COLE, JUDY GRILL, ALISON HOLMES, NANCY JONES, MARIAN LANE, STEPHANI POWERS, CATHY TEMPLE, BARBARA THOMAS, MARY THONSEN, NOELIA WEISSBROD, ESMERALDA MENDEZ, KIM COMBS





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## INSURANCE WOMEN OF FRESNO ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**DATE:** MAY 21, 2010  
**TIME:** 1:00 PM Shotgun  
**PLACE:** Madera Municipal Golf Course  
**23200 Ave 17, Madera**  
**COST:** \$85.00 Includes Dinner



Format of play: Scramble. Golf includes cart, tee prizes, drink tickets and dinner. Guest dinner tickets are \$20. Dinner and raffle after tournament. For further information contact Noelia Weissbrod [nweissbrod@dibu.com](mailto:nweissbrod@dibu.com) (559) 437-6688 or Co-Chair MaryThonesen.

**The golf tournament is a fundraiser that will benefit our Scholarship Fund.**

### Entry Form

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Golfer #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Hcp/Avg\_\_ Golfer #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Hcp/Avg\_\_

Golfer #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Hcp/Avg\_\_ Golfer #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Hcp/Avg\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR GOLFERS** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR GUEST DINNER TICKETS** \_\_\_\_\_

**Names** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOLE SPONSORSHIP \$100**

**RAFFLE PRIZE OR OTHER DONATION**

**Description of donation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Company** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to IWOF and return registration no later than 5/17/2010**

**Return to:** Marian Lane  
C/O Stonecrest Insurance Services  
P O Box 5518  
Fresno, CA 93755-5518





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## BOARD MEETING

**DATE:** THURSDAY MAY 6, 2010  
HIGH NOON

**PLACE:** DICICCO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT  
5251 N BLACKSTONE AT BARSTOW

"A pre-set menu" \$6.00 Flat (includes tax & 15% tip.) Family style salad/pizza & beverages provided.

**BOARD MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS. QUESTIONS?  
CALL STEPHANI POWERS AT 559-437-6676**

## EMPLOYMENT

Are you an employer looking for qualified employees? If so, please contact the Employment Chair for referrals.

Thank you,

Alison Holmes, CISR, CPIW, AIS  
Employment Chair  
E-Mail: [aholmes@burns-wilcox.com](mailto:aholmes@burns-wilcox.com)  
Phone: (559) 448-1180 X2209



## EDUCATION

"If you have yet to respond to Gayle regarding your DAE and/or CPIW designation earned since July 1, 2009, please do so as soon as possible."

Don't forget to check out the websites for CA Council and other Local Chapters throughout the state for out of town educational opportunities.

If anyone has questions regarding classes, please let me know.

Thank you,

Gayle D. Williams CISR, CPIW  
Education Chair  
Phone: (559) 437-3376  
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### COURTESY

#### May Birthdays:

Orfie Sciacqua – 1st  
Esmeralda Mendez – 3rd  
Marian Lane – 11th

#### Quote of the Month:

“The world is full of suffering. It is also full of the overcoming of it.”

- Helen Keller



If you know of an event that requires some attention, please forward information.  
In Fellowship, Noi Weissbrod, Courtesy Chairman  
559-437-6688 [nweissbrod@dibu.com](mailto:nweissbrod@dibu.com)





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***SAFETY** – Presented by Kim Cameron, CISR, CPSR, CPIW, DAE*

**DID YOU KNOW THAT MAY IS:**  
MOTORCYCLE SAFETY MONTH;  
KEEP KIDS ALIVE – DRIVE 25 DAY (MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>);  
NORTH AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH WEEK (MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> – MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>);  
NATIONAL SAFE BOATING WEEK (MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>);  
NATIONAL DOG BITE PREVENTION WEEK (MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>);  
NATIONAL EMS WEEK (MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>);

## MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH FACT SHEET

Now that the warmer weather is around the corner and motorcyclists are out in force, motorists and other road users are reminded to look out for and “share the road” with motorcycle riders.

### Mission

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month is a national initiative aimed at getting motorists and other road users and motorcyclists to “share the road” with each other.

### Share the Road Model Language

- Road users are reminded to never drive, bike or walk while distracted. Doing so can result in tragic consequences for motorcyclists.
- A motorcycle has the same rights and privileges as any other vehicle on the roadway.
- Allow the motorcyclist a full lane width. Although it may seem there is enough room in the traffic lane for an automobile and a motorcycle, remember the motorcycle needs the room to maneuver safely. Do not share the lane.
- Motorcycles are small and may be difficult to see. A motorcycle has a much smaller profile than a vehicle, which can make it more difficult to judge the speed and distance of an approaching motorcycle.
- Always signal your intentions before changing lanes or merging with traffic. This allows the motorcyclist to anticipate traffic flow and find a safe lane position.
- Remember that a motorcyclist can be hidden in a vehicle’s blind spot or missed in a quick look due to its smaller size. Always make a visual check for motorcycles by checking mirrors and blind spots before entering or leaving a lane of traffic and at intersections.
- Don’t be fooled by a flashing turn signal on a motorcycle – motorcycle signals may not be self-canceling and riders sometimes forget to turn them off. Wait to be sure the motorcycle is going to turn before you proceed.
- Remember that road conditions that are minor annoyances to motorists can pose major hazards to motorcyclists. Motorcycle riders may change speed or adjust position within a lane suddenly in reaction to road and traffic conditions such as potholes, gravel, wet or slippery surfaces, pavement seams, railroad crossings, and grooved pavement.
- Allow more following distance -- three or four seconds -- following a motorcycle so the motorcycle rider has enough time to maneuver or stop in an emergency. In dry conditions, motorcycles can stop more quickly than cars.

<http://www.nhtsa.gov/Safety/Motorcycles>



The U. S. Coast Guard requires recreational vessels to have a wearable life jacket for each person aboard.

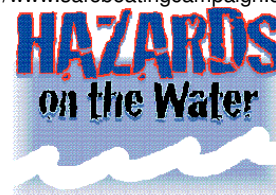
These life jackets must be:

1. **U. S. Coast Guard approved**
2. **The proper size for the intended wearer**
3. **In good and serviceable condition**
4. **Properly stowed (readily accessible)**

As per USCG rule, all persons under 13 years of age must wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket, while aboard recreational vessels underway, except when below decks or in an enclosed cabin. This rule affects only those states that have not established requirements, by statute or rule, for children to wear life jackets. For the remaining states, the rule recognizes and adopts the existing state regulation, even if it is less stringent.

**Note:** Boating out-of-state? There may be a different age requirement. Check with that state’s boating authorities before heading out on the water.

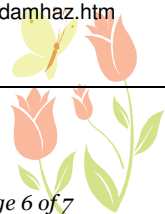
<http://www.safeboatingcampaign.com/>



When boating be aware of the following:

- Dams
- Submerged Objects
- Current
- Waves
- Weather
- Cold Water
- Overheating and sunburn
- Alcohol
- Other Boaters

For more information: <http://www.fish.state.pa.us/damhaz.htm>

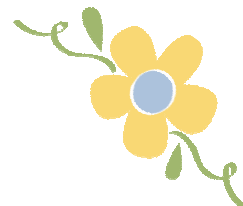




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## Community Action



This month I would like to share a brief summary of what Community Action did this past term (June 2009 to May 2010) with your kind donations and generosity we have made changes to their lives. Thank you all for your support.

**July 20, 2009- IWOFF gave a donation of \$120 plus some supplies to Spirit of Women “Wish List Project”.**

We Hear You Foundation: This is a nonprofit organization dedicated to provide support for oral deaf and hard of hearing (DHH) children in the Central Valley.

**July 23, 2009 & April 30 2010 – Community Action delivered more than 500 pieces of clothing to Fresno City College-Suit Up For Success.**

Suit Up For Success: The purpose of this program is to help students that have completed any one of the short term programs with clothing suitable for their job interview and workplace.

**September 27, 2009- IWOFF gave a donation of \$300++ to Children’s Hospital of Central California- “Change Bandit Project”**

Change Bandit: This project helps support Children’s Hospital of Central California in their mission to provide high quality, comprehensive health care services to children, regardless of their ability to pay.

**October 05, 2009: With IWOFF kind donations and generosity we made Operation Paperback a GREAT success. We mailed 668 books to Our American Troops deployed overseas.**

**October 31, 2009: Community Action delivered 500++ pounds of food to the Salvation Army.**

**December 19, 2009: Community Action delivered 65 Christmas Stockings to Spirit of Children.**

**March 29, 2010: Community Action delivered 60 Easter Baskets to Spirit of Children.**

Sincerely,

**Esmeralda Mendez**

**IWOFF- Community Action Chair**

**Members’ input and suggestions are always welcome**

**Please Contact: Esmeralda Mendez ([esmeraldamendez@sierraspecialty.com](mailto:esmeraldamendez@sierraspecialty.com))**

