

Houston NAIW, Inc. has a new permanent address:
P. O. Box 925713, Houston



Programs and Meetings

Our next meeting is September 27th at Christies and we have a wonderful program scheduled! Louise Stiedle Hayes, Ph.D. will present a seminar entitled "Brain Growth and Repair". We can all certainly learn something from this so please join us at 6:00 pm at Christies Seafood and Steaks at 6029 Westheimer.

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October 25th we will once again feature our annual Firefighters Calendar Event to benefit burned and crippled children. Join us that night to meet your favorite firefighter and purchase your autographed calendar. Proceeds will benefit the Firefighters fund for the children. We will have a set menu for that evening to make things progress smoothly and do prefer an RSVP for that event as space is limited.

We are also planning on CE classes in January and March 2012 so keep an eye out for the upcoming flyers with that information. Mary Browder, our Director of Education this term is working hard to schedule some interesting classes for us.

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Presidents Message:

Since some of you missed my message at the installation ceremony I felt it was important enough to repeat it here,. Especially in light of recent events:

I joined Houston NAIW in 1976 believing in its principals and what they represented and I still believe in them. I know what we had to overcome to be called a professional organization instead of a girls club. I hope that through my Presidency I can urge this organization to continue this achievement. Let us work like a well oiled machine - the corporation/business that we are. Not for ourselves but for the association and industry. Let us become closer in friendship and understanding. More importantly help us find peace, contentment, harmony. To succeed we must revolve and evolve around these values.

I would like to end with a storey of 2 wolves. One evening and old Cherokee Indian told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside us between 2 wolves. One is evil- It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego. The other is good- It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith. The grandson thought about what he had been told and then asked his grandfather "Which wolf wins?" The old Cherokee simply replied "The one you feed" . Terry Webb, CPIW



Immediate Past President:

One of the duties of The Immediate Past President is to serve as Chairman of the By-Laws Committee. As Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, I, along with my committee, will review the current By-Laws of the Association to make certain that they coincide with national, regional and state by-laws. If there are any changes or updates to be made, we will present it to the members.

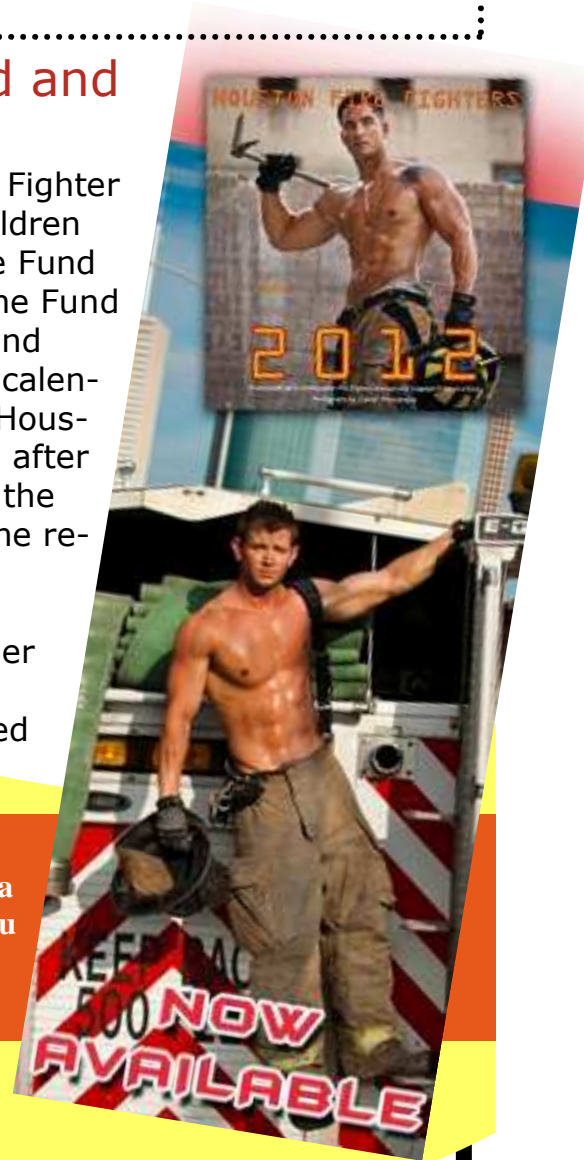
Joanne Pearson , CIC, CPIW, ACSR

The Houston Fire Fighters Burned and Crippled Children's Fund

All proceeds received from sales of the Houston Fire Fighter Calendar goes directly to the 501c3 Fund to help children burned or crippled by accidents or fires. To date, the Fund has raised over \$1.5 million to help area children. The Fund provides bandages, wheel chairs, prosthetic limbs, and other items the children may require. The Fund and calendar project was started because the Fire fighters of Houston had no way to help the children they see injured after the initial accident. The Fund gives the Fire Fighters the mechanism they need to continue helping through the recovery process.

The Fund also co-sponsors *CAMP JANUS*. This summer camp gives burned children from age 5 to 15 the chance to be around other children who have suffered serious burn injuries.

Don't miss them– They will be at our meeting October 25th at Christie's Seafood and Steak Restaurant, 6029 Westheimer Make a reservation today. Cost will be \$25.25. Space will be limited. Menu will be a choice of Grilled Talapia Greek Salad, Chicken Madeira, Fried Shrimp or Cajun Shrimp Pasta. Cash Bar



A Note From Frances Runk, CIC, CPIW

In June I completed 67 years as a member of this Association. It is a very wonderful Assn and been such a blessing in my life. I could never have accomplished all that I have in the Industry if I had not been a member. May we have many more years of great benefits to our members.

Frances

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAROLYN TENNISON

How to Reduce Roof Leak Damage Caused by Hurricanes

August 25, 2011

Insurance Journal

Wind-driven water like that occurring during Hurricane Irene penetrates openings in residential roofs but roof deck seams can be sealed to reduce any damage, according to tests by an insurance home safety institute. The Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) has conducted a full-scale research test program of how wind-driven water, such as that occurring during hurricanes, penetrates openings in residential roof systems at the IBHS Research Center in South Carolina.

“Wind-driven rain that gets into a house through openings in the roof can collapse ceilings and cause extensive damage to interior finishes, furnishings and other family possessions,” said Julie Rochman, president and CEO, IBHS. “The testing conducted by our engineers at the IBHS Research Center clearly demonstrated that water penetration during hurricanes could be substantially reduced by sealing the roof deck seams.”

For new construction or re-roofing, roof deck seams can be sealed from the exterior using a modified bitumen tape. For retrofitting when the roof cover is not replaced, homeowners can seal the roof deck seams from the inside with a closed-cell foam spray adhesive.

IBHS researchers built a 1,300 sq. ft., single-story duplex test building with construction features common in many coastal and inland areas of the Atlantic and Gulf Coast states with hurricane exposure. The interior of the duplex was furnished with light fixtures, ceiling fans, furniture, carpeting and laminate flooring made to look like wood. Both sides of the duplex roof were identical, with the critical exception of using modified bitumen tape to seal the between-sheathing joints and gaps on one side of the roof.

The building was placed inside the 21,000 sq. ft. test chamber at the IBHS Research Center and subjected to several individual test sequences involving both high-speed, multi-directional, gusty winds and prolonged exposure to “rain” typical during a hurricane, delivered at a rate of up to 8 inches per hour.

During the testing, 24 cameras were placed inside the test specimen to capture the water entering the duplex. Video footage of the interior of both sides of the building showed water entering the side with the unsealed roof deck, streaming off of light fixtures and ceiling fans. Approximately 30 minutes after the completion of the test, pieces of the ceiling on the unsealed side began to collapse.

“As the attic insulation became saturated, the water began to soak into the ceiling gypsum wallboard,” said Dr. Anne Cope, IBHS research director. “The combination of the weight of the saturated insulation and the weakened gypsum wallboard caused the ceiling to collapse in three places on the unsealed side of the home. However, on the sealed side of the duplex the ceiling did not collapse and there was much less water entry.

“In the real world, a family would be uprooted from the home without the sealed roof deck potentially for months while repairs were made,” Cope said. “However, a family living in the home with the sealed roof deck could probably stay in the home while repairs were made, and if they did have to leave they would likely be able to return to the home much sooner.”

Following the test, IBHS brought in a claims adjuster from a local insurance company who is trained in catastrophe claims adjusting to estimate the amount of damage each house suffered. He assessed the damage to the front three rooms on both sides of the duplex, including the kitchen, dining room, and family room. During a hurricane or high wind event, winds generally come from a relatively small range of directions after the roof cover blows off, so damaged confined to one area of a house would be typical of most people’s experience.

According to the adjuster’s report, estimated damage on the unsealed side totaled nearly \$17,000, while estimated damage on the sealed side totaled approximately \$5,400. This is a substantial difference totaling almost three times as much for the side of the duplex with the unsealed roof deck. Of particular note is that the furniture in the side with the unsealed roof deck had to be replaced, while the furnishings in the side with the sealed roof deck only had to be cleaned.

“The moment water enters your home you have a potentially catastrophic loss waiting to happen,” said Rochman. “Water travels along beams, through electrical conduits, along wiring, and into walls, ceilings and floors; in other words, it can get just about everywhere, so keeping it out in the first place is the homeowner’s best bet for preventing damage.

“Sealing the roof deck can significantly strengthen this critical part of a home and reduce the chances of a catastrophic loss due to water damage when the roof covering is compromised or blown off entirely during a high-wind event. And taping the seams on an average-sized roof costs only about \$500 – a great, relatively small investment that could pay huge dividends when a storm hits,” she added.

The Houston NAIW, Inc. 2011 to 2012 officers:

President— Terry Webb, CPIW
President Elect—Membership—Judy Koudelka, CISR
Vice President—Education—Mary Browder
Secretary—Jane Bock
Director 1—Immediate Past President—Joanne Pearson, CIC, CPIW, ACSR
Director 2—Treasurer—Margaret Parker
Director 3—Public Relations—Norma George, CPIW
Director 4—Finance—Carolyn Tennison
Director 5—Program—Sharon Klien, ACSR

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Once those are scheduled, we'll get the word out.

If you are interested in being on our monthly meeting flyer email list, please send your name and email address to any board member or directly to me at sharon.klein@hubinternational.com and I will place you on our mailing. Please feel free to come and visit us at any of our meetings.

All are welcome!! I look forward to seeing in September. Sharon Klein, ACSR—Program Chairman

Miscellaneous

Shirley Best, a former member and friend of HNAIW passed away recently. Our thoughts are with her family.

We need candidates for the office of Council Director Elect, Public Relations/Program Chair, Membership Development Chair and Delegate to the Regional Nominating Committee and Alternate to the Regional Nominating Committee.

It is very important that we are able to find qualified candidates to fill each of these positions. Applications can be requested from me or your President That is what will keep our Council strong.

These forms should be completed and returned to me no later than the 20th of September. Thanks.

Anita Flynn

Calendar

2011

- September 27— Speaker Louise Hays— Exercising the Brain
- October 7-8 Texas Council, Saledo, TX
- October 25—Houston Fire Fighter Calendar
- November 15—Thanksgiving
- December 13—Christmas Party

2012

- January 24—CE Program
- February 28—Birthday Month
- March 1-3—Region VI Conference, Norman, OK
- March 27—CE Program
- April 24—Election of Officers
- May 22—Industry Appreciation Dinner
- June 6-9—National Convention, Dallas, TX
- June 26—Installation of Officers