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## **Letter From Leadership**

The Fort Worth Chapter of the CPCU Society has been providing value to Dallas-Fort Worth risk management and property-casualty insurance professionals for 61 years. We had a number of successful events during 2017 including our annual Robert W. Purdin Memorial Golf Tournament, Ethics and Diversity CE day, Scholarship Reception and several general meetings with knowledgeable speakers covering interesting and relevant topics.

We strive to provide value to our members that will help advance their careers and support students pursuing a career in the risk management and insurance industries. We are very proud of the work our members do throughout the year and would like to thank you for your time and effort.

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For our new CPCU designees, congratulations! Earning your CPCU designation is a huge accomplishment. For our scholarship recipients and all other students preparing to enter the risk management and insurance industries, we wish you the best and hope at some point in the future you will join your local CPCU society to give back to the industry. For our golf tournament sponsors, thank you very much for your financial support. We hope that you find the following newsletter entertaining and informative about the value our chapter provides year after year.

## Leadership Summit Comments from Kim Black

The CPCU Society Leadership Summit was held in Baltimore, MD this year. The conference was 3 days' worth of valuable education and training. Attendees had opportunities to network with fellow CPCUs and Industry Professionals from across the country and to obtain valuable knowledge in the areas of Professional Development and Leadership, Recruitment and Retention, and Member Engagement. A couple favorites were sessions called "Insuring the Future: How Emerging Technologies Are Changing the Face of Risk" and "What Insurance Leadership need to Know About Data Analytics and Cyber Risk."

Attending the Leadership Summary goes beyond gaining knowledge on leading a chapter. It provides valuable and fun opportunities to grow professionally and personally. I would highly encourage any fellow CPCU members that are interested in professional growth to consider attending Leadership Summit in April 2018.

(Note that the 2017 Annual Meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma)

## 22nd Annual Memorial Golf Tournament

The Fort Worth CPCU will hold its 22nd Memorial Golf Tournament on April 26, 2018.

All proceeds from the tournament will be used to provide scholarships to Risk Management and Insurance students attending The University of North Texas and the University of Texas at Dallas.

The tournament honors the memory of Robert W. Purdin, a previous longtime leader and friend of the chapter. He was a VP of the Chapter, President of the IIATC and a Principal in the Coble-Cravens Insurance Agency.

Tournament registration is open now until April 16, 2018. To reserve your spot and secure sponsorship, please contact Max McClure for further information. Max McClure: 817-308-9813  
[maxm@atlasgeneral.com](mailto:maxm@atlasgeneral.com)



## 2017 Golf Tournament Recap

The 2017 Annual CPCU Robert W. Purdin Memorial Golf Tournament was held this past April at Bear Creek Golf Course in Dallas. This was our first tournament at Bear Creek and everyone enjoyed the venue and the addition of Corn Hole! The Purdin Scholarship, our largest annual scholarship award, was awarded to Maranda Johnson as chosen by the Purdin Family. Congratulations Maranda! We had a large number of insurance & risk management students attend and help from both the University of Texas at Dallas and University of North Texas. The rain held off until right when the last golfers were coming in. We awarded \$13,000 for scholarships and look forward to seeing everyone at the 2018 tournament at Bear Creek again on April 26. Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors who support the outing year after year. We could not award the scholarships we do without your involvement.

## Congratulations 2017 New CPCU Designees

It is my pleasure to announce this year's designees:

- Ms. Kristen Byars, CPCU Liberty Mutual
- Chelsea R. Davis, CPCU Burns & Wilcox Ltd
- Zachary Fogle, CPCU State Farm Co Texas
- Mark Hanson, CPCU State Farm Co Zone 13 Texas
- Mr. Charles Johnston, CPCU Eberls Claims Service

## 2017 Scholarship Recipients



Pictured from left to right: Debra Richardson UTD, AC Ndindjock UTD, Kailah Deal UTD, Viet Huynh UTD, Nasrin Mahmud UTD, Gabriela Esquivel UTD, Madison Harnist UNT, Laura Babcock UNT, Susan Everett UNT, Dale Sharpe-Jenkins UNT.

## 2017 Purdin Family Scholarship Recipient



Pictured from left to right: Joe Gamble, Jenni Gamble, Maranda Johnson, Lynn Bradley and Jeff Purdin

## Q & A with Anne Lydahl

**Q: Anne, you have been a part of our annual memorial golf tournament since it began in 1997. What is your initial reaction to that statement? How has it changed over the years?**

A: It really is hard to believe that we have hosted 21 golf tournaments since 1997. Every year it changes a little as the Committee and sometimes our venue changes, but it is always rewarding and fun to those that give their time to make it happen. It gets a little crazy right before the tournament, but we really do work well as a team and somehow it all comes together.

**Q: We have donated \$283,000 in scholarships to insurance and risk management students since 1997. You are huge part of our success. How does that make you feel?**

A: It makes me feel very lucky to have been able to help every year with such a great cause. Also, we are so blessed to have the family of Robert W. (Bob) Purdin give a very generous scholarship in his name and play in the tournament.

**Q: Do you agree that the golf tournament and the scholarship funds that it generates is the heart and soul of our chapter? What other benefits does our chapter provide?**

A: Making the tournament a success is a big undertaking especially since the core group of volunteers is usually pretty small, but it gives such a sense of accomplishment by encouraging students to choose insurance as a career. The Chapter also helps with networking for the students.

**Q: What are your thoughts on your peers in the Fort Worth CPCU society?**

A: There are so many wonderful people in our Chapter; I am continually impressed with everyone's dedication and integrity.

**Q: Can you talk about the caliber of students that we select for our scholarships and their future in the insurance industry?**

A: The reason we keep doing this is for all these amazing students, most of whom work full or part time to support themselves in addition to excelling at school. It's very heartening to meet so many enthusiastic, dedicated young people who are excited about getting into insurance.

**Q: Do you have any words of encouragement for prospective CPCU's and what they could gain from being active members of our chapter?**

A: Becoming a CPCU is definitely worth the effort and staying involved through the Fort Worth Chapter increases the benefits of being a CPCU. Our meetings and activities are geared towards busy professionals and you can be as involved as you choose to be.

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Pictured from left to right: Mahum Malik, Meerie Lee, Viet Huynh and Nasrin Mahmud

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## Where Are They Now?

Past Purdin Family Scholarship  
Recipients



Nhat Pham – 2016 recipient –  
graduated from UTD in May of 2017 and  
was offered a full time underwriting  
trainee position at Beazley Group.  
Congratulations Nhat!



Mycah Kellogg – 2015 recipient –  
graduated from UNT in May of 2016 and  
was offered a full time underwriting  
trainee position with ARGO Group. She is  
working for the New York, Chicago and  
Dallas office.  
Great Job, Mycah!



### UPCOMING EVENTS

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**11/28/17**  
**CHAPTER MEETING  
AND OFFICER  
NOMINATIONS**



**UNION STANDARD  
BUILDING**

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**12/12/17**  
**CHAPTER MEETING  
COLONIAL COUNTRY  
CLUB**



**OFFICER ELECTIONS AND  
LENA POPE DONATIONS**

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**2018 MEMORIAL  
GOLF TOURNAMENT  
REGISTRATION  
DEADLINE**



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