

President's Perspective



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While writing this I am able to reflect on what a busy, rewarding couple of months we have had since the last Chaptergram! Most recently, on June 6th, we held our annual charity golf tournament at Wampanoag Country Club. It was a spectacular day for golf and was, as always, a great success!

Thank you to everyone who attended the May monthly meeting on Diversity. In addition to a wonderful, engaging presentation by Joelle Murchison we were also fortunate to honor Jon Gice as he retires and leaves the Connecticut area for his next chapter. We had a fantastic turnout and it was a wonderful morning.

The testing window for completing the CPCU in time to attend the Hawaii conferment is closed. We have 51 new designees for the Connecticut Chapter! Again, I urge you to visit the CT CPCU Chapter Website and reach out to any of the new designees that you may work with or know and welcome them to

the Connecticut Chapter. I find one of the most valuable benefits that I personally have recognized being a part of this chapter are the relationships and bonds I have formed with members.

I wanted to bring to your attention a recent visible change to the CPCU Society. You will notice that the CPCU Society logo has been replaced with The Institutes' logo. The intent is to better align the CPCU Society with the Institutes' brand. This is a visual change and does not impact the mission of the CT Chapter as we strive to add value and enhance the meaningfulness of this esteemed designation.

Part of our responsibilities as the Board of Directors for the CT Chapter is crafting an Operating Plan that outlines activities and key deliverables for the subsequent year. The plan supports and enhances the goals of the CPCU Society:

- Provide Relevant Knowledge
- Empower Professionals to Succeed

- Engage Future Generations of Leaders

We use our time planning in order to ensure that we are adding value to your membership and enhancing your professional experience as a holder of the CPCU designation. The CPCU Society has a Circle of Excellence recognition program. Each year the chapter is evaluated on how we executed on the operating plan and awards are provided for silver and gold status. I am pleased to announce that under the leadership of Nicone Gordon, Past President for the 2015 year, the Connecticut CPCU Chapter was once again awarded Gold status. I personally would like to thank everyone who supports and continues to enrich the CT CPCU Chapter!

We are looking forward to the summer break and will resume activities in September. Please be on the lookout for upcoming details on our September social event honoring new designees. I hope that you all have a safe and happy summer!

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2016 CPCU Leadership Summit

As Vice President of the CT Chapter of the CPCU Society, I had the honor of representing Connecticut at the 2016 CPCU Society Leadership Summit held in San Antonio, Texas, from April 14th to 16th. This Summit brought over 350 CPCU Society chapter, interest group, committee and task force leaders together to participate in strategic training sessions to learn about chapter and interest group operations/best practices, discuss challenges faced as volunteer leaders and to connect with the CPCU Society Leadership Council on strategic initiatives.

Our General Session speaker was Vice Admiral John Bird, who is retired from the U.S. Navy and currently serves as senior Vice President

of military affairs for USAA. As a career submarine officer, John previously served on both fast-attack and ballistic missile submarines in the Pacific and Atlantic fleets. Vice Admiral Bird addressed our group at one of our luncheons during the Summit, sharing his experience with and views on effective leadership.

At this same luncheon, which our CT Chapter proudly co-sponsored, we were given the official word that our CT Chapter has once again been awarded the Circle of Excellence "Gold" Award! Congratulations to everyone in our chapter who worked tirelessly to ensure that we were recipients of the Gold again this year! I am so proud to be a part of our chapter and look forward to sharing and incorporating all that I

have learned from this summit with our chapter, as we move forward into 2017.



Chapter Good Works

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The recipient of the Gertrude Sweeney scholarship from CCSU is Jason DiFazio.

Jason just completed his junior year, and is majoring in Finance and Economics. This past summer Jason worked at Northwestern Mutual as a summer intern, and he obtained his life/health insurance license. Jason is active in the CCSU Finance Association and the CCSU Economics Club. Jason is also a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and he helped to organize a campus-wide walk to raise money for and awareness of ALS.

After graduation, Jason plans to attain his MBA and pursue a career in the investment banking industry as a securities analyst



The recipient of the Gertrude Sweeney Scholarship from the University of Hartford is Jessica Briere.

Jessica is currently an insurance intern at Acadia Insurance, working with the underwriting, claims and marketing departments. She recently was named an Anita Benedetti Scholar by the student advisory committee that is a part of RIMS and attended their conference in

San Diego. While at school, Jessica has volunteered for Hawks Helping Hartford and Blessing in a Backpack.

After graduation, Jessica plans to pursue the CPCU designation and obtain a position in the insurance industry, where she hopes to work within international markets and travel.



The recipient of the 2016 Jerard Alexander Scholarship is Joseph Strid. He is the son of Chapter member Angelina Strid.

Joseph has completed his freshman year at Western New England University, majoring in Criminal Justice. The committee was very impressed with Joseph's community service, both in his hometown and at the University. In his application, he stated that he hopes to embody the "Service Above Self" motto into his college years and beyond. His involvement at the University includes acting as an Open House Associate and Student Peer Advisor. In his hometown he has volunteered for The American Cancer Society, St. Anthony's Church Festival, United Way's Day of Caring and Bristol Adult Resource Center.

After graduation, Joseph is planning to pursue a carrier in law enforcement

RECOGNITION

Wheeler Clinic honored CT Chapter CPCU, Inc. for our long-standing



support of their organization. As outlined by Susan Walkama, the Hands and Hearts Award was established "to thank those who have offered their hands and opened their hearts to Wheeler Clinic and the children and families we serve in exceptional ways"

Good Works Committee members Alyce DeAngelo, Betty Shepard, Lee Hay and Esther Zinolli attended the Hands and Hearts Reception on May 19th, and accepted the award, which was presented by Susan Walkama (President and CEO) and Jake Biscoglio (Development Committee Chairman).

Good Works (continued)



RECENT ACTIVITIES

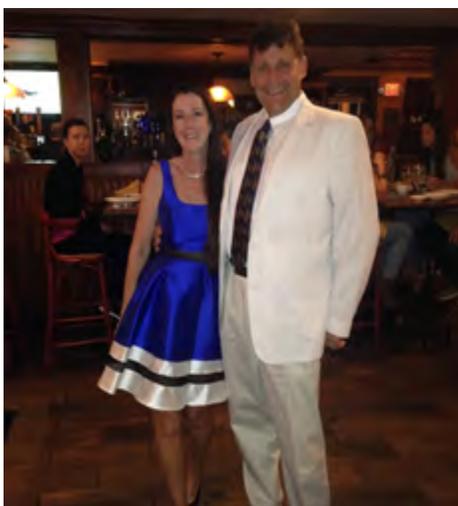
We have donated \$1,000 to St. Philip House. Lee Hay attended their Mad Hatter Ball in April. St. Philip House provides support to individuals suffering from AIDS.

We have also donated \$1,000 to Malta House of Care. Deb Bartucca

attended their Wonder Women event in May.

Malta House of Care Foundation provides free basic medical care and to uninsured adults in Hartford and Waterbury; they are working on expanding their services to New Haven.

Meet Heather Parsons, CPCU



Heather is currently employed by State Auto Insurance Companies as a Senior Commercial Underwriter in Glastonbury, Ct.

I have been in this position for the past two years and prior as an Account Executive in the Hunt Valley, Maryland office. I began my career as a Commercial Underwriter and held various positions at other Insurance Carriers in Pennsylvania.

I graduated from Honeoye Falls-Lima High School in Honeoye Falls New York. Later in my career I graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor's of Science Degree from York College of Pennsylvania.

I hold CPCU and AU designations from the Institute and the AFIS (Agra – Business & Farm Insurance Specialist) designation from IRMI. In addition, I served on the CPCU board for The Pennsylvania Dutch

Chapter and the Maryland Chapter for several years and past member of Insurance Women of York, Pa.

Running is my passion and served on the board of the York Road Runners Club as well as an active member promoting the sport of running.

I am married to Curt Haas and have a son, Justin.

2016 CPCU Society Annual Meeting

The CPCU Society Annual Meeting will take place in Honolulu, Hawaii from September 17th through September 20th. Please join fellow CPCU members for this industry event and celebrate the New Designees who will be sworn in during the Conferment Ceremony.

The CPCU Society is anticipating over 8,000 professionals in attendance this year with many speakers and educational sessions offered. This year's Keynote and Conferment

Speaker will be John Quiñones, co-anchor of ABC's Primetime.

This is the must-attend risk management and property-casualty insurance industry event and will allow attendees to:

Gain technical knowledge that you can immediately apply to your job responsibilities

Empower yourself to confidently meet the challenges facing your business

Engage with leading industry experts and build valuable professional relationships

Please register online at <https://www.cpcusociety.org/education-events/annual-meeting>

CPCU Society Champion Program

The CPCU Society's Champion program enables communication between the CPCU Society and employer organizations. Through this program, the CPCU Society appoints active members to "champion" the benefits of the CPCU designation. For example, Champions may encourage their fellow employees to pursue the CPCU designation and participate in CPCU events. They may help local chapters get or stay in touch with prospective or inactive CPCUs. They may also help keep their employers aware of opportunities available from the CPCU Society.

Champions may be asked to assist in connecting with specific groups within their company, such as the staff responsible for deciding on sponsorship opportunities, or contacts within the Human Resources Department in charge of executive development or continuing education. The Champion need only provide a name and contact information. In addition, Champions of companies selected for a "Connections" visit by members of the

CPCU Society's Executive Committee will be asked to assist in arranging the visit. Champions are also asked to alert the Society to company announcements or decisions that may impact CPCU Society member support. The CPCU Society can use champions from the local office up to the company headquarters.

There is no travel involved in being a CPCU Society Champion. The role is currently open-ended. The amount of time spent on this role is up to each individual to determine, and may be concluded at any time. Many Champions find they only need to commit a few hours each month.

By becoming a champion you will earn 15 Continuing Professional Development points each year, and gain recognition and gratitude from the CPCU community! If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Chapter Services at Chapter.Services@cpcusociety.org.

2016 Connecticut Chapter Golf Tournament

It was another great day on June 6, 2016 when the Connecticut Chapter held its annual Golf Tournament at the beautiful Wampanoag Country Club in West Hartford. The weather was superb and there were over 120 golfers participat-

ing. This event raised lots of money which benefits many local charities along with scholarships to students going to college. We were pleased with the sponsorships and support of the local companies and partici-

pants. A big thank you to all. Here some photos from the event.

