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Florida Gold Coast Chapter

Newsletter

Summer Greetings

The year 2020 will be one for the history books, and while we continue to face challenges in 2021, our chapter members also continue to rise to the occasion by successfully navigating through these rapidly changing times. The Florida Gold Coast Chapter remains strong and resilient, and we are elated that we have officially earned the **Gold** Circle of Excellence for 2020. On behalf of the entire Florida Gold Coast leadership team, we thank you for your continued support, engagement and leadership which has been instrumental to meeting and exceeding our goals. It looks like we may finally begin to see some light at the end of the tunnel and hope to see each of you, in person, as soon as we have the green light to begin in-person meetings again. Until then, thank you again for your continued commitment to our chapter. - *Michelle Smith, FGC Chapter Vice President*



The CPCU Society's Circle of Excellence Recognition Program awards each chapter for its efforts to achieve benchmarks in chapter performance. Chapters can earn Platinum, Gold or Silver recognition by achieving key initiatives of the Society's strategic plan.

The Florida Gold Coast Chapter has earned the **Gold Circle of Excellence for 2020.**

Thank you for helping us to meet our goals in providing relevant knowledge, empowering professionals to succeed and in engaging future generations of leaders. Thank you for your dedication, your time and your resolve.

A circular logo with a blue background. The words "CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE" are written in white, with "Gold" in a smaller font below it. A black arc is positioned to the right of the text.

Last Chapter Luncheon Recap

On May 13th our chapter had the privilege of partnering with the South Florida Chapter to hear Guest Speaker, and National CPCU Society President, **Sharon A. Koches** in an intimate Q&A session. During this meeting our chapters were able to learn about the latest changes within the CPCU Society, the new hybrid In2Risk National Annual meeting and so much more!



Sharon A. Koches
2021 CPCU Society President

A graphic of a tilted rectangular frame with a white border. The background is a gradient from purple to blue. It contains the text "YOU'RE ON MUTE" in white, with "Quote of 2020" in a smaller font below it.

"YOU'RE ON MUTE"
Quote of 2020

NATIONAL SOCIETY NEWS



In2Risk 2021 is **CPCU Society's** can't-miss insurance industry event, taking place **Thursday, Sept. 23—Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021**, and focusing on a diverse range of emerging issues and educational topics. Interactive, career-ready, forward-looking, plus the joy of CPCU Conferment.

In2Risk 2021 offers two engaging ways to participate – join in person in Orlando at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort or for an online experience!

No matter how you choose to participate, the CPCU Society ensures that you will be able to take advantage of engaging sessions, networking opportunities, and more!

In2Risk Keynote Speakers



Gregory Offner



Carla Harris



Matthew Luhn

CPCU Leadership Summit 2022



Leadership Summit is back, in-person, for 2022!

The CPCU Society is looking forward to being back together again at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas for the Leadership Summit, April 28-30, 2022. The Summit will feature two days of Leadership skills on Thursday and Friday plus a full day dedicated to Society Volunteer training. More details including registration rates and the full program to come this fall. In the meantime, be sure to **Save the Date**.

[Register Now](#)



What Juneteenth celebrates

Juneteenth is the newest federal holiday observed on June 19th as an American Holiday. The holiday commemorates the end of slavery in Texas-which was not until 2 years after Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation effective 1/1/1863.

Juneteenth celebrates the freedom of enslaved people in the U.S. at the end of the Civil War that has long been a day of remembrance and affirmation by the African-American community and now is being nationally recognized.

Some 250,000 enslaved people only learned of their freedom on June 19, 1865, the day that Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas and announced the President had issued a proclamation freeing them.

In 1980, Texas became the first state to recognize June 19 as a state holiday and today Juneteenth is recognized by nearly every state - an now it is a Federal holiday.

"Every year we must remind successive generations that this event triggered a series of events that one by one defines the challenges and responsibilities of successive generations. That's why we need this holiday." – Texas Rep. Al Edwards

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Halfway through the Year!!!



Summer is upon us, and we are seeing parts of pre-pandemic life returning. Vaccination rates have spurred optimism. Travel is up, in-door dining, sports and cultural activities are back.

We normally associate summer with vacations, outdoor activities and fun times spent with family and friends. Also associated with summer is the 4th of July celebrations.

Independence Day is a day of celebration commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence for the United States on July 4, 1776. This is a day commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, political speeches, and ceremonies but let's not forget the freedom that our founding fathers declared to the world over two centuries ago.

Whatever your plans are this summer, please remember to take some time for yourself to unwind, relax, and stay well.

We hope you all enjoy your summer!!!

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We are always looking for feedback and suggestions on newsletter content and chapter activities. Please let us know how we can improve and serve you better.

Thank You!