

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

With COVID restrictions being lifted in Connecticut it is so great to be able to see some smiling faces out from behind masks again! One of my favorite aspects of Chapter membership is the numerous opportunities to meet and get to know our fellow CPCUs. While virtual platforms have allowed us to remain connected during the pandemic, I'm personally looking forward to more in-person interactions. Given the declining COVID infections and significant vaccination rates in Connecticut, we are optimistic and are working diligently to appropriately transition from an entirely virtual environment to a more traditional interaction approach for the remainder of this year.

As you will read in this edition of our Chaptergram, the accomplishments already achieved by your Chapter this year are impressive. From winning national recognition for our March ethics event, to reaching full capacity for our annual charity golf tournament, to our recent Diversity committee events, great things have been happening. We have also continued supporting local charities through the efforts of our Good Works committee.

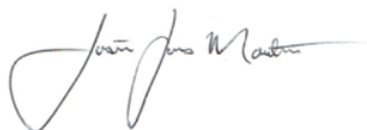
I couldn't be more proud of our Chapter, and of our volunteers. The Chapter's success is a direct result of their efforts. Whether it is serving on the Board, chairing a committee, or working as a committee member, their contributions to our events and support for our community are exemplary. It is my privilege to know and work with so many of you through the Chapter in a supportive and collaborative environment.

Check out the Upcoming Events section of this Chaptergram to see some of the exciting and engaging events we are planning. If you would like to get more involved with the Chapter, we always welcome new volunteers. Feel free to reach out to me or any of the other chapter leaders to discuss those opportunities.

I'm very happy to report that our Connecticut Conferment ceremony this year will be celebrating the classes of 2020 and 2021. At this point it looks like we are on track to confer at least forty-five new Connecticut CPCUs! Congratulations to all the new designees, who represent the future of our industry. We are all looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Connecticut Chapter!



Pictured from left to right are Director of New Designees Lindsay Ladin, President Justin Moulton, Past President Wendy Bernard, Vice President Ryan Honyotski, Good Works Committee Chair Esther Zinolli, and Conferment Chair Erin Violette.



Justin Moulton, President

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ETHICS UPDATE

"Ethics: Where Do YOU Draw The Line?"

03/10/2021

Our Chapter was honored to have former national CPCU Society President Marsha Egan as our guest speaker for our Ethics Event in March. In addition to being the 2nd woman president of the society, Marsha is both an International Coaching Federation certified executive and life coach AND a professional speaker, who speaks all over the country.

We opted to have a 1 hour Zoom meeting for the event titled "Ethics: Where Do YOU Draw The Line?". The intent was to challenge us to rethink the way we view ethical leadership. The event was free of charge and we provided CPCU CE credit to all active CPCUs that attended. Thanks to our exceptional promotional efforts, we secured 104 registrants for the event! That is an absolutely tremendous turnout for our Chapter. We had registrants from all across the country, including 5 new designees, 16 "old timers" as we called them (those that have held a CPCU designation for 20+ years), and everyone in between. We even had 2 non-CPCUs attend.



The event included a presentation but also required a great deal of engagement from attendees, including turning on their cameras, responding to questions in the chat field, responding to questions over the phone, answering a polling question, giving some thumbs up and head nods, and we even had breakout rooms for 5 minutes to discuss a particular ethical dilemma. Marsha gave us some great tools to walk away with, some sites and books to check out, and a recording of the event was posted to her website (<https://www.marshaegan.com/4u/>). Marsha even gave out a free, 1-year membership to a leadership group she is a part of...whomever was able to answer her question first in the chat field won the prize! (the question was: what is the last name of our current CPCU Society President?)

We were delighted as a Chapter to have Marsha Egan as our guest speaker and to have such incredible interest from folks all across the country. We thank all those that participated and look forward to utilizing this experience to further our promotional efforts in the future.

...And thanks to our efforts, we are pleased to announce that our Chapter won this year's National Ethics Contest! We were awarded \$500 towards our Chapter operations!

DIVERSITY UPDATE & EVENTS

Diversity Committee Presentation to Weaver High School

By Stanley Wright, Diversity Equity & Inclusion Committee

On March 14th my fellow committee member, Cheryl Constantine from Travelers, and I had the pleasure of speaking with over 120 students in the 9th and 10th grades over 2 sessions on Career opportunities in the Insurance Industry.

Our goals in interacting with the students were to reach out to diverse and minority students and provide awareness and information on the multitude of career path opportunities that are available in the Insurance Industry. Hopefully raising some interest in a career in Insurance that would increase the diverse and minority pool of candidates for employment in our Industry. Also hopefully we removed some of the negative perceptions that are out there about working in insurance. Nobody wants to talk with you at parties when you tell them you're in insurance.



The format was most enjoyable. It was like being on TV talk show and interacting with the audience. We were able to share our own stories on how we got into the business, what we enjoy about our careers and the downside. We shared how a STEM based education is applicable to so many careers in the insurance industry. A really fun question was "What is your theme song and why?" Mine was "Ain't no stopping us now!" by McFadden & Whitehead. Gets hyped up!

"During these challenging times, finding creative ways to expose and inspire students to careers in insurance and finance is crucial. Having you join us today was an integral part of the continuing commitment to students and their futures" Rey Bermudez, Program Manager of ReadyCT (an affiliate with CBIA) said after the presentation. "The teachers and students raved about the session and enjoyed every aspect of the discussion. We are certain that the messages and encouragements were well received."

We left them with information to links we shared on insurance careers for them to review at the own leisure. The hope is that we did stimulate some interest in some of these students. Enough interest that we can begin to have even more personal interactions in the form of mentoring, job shadowing and perhaps internships.

The insurance industry has been very good to me. It's provided me with a good living that has allowed me to provide for my family. It's given me a career that I've grown to appreciate every day. A career that has given me the ability to contribute to society. I want other people of color have the same opportunity. I also want to see more people who look like me in the work. Which has been rare but improving slowly over my 30+ years in the business. Hopefully this meeting with the wonderful students at Weaver High School is a start to both.

DIVERSITY UPDATE & EVENTS CONTINUED

Amplify Your Voice—A Virtual Panel Discussion

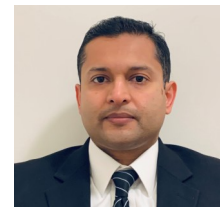
On June 17, 2021, our chapter hosted a panel discussion “Amplify Your Voice.” We were proud to welcome an amazing group of insurance professionals with diverse experience in our insurance industry to speak.

Lady Mendoza is the current Director of Legislative Affairs and Chief Inclusion officer at the Connecticut Insurance Department (CID). Prior to her roles at the CID, Lady served as Governor Lamont's Deputy Legislative Affairs Director. Lady has several years of experience working in municipal and state government.



Karmela Malone is Senior Vice President of the Enabling Solutions organization at The Hartford. Karmela has accountability for specialized functions supporting The Hartford's Claim and Operations' organization. She is also an active board member of NAAIA (National African American Insurance Association) CT Chapter.

Alok Tewari is the Vice President of Strategic programs at HSB. He is a strategic thought leader with 19 years experience in global technology-led business transformations for the P&C and Industrial IoT (IIoT) domains. Alok has a Mechanical Engineering degree. Additionally, he completed Masters in Insurance management from Boston University, and recently graduated with a Doctorate in Management from University of Maryland Global Campus.



Lawrence Farber is the Regional Vice President of the Eastern Auto and Centralized Claim Services group of The Hartford. He also acts as the Windsor field office site HUB lead where he helps to create strategies to engage staff with the local community and to further the well-being of the field office employees. Before starting at The Hartford, he worked at AIG and Travelers and also practiced law in CT and PA. He holds CPCU and ARE designations as well as a Masters in Law in Insurance Law from UConn Law School. Larry is an active member of our Chapter's DE&I Committee.

Oanh Nguyen (Moderator) is a Product Manager at Hartford Steam Boiler (HSB) with responsibility over Specialty Liability Products including EPL, Cyber, Miscellaneous Professional Liability and Contractors E&O. Prior to HSB, Oanh was an Underwriting Manager at Travelers. Oanh obtained her CPCU in 2012 and has been active with the CT CPCU Society Chapter since, serving in various roles including President, Secretary and Director of Education.



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is not a new topic. It may be a more prevalent topic in the news but it has been and will continue to be something we all need to embrace as a society. We are happy to see more companies making an effort to structure more effective DE&I programs that come from the top executive level including mandating ongoing Diversity training to all employees.

2021 NEW DESIGNEES

Congratulations to our 2021 CPCU designees and welcome to the CT Chapter! We look forward to meeting and celebrating with each of you. As many of you know, last year we were unable to host our 2020 New Designee Reception and Conferment events due to COVID-19 restrictions. Therefore, this year's events will be combined celebrations for our 2020 and 2021 groups. The New Designee Conferment is scheduled for November 4th, 2021 at The Mill on the River in South Windsor, Connecticut. A final date has not yet been selected for the New Designee Reception, but it will take place in the month of September. We look forward to celebrating with both groups later this year! Here is the current list of our new 2021 CPCU designees. Congrats to you all on this impressive achievement!

Will Alexander	Hanover Ins Group P&C
Alison Ainsworth	Travelers Companies Inc.
Venkata Raghu Nanda Ambaru	Accenture
Dominick Baraiolo	Munich Reinsurance America
Eric Berkelbach	Hartford Financial Svcs Group
Jennifer Brasfield	Beazley Insurance Group
Catherine Burton	MAPFRE Insurance
Denelle Cook	MAPFRE Insurance
Stephen Cornell	Hartford Financial Svcs.
Ryan Dann	Arch Capital Services Inc.
Anne Delmonte	Travelers Companies Inc.
Abeer Enayetallah	Not Available
Monique Ferraro	Hartford Steam Boiler Group
Donald F Florek	Travelers Companies Inc.
Crystal Gonzalez	Hartford Financial Svcs.
Donna Grunwald	Chubb Limited US
Patricia Havens	Travelers Companies Inc.
Toju Kubeyinje	GEICO—Buffalo
Lennon Lennon	Liberty Mutual
Aubrey Rowe	Hartford Financial Svcs Group
Christina D Salamone	Liberty Mutual
Ryan Schauer	Chubb Limited US
Tyler Season	Liberty Mutual
Ryan Smith	The McGowan Companies
Bernadine Steines	AMICA Mutual Insurance Co
Kristen Tripp	Swiss Re America Corp.



CONFERMENT & TELL US TUESDAYS

Conferment: 2020 & 2021

Looking for an exciting opportunity to network and celebrate *in person*? If so, save the date! We are celebrating our 2020 and 2021 new designees at our conferment reception. This year, we will be celebrating on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at the beautiful Mill on the River in South Windsor, CT. We will be enjoying a happy hour, sit down dinner, speaker series and ceremony. More details to follow!



Tell us, Tuesday!

Each week, our Chapter has been featuring a CT CPCU member on our LinkedIn page. If you'd like to be featured, please send a picture and short bio to our Director of Membership, Courtney Allen, at courtney.allen@amtrustgroup.com. Bio's can include brief work history, personal interests, how long you've been a CT CPCU member, etc. Feel free to check out our [LinkedIn page](#) for some examples! We'd love to include anyone who is interested!



ALL INDUSTRY NIGHT ON ZOOM & GOOD WORKS UPDATE

All Industry Night on Zoom

We are so glad to have been able to attend and contribute to the Blue Goose International's event to benefit the Arthur C. Luf Children's Burn Camp that typically assists 70 campers, ages 8-18 years old. Each Year the CT Chapter of the CPCU Society participates in this fundraiser. The event is coordinated by Blue Goose international who raises money to sponsor children who have overcome burns so that they may connect and bond on the shared experiences in a camp environment.

We appreciate both of these organizations enduring commitment to this cause. Wendy Bernard, CPCU Immediate Past President attended the Zoom call to voice our continued support to both of these organizations. We were happy to donate \$250 to this important cause. Kathleen Gerrity (Executive Director of CT Burns Care Foundation) gave an informative presentation on burn hazards and prevention.

Attending and supporting this event was consistent with our mission and focus to assist The Institutes CPCU Society with member engagement, outreach and affinity partnerships by strategically promoting all dimensions of diversity within the insurance industry.

Good Works Update

The Good Works committee is off to a strong start for 2021!

The 2020 Golf tournament proceeds, which fund our 2021 Good Works efforts, exceeded our expectations! The money raised from that tournament will be allocated throughout this year to various organizations in and around the greater Hartford area. As of this date we have allocated approximately 80% of those proceeds to a wide array of deserving organizations throughout the state. Some of the organizations that will receive donations this year include, but are not limited to:

Connecticut Fire Academy, Kids Chance, Prudence Crandall Center, Wheeler Clinic, "Boxes to Boots", the CT Veterans Home and Hospital, and Abby's Helping Hands.

In addition to making monetary donations, the Chapter has and will continue to fund for our Chapter Scholarship in 2021, to assist with educating our next generation of Insurance Professionals.

Most of 2020 was focused on supporting organizations greatly impacted by the pandemic, many of which exist to serve people struggling with food insecurities. In 2021 we are planning to continue supporting organizations in need who serve a wide geographic area in CT, while also identifying new organizations in need of assistance.

One such organization new to us in 2020 is "Boxes to Boots". This organization supports our active military by providing care packages to those deployed and unable to be with family. <https://boxestoboos.org/our-mission>

We continue to broaden our efforts to support our communities. If you know of an organization seeking assistance that you would like us to consider, please contact Esther Zinolli at eszinolli@ifgcompanies.com.

CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Jerald Alexander Memorial Scholarship Winners

The Good Works Committee has awarded two scholarships in 2021; both fall under the Jerald Alexander Memorial Scholarship (the Chapter Scholarship). This scholarship is open to immediate family members of Connecticut CPCU Society Chapter members in good standing with the national society and the local chapter. We define immediate family member as child, stepchild, grandchild, sibling, niece or nephew or person for whom the member is a legal guardian. Applicants must be attending or planning to attend a post-high school educational institution of any nature with no restriction on subject matter.

Congratulations to the recipients:

Maggie Dunn, daughter of Chapter member Tim Dunn
Gianna Sesto, niece of Chapter member Angie Strid

Please see the bio and message of thanks from these outstanding individuals

My name is Maggie Dunn and I am attending Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana in the fall. I plan on studying psychology but I am also interested in statistics and the combination of the two with the goal of becoming a therapist for children and teens. Some of my interests include softball, reading, and going to the beach. I played softball all four years of high school and am an avid Red Sox fan. my current favorite book is The Fault in our Stars by John Greene. I am very excited for the next four years and extremely thankful to the CPCU for this scholarship money to help fund my college experience.



My name is Gianna Sesto and I am from Delray Beach, Florida. I am currently attending the University of Miami as a chemistry major with a Spanish minor on the pre-med track. I aspire to become a Pediatrician and to create a more comforting atmosphere for children in the office. I plan to start shadowing a pediatric doctor this summer. I have attended different medicine programs in New York, Massachusetts, and Miami to strengthen my knowledge and gain experience related to the medical field. I am extremely appreciative to the Connecticut CPCU Society to receive this award!



GOLF TOURNAMENT RECAP

Connecticut CPCU Society Chapter's Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Our annual Charity Golf Tournament was held at the beautiful Wampanoag Country Club in West Hartford on June 14, 2021. It was wonderful to be able to connect with our colleagues and friends, soggy conditions and all. With the rain coming down hard most of the morning, there were doubts we'd even get to tee off, but the conditions improved and there was some great competition on the course.

The winning team for Gross was Pete Baran, Ryan Dwyer, Mike Sharis, and Chandler Williams, and the Net winning team was John Mastroianni, Lorin Falvo, Tom O'Hara, and Craig Leland. We sincerely thank all who attended, volunteered or provided financial sponsorship. It is because of you that our 2021 Tournament was such a success! The 2021 Golf Tournament generated over \$18,000 of net profits which will fund the Good Works budget for 2022.

Our Chapter demonstrates Ethics by giving back to the community through charitable giving and scholarships. The net proceeds from this tournament are used to fund scholarships and provide much needed monetary donations to a wide range of charities working to support our communities, children & families, health & safety, and education. The support and participation of our sponsors and golfers will have a direct positive impact on many organizations and individuals in our surrounding communities.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR FINANCIAL SPONSORS:

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GOLF TOURNAMENT CONTINUED



I-DAY UPDATE & UPCOMING EVENTS

I-Day Update



Save the Date for I-Day Hartford 2021

Mark your calendars! All Insurance Day (I-Day) 2021 has been scheduled for October 13th at the Hartford Marriott Downtown. The Connecticut CPCU Society Chapter will be partnering with RIMS and InsurTech Hartford for this exciting industry event! The current intent is to hold this event in person, but it could transition to a virtual event if the need arises.

We are still working with our partners to finalize the agenda. The theme we have chosen is "The Future of Work". We expect to have some exciting topics that focus on how our work has changed since the pandemic and are working on a view from the top leader panel. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

We are planning a number of exciting events for the second half of 2021 that we hope you will be able to participate in! Additional details will be e-mailed as they become available.

- ◇ Chapter Educational Meeting "Public Policy Issues Impacting P&C Insurance" – September
- ◇ New Designee Reception to meet the CT Chapter CPCU classes of 2020 and 2021 – September
- ◇ In2Risk (the CPCU Society's Annual Meeting) – September 23-25th in Orlando, Florida
- ◇ Connecticut All Insurance Day (I-Day) – October 13th
- ◇ Connecticut Chapter Conferment Ceremony – November 4th
- ◇ Chapter Annual Meeting - December

IN MEMORIAM: MICHAEL SCHEINBLUM, CPCU

In Memoriam: Michael Scheinblum, CPCU

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Connecticut Chapter Past President Michael Scheinblum. Mike attended the University of Connecticut where he graduated first in his class in the School of Insurance. Following college, Mike became a pioneer and nationally known expert in the field of risk management. During his 25-year career he was the Director of Risk Management for several multinational corporations including Heublein, RJR-Nabisco, and Carnival Cruise Lines. Mike served as President of the Connecticut Chapter in 1979. Rest in peace, Mike.

