

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

It's Our Birthday!!!

As we continue to celebrate our **75th Anniversary** as a Chapter, I am very proud of all that we have accomplished in the first half of the year.

As you will read in this Chaptergram, we have had multiple virtual as well as in person events. These include a Webinar in February where attendance was the highest to date, another sold out Annual Charity Golf Tournament (where even a severe thunderstorm could not "dampen" our spirits), and an Ethics event where we filled the room to capacity.

Good Works has also been busy giving back to the community, such as awarding scholarships to two deserving recipients as presented at the Golf Tournament.

These accomplishments would not be attainable year after year without all of the ideas, effort, and support throughout the 75 years leading up to the present, and I could not be more encouraged by how we continue to embrace the past while looking to the future.

We are excited to welcome our New Designees at Conferment in September, and we have multiple other great events planned for the second half of the year.

Most importantly, all of this would not be possible without our Members. We look forward to continuing to celebrate throughout 2023 with all of you!



Dominic Marullo, President



Pictured from left to right are Director of Membership: Karen Pirro, Director of Education: Patrick Meaney, Immediate Past President: Ryan Honyotski, and President: Dominic Marullo.

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CONFERMENT

Conferment: September 28, 2023 at The Pond House in West Hartford

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-connecticut-new-designee-conferment-ceremony-tickets-662345452077>



The CT Chapter is having a birthday! The CT Chapter was the 10th CPCU chapter to be founded back on September 10, 1948, and has been a driving force in promoting the education of new insurance colleagues as well as providing them with leadership opportunities and professional kinship once they have received the designation. As you aware, Hartford, Connecticut has been the hub of the Insurance industry for over two centuries, and it is only fitting to fete one of the oldest chapters of one of the earliest professional designations.

We will be holding our gala event on Thursday, September 28th at the Pond House in West Hartford, starting at 5pm. The event will highlight our new CPCU designees in addition to honoring our history as a Chapter of the CPCU Society. It is our honor to have Matt Dolan, President North America Specialty and Executive Vice President, Global Risk Solutions, at Liberty Mutual Insurance as our Keynote Speaker.

New Designees and Past Presidents are free to attend; Chapter Members receive a reduced price of \$25. Guests will be charged \$45 for a sit down plated meal and reception. A cash bar will be included.

Reserved Company Tables will be available for \$450 for a table of 10 or a half table of 5 for \$225. Sponsorships will also be available: \$600 Gold, Silver \$425, Bronze \$275. Please contact Noreen Kuziak at nkuziak@munichre.com for any questions or additional details.

Please join us for a night of networking and celebration as we look forward into the future of our industry.

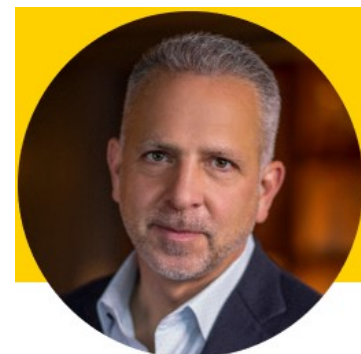
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Matt Dolan's Bio

Matt Dolan is President, North America Specialty, which is part of Liberty Mutual's Global Risk Solutions division. Matt oversees specialty and excess & surplus offerings in the U.S. and Bermuda under the Liberty Mutual Insurance. He also leads Ironshore, the dedicated U.S. wholesale arm of Liberty Mutual.

Matt brings more than 30 years of experience in the specialty insurance arena. Previously, before it was bought by Liberty Mutual in 2017, Matt was part of the Ironshore senior leadership team and was highly involved in growing the insurer into an international E&S operation. During his tenure at Ironshore, Matt was President, IronHealth, the professional healthcare liability unit, as well as Executive Vice President, Ironshore Inc. Matt was also a Founder and President of OneBeacon Professional Partners.

He graduated with a BA from Catholic University and has CPCU designation.



2023 NEW DESIGNEES

Congratulations to our 2023 CPCU new designees! The CT Chapter Leadership team looks forward to celebrating with each of you this year. The New Designee Conferment is scheduled for September 28th at Pond House Café in West Hartford so mark your calendars! This year is especially exciting as we are celebrating 75 years for the CT Chapter! Additionally, we will host the New Designee Reception in September and will communicate a date as soon as confirmed. We look forward to celebrating with all of you!

Here is the current list of our new 2023 CPCU designees. Congrats to you all on this impressive achievement!

Thomas Caporale, CPCU	Aspen Group
Debra A Chiasson, CPCU	NLC Mutual Insurance Company
Paul Choma, CPCU	Atlantic Casualty Insurance Co
James Creem, CPCU	Travelers Companies Inc.
Laura Dobmeier, CPCU	Aspen
Lynette Forman, CPCU	
Steven Fox, CPCU	Travelers Companies Inc.
Nathaniel Hodgdon, CPCU	Hanover Ins Group P&C
John Lawson, CPCU	EMCOR Group Inc.
Deirdre Mclean, CPCU	Liberty Mutual
Kylisha Mora, CPCU	Travelers Companies Inc.
Brittany Oglesby, CPCU	GEICO-Buffalo
Neil Parrow, CPCU	Swiss Re Corporate Solutions
Vivian Pergamit, CPCU	Travelers Companies Inc.
Steven Simko, CPCU	Arbella Mutual Ins Co
Hayden Smith, CPCU	Travelers Companies Inc.
Ravish Srivastava, CPCU	MindTree Consulting
Lekha Subburaj, CPCU	Capgemini
Ronald Suggs, CPCU	Suggs Insurance LLC
Tyler Undercuffler, CPCU	Tokio Marine HCC
Marcin Wojtanowski, CPCU	Marsh Inc
Jason Zylberman, CPCU	Hartford Financial Svcs Group



ETHICS UPDATE

Ethics: The Claim Handler's Guide to Bad Faith: And Other Interesting and Ethical Facts

On 3/9/23, Courtney Allen, JD, CPCU delivered an engaging presentation at the Hampton Inn in East Hartford to a group of about 20 CPCUs and insurance professionals. Courtney discussed what is bad faith, what isn't bad faith, provided some case context, and other truly interesting and ethical facts. The group also raised some very interesting questions about topics we will be discussing for years to come, such as artificial intelligence (AI) and its impact on our industry.



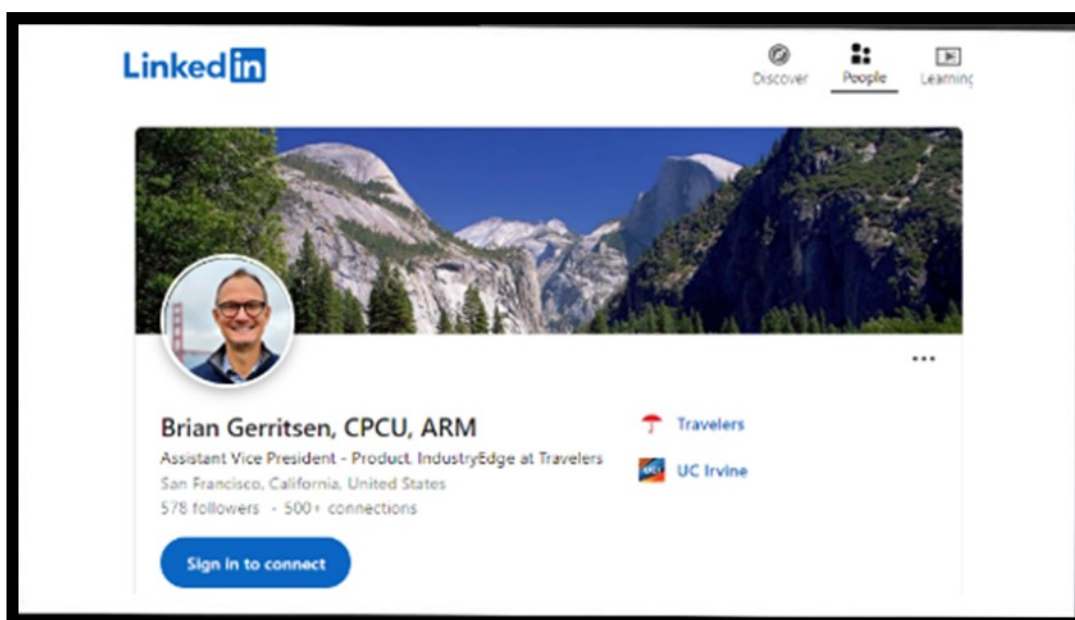
EDUCATION UPDATE

Webinar: The Underwriter's Guide to Advanced Manufacturing: Get Smart on the Risks and Opportunities of Technology



On 2/28/23, Brian Gerritsen, CPCU, ARM and AVP of Travelers Industry Edge ® delivered an engaging webinar focused on manufacturing, its evolution, current state, and future state, all through the lens of an underwriter. Some examples of information covered are: how injuries impact manufacturing employers and workforce considerations related to digital transformation. Brian also answered several pertinent questions posed by the audience on the topic.

We had nearly 400 registrations for this event that spanned all CPCU Chapters, insurance companies, agent, brokers, and even individuals that work in the manufacturing industry.



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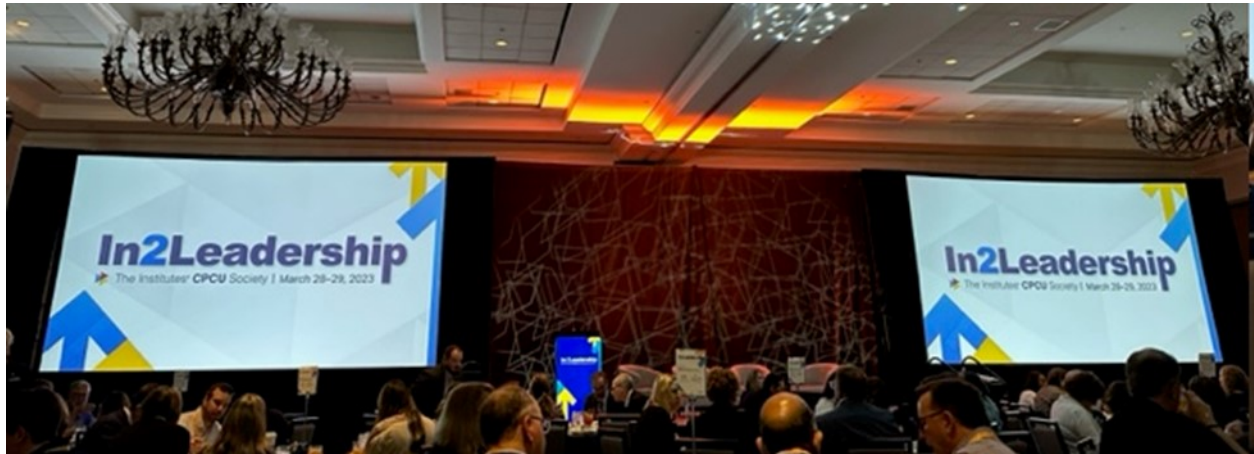
Webinar: COPE: Building Blocks of Property Underwriting

On 4/11/23, Dominic Marullo led a session on COPE during which we explored the components of construction, occupancy, protection and external exposures and apply them to common commercial property risks. Examples were provided to illustrate the importance of analyzing each characteristic in relation to overall property underwriting.



EDUCATION: IN2LEADERSHIP

In2Leadership 2023



The Institutes CPCU Society In2Leadership 2023 took place in Tampa, FL on March 28th and 29th.

In addition to networking opportunities, participants had an opportunity to sharpen their leadership skills through multiple offerings including Effectively Managing Change, Thinking Critically in a Noisy World, Proactive Conflict Management, Collaborating in a Hybrid World, High-Performance Coaching, and Scoping Your EI Improvements and Action Steps to Achieve them. These topics were delivered by Thunderbird School of Global Management through interactive sessions.

CT CPCU Chapter leaders in attendance were Patty Havens and Dominic Marullo.



GOOD WORKS UPDATE

Malta House of Care

To commemorate the CT CPCU Society Chapter's 75th anniversary, we participated in the Malta House of Care's Building Blocks campaign. For a \$1,000 donation, we purchased a plaque which was installed in their new headquarters on Farmington Avenue in Hartford (near St. Joseph's Cathedral). This block is a permanent marker of the many years of our chapter's work and dedication to the community.

Malta House of Care has been in operation since 2006.

They provide free medical care to uninsured individuals, through volunteer medical staff and donations. They use a mobile medical van and now also provide patient care at their new headquarters.



Footwear with Care

Since 2016, Footwear with Care (FWC) has been delivering walking shoes and boots, medical foot exams, and other support to homeless children and adults in Hartford. To help homeless people secure and keep jobs, it also provides steel-toed boots, non-slip kitchen shoes, and dress footwear for work in construction, culinary services, and offices. The organization works with stores like Fleet Feet in West Hartford Center to purchase shoes, boots and sneakers at discounted rates in support of this effort. The Ct Chapter of CPCU has a proud supporter of this organization for several years now.



Pictured in this presentation photo are Abby Sullivan Moore (one of the Founders) Esther Zinoli, CPCU, Fernanda and Dave Jacobs. (Owners of Fleet Feet)

GOOD WORKS UPDATE

Wheeler Clinic

The CT Chapter awards, again this year, \$1,000, to Wheeler Clinic for the Self-Management and Recovery Training (SMART) program offered statewide in CT through Youth Recovery CT. Through the support training and guidance of Wheeler Clinic a network of program sites offer mutual support groups for youth(ages 16-18 and 18-24) as well as opportunities for fun activities, new friendships and skill development with peers in a substance free environment. This year our donation will continue to support this program with the additional purchase of program manuals both in English and Spanish and manuals for supporting families.



Pictured from left to right are Betty Shepard, CPCU and Laura C. Zeppieri, Project Coordinator, Youth Recovery Support CT.

St. Martin dePorres

St. Martin dePorres Shelter is a not for profit community outreach facility that houses the homeless, feeds the hungry and provides support for families and children in need.

Activities include: After School and Saturday programs that help to keep the kids off the streets. They feed the children fresh fruit and vegetables to encourage healthy eating habits. The programs include activities to encourage art, cooking, science, life skills and journaling. Children of all ages attend, and it is very common to see the older ones helping the younger.

There are also many Volunteers to assist with the programs and preparation of lunch on Saturday and after school snacks. There is always a great basketball game going on every Saturday, weather permitting. Several younger children are also out on the playground.

They arrange to take children to camp for a weekend during the summer. They also provide field trips as rewards for those who finish their homework after school.



GOOD WORKS: CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Scholarships

The 2023 Scholarships awards were presented during the Golf Tournament dinner reception. Julia Dunn was in attendance to receive her award.

Jerald Alexander Scholarship (Chapter Scholarship)

The Chapter Scholarship was awarded to Julia Dunn, daughter of CT Chapter member Tim Dunn. Julia lives in Glastonbury with her parents and three siblings. She's a senior at Glastonbury High School, and will be attending the University of Notre Dame (which both of her parents attended). She is enrolled as a Physics major, and hopes to be able to do research in astroparticle physics.

One of Julia's favorite activities through high school was Unified Theater, a club she led. Members help students with special needs put on a musical, while also promoting inclusion and equality in the community. She is also involved in the Math National Honor Society. For this organization, Julia tutors 7th graders in math. She is also a leader in her church's youth group, and has facilitated community service projects and recreational activities for the younger parishioners. Julia also works as a cashier at Katz Ace Hardware. She values the work experience and has done some saving for college expenses.



Gertrude Sweeney Scholarship

The Gertrude Sweeney Scholarship was awarded to Calibe Simpson. Calibe is a senior at Weaver High School, in the Career Pathways program. She will be attending the University of Connecticut, majoring in Business.

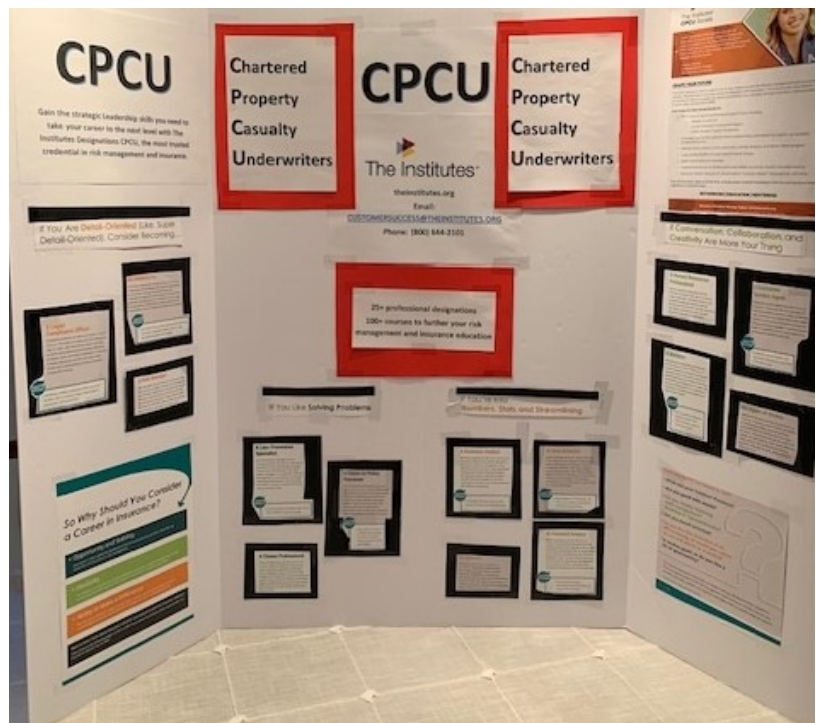
During her sophomore year of high school, Calibe migrated from Jamaica to the U.S in search of a better life and more educational opportunities. She is an honor student (she received the Harvard Book Award) and served as Class President in her Junior and Senior years. Caline played softball, basketball and volleyball; she was Captain of the Varsity Volleyball team and won the Coach's award. Calibe also participated in other programs such as the Blue Hills Civic Association (BHCA) club and Husky volleyball, while also having a part-time job.



DIVERSITY UPDATE

Career Fair at Wesleyan University

The Connecticut CPCU Chapter attended the Wesleyan Career Fair. Patty Havens and Ryan Honyotski spoke to high school students from all over the state about careers in the insurance industry. The students were extremely engaging and surprised about all the different career paths. Insurance can offer opportunities in marketing, sales, mathematics and much more. In addition we told them about the benefits a CPCU designation can have on your resume when you enter the work force.



GOLF TOURNAMENT RECAP

Connecticut CPCU Society Chapter's Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Our annual Charity Golf Tournament was held at the stunning Farmington Country Club on June 14, 2023. We had a great turnout, and it was wonderful to be able to connect with our colleagues and friends. Although the day's forecast was questionable, we lucked out with beautiful weather until the rain rolled in around 3pm. Rain and all, we still saw some great competition on the course and things dried up just in time for dinner!

We sincerely thank all who attended, volunteered, or provided financial sponsorship. It is because of you that our 2023 Tournament was such a success, generating over \$18,000 of net profits which will fund the Good Works budget for 2024.

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:

Platinum (\$2,500)

Crystal Restoration Services of CT

Gold (\$1,500)

AMWINS Brokerage of New England

Crum & Forster

General Re

IAT Insurance Group

The Hartford

Bronze (\$500)

Selective Insurance

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Events

We are planning a number of exciting events for the second half of 2023 that we hope you will be able to participate in! Additional details will be emailed and posted as they become available.

August

CCSU Business Summit

September

New Designee Reception
Conferment

October

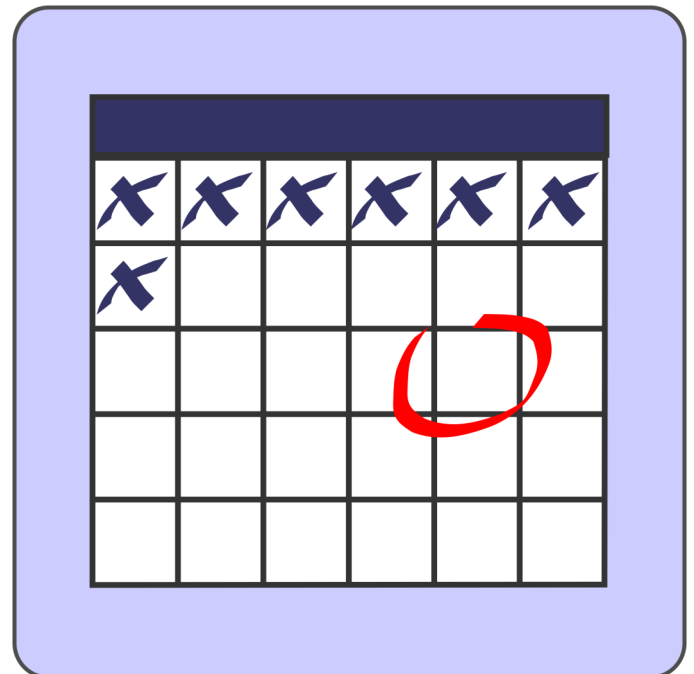
CT Fire Academy “Burn”

November

D&I Event: TBD

December

Annual Meeting



IN MEMORIAM: FRANCIES “BUD” KELLY, CPCU

In Memoriam: Francis “Bud” Kelly

By Noreen Kuziak

It is with great sadness to announce Bud’s passing on January 22, 2023. He was a Past President of the CT Chapter of CPCU (1984) and regularly came to the Chapter’s Past President Reception and Conferment. He served in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany as a member of the 43rd Division, 169 Infantry Regiment, and was honorably discharged in 1952. He then graduated from St. Lawrence University with a bachelor’s degree in Economics and started a 25-year career at Aetna Insurance Company. He moved around a bit with the Aetna, and in 1969, he had the opportunity to come back to Connecticut to work at Aetna’s home office in Hartford. He and his family settled in Simsbury, and ultimately finished his career with Orion Capital as Vice President for Government Relations. He will be especially remembered for his kindness and laughter. We miss you ‘Bud’!