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Presidents Message....Barbara A. Kressler

Happy New Year!

I can't thank everyone enough for their contributions to the success of the Jubilee Kitchen Christmas event. It was a huge success and a very fulfilling experience for those that could participate. We have been asked to do the event again this year and we have graciously agreed to accept. It is really nice to know that our efforts are truly appreciated!

A second thank you to everyone for their generous contributions to the American Red Cross, Disaster relief. The Christmas dinner auction brought in \$328! Some interesting items re-surfaced this year, and there were plenty of laughs to go around! You may want to ask Carla or Patsy to share their special treasures. If you were unable to attend and would like to make a donation, please bring it to the meeting.

We will be having a representative from the Red Cross, Rita Inkovitch, attending our meeting and in addition to the proceeds from our auction, we would like to also gather some of the "necessity" items that are needed. Those items include such things as toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo, soap, etc. We ask that when you shop this coming weekend, throw a few of those items in you cart and bring to the meeting.

Brenda has asked Carrie Chapman to be our guest speaker and she will share with us what it is like for a child with Cystic Fibrosis.

We are collecting the "front" of Christmas cards for St. Judes Hospital again this year. I encourage you to ask your family and co-workers to give you their cards and bring them to the meeting. Also, a reminder that we continue to collect can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that we will be holding the January meeting at The Links in Buckhorn. If you need directions please feel free to give me a call. **See you all on the 19th!**

Secretary Minutes....Brenda Weaver

Association Monthly Meeting
Regular Monthly Meeting 12/15/2010

The regular meeting of the IPSV was held at Pine Barn Inn, Danville, PA. on 12/15/2010. Members in attendance were Brenda Weaver, Barbara Kressler, Pamela Stetler, Jeannie Upright, Patsy Lachat, Charlotte Stetler, Donna Coombs, Gail

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Bradley and Carla Buma

President Barbara Kressler called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Barbara Kressler welcomed Carolyn Ritter from Cornerstone Insurance as our guest.

Membership/ Public Relations – Jeannie Upright no report

Safety - Carla Buma no report

Treasures report -Pam Stetler no report

Education – Barb Kressler said she has a few people interested in taking spring CE's

Horizon/Bylaws- Cindy Kline no report.

Legislative – Patsy Lachat a few brief words before the party

New Business ...

The Annual Christmas Auction was held and proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Discussion was held on where our future meeting place would be. Barbara Kressler will contact the Links in Buckhorn and get additional information and then pass it on by email.

Donna Coombs said she has a list of items the Red Cross would like; toothpaste, shampoos, soap, tooth brush, wash clothes. Rita Inklovitch will be at the January meeting and items can be brought to that meeting.

For The Good of the cause was stated by all present.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Weaver, Secretary

Legislative....Patsy Lachat, AAI, CPIW

All new members of congress will be sworn in this month so I will get you the new contact information for next month's report.

The following is taken from IA&B of PA newsletter:

One bill of interest to IA&B members is the \$858 billion tax deal reached by Congressional Republicans and President Obama. Specific provisions include:

Estate tax: Phased out for 2010, the estate tax will have a 35 percent rate with a \$5 million individual exemption as of Jan. 1, 2011. Obama and fellow Democrats hoped to renew the tax at 2009 levels of a 45 percent rate and a \$3.5 million exemption level.

Individual income tax: Rates for all income groups will be extended, including for the wealthiest 2 percent, which was originally opposed by Obama.

Investment tax: Capital gains and dividends will remain taxed at a top rate of 15 percent, as opposed to Democrats' preferred 20 percent top rate.

Unemployment insurance: Long-term unemployment insurance will be extended for 13 months. Benefits typically expire after six months but have been extended several times by Congress since the start of the recession.

One item failing to gain traction in the flurry of legislative activity was the repeal of the 1099 form provision within the health reform law. Effective in 2012, the provision will require all businesses to file a 1099 form with the IRS for any purchase of goods or services amounting to more than \$600 in a tax year.

Both parties pledged to reverse the burdensome requirement, but insider politics and concerns over lost revenue have thwarted multiple attempts to repeal it. Expect additional activity on this issue early in the 2011 session, as IA&B and its national affiliates continue to advocate for a full repeal.

Pa. workers' compensation rates approved

The Pennsylvania Insurance Department recently approved changes to the manual rates and related values for Pennsylvania F-Classifications. The department also approved USL&HW rating values. All rates are effective April 1, 2011.

Charity Up Date

We have elected The American Red Cross, Disaster Relief, as our Charity. The proceeds from our Chinese Auction will be donated to them, as well as other donations as we decide through this year.

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Upcoming Events....

January 19	Association Meeting
February 16	Association Meeting
March 16	Association Meeting
April 7-10	Region 1 Conference.

Program & Menu....

The January Dinner Meeting will be held at The Links in Buckhorn, 6PM

Please e-mail Jeannie at ottiss98@yahoo.com to make your reservations by January 16th. Last minute adds are ok. If you need to cancel your reservation the day of please call Jeannie at 570-326-2343. Call for directions:570-473-2814

Birthdays....

January 13	Brenda Weaver
30	Kathryn Caputo
February 19	Cindy Dieterick

Reminder....

- Code your cell phone with your emergency contact labeled ICE, In Case of Emergency
- Be sure to check out our web site often, as well as the PA State Council web site and the National web site. Addresses on page 4
- Save those aluminum soda and beer, etc., tabs for the Ronald McDonald House
- Bring your Christmas cards to the meeting to donate.

Education....Gail Bradley

It is time to gather all of our information for the Regional award form so please print off your Sircon report and fax to me so that I can see what classes you have taken this past year. You can cross out your license number and fax to me at 570-458-5612 to my attention.

If you took classes that were not CE just send me a list of those also - when and where

I have been emailing classes to you as I get them and hopefully some of you have been able to use the information I have sent to you.

Membership....Jeannie Upright

Another year has come and gone, and look what we have accomplished! Our Chinese Auction to benefit this year's charity, American Red Cross; Disaster Relief, was a huge success, bringing in over \$300. The Jubilee Kitchen Christmas party was another resounding success; with many thanks to our organizers, Pam and Brenda and to all the volunteers who gave up their time to be there during such a "busy" time of year! What a great group effort! Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2011!



Hard at work in the kitchen

