



Florida Gold Coast Chapter

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Next Chapter Meeting & Toy Drive on Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Our guest speaker will be a representative from the Jack & Jill Children's Center in Fort Lauderdale. Jack & Jill is a community-based program that makes high-quality early education available to all families, regardless of their income level. This organization will be the recipient of our unwrapped toys.

We will also be electing the chapter officers for 2016 during this meeting.

Location:

Muvico Palace 20
3200 Airport Road
Boca Raton, FL 33431
(561) 395-9009

Enter at Premier Theater and take escalator to second floor.

Cost: \$28 per person—includes lunch! Cash or check payable at the door. Checks should be made payable to CPCU.

For more information on this special event, contact Denise Perez at dperez@bbftlaud.com

President's Message by Dawn Ingham, CPCU, ARM

I had the pleasure of attending the **2015 CPCU Society Annual Meeting** in Indianapolis from October 3–6, 2015. As always, the meeting sessions and receptions were top-notch! Session topics that I attended included:

- The Sharing Economy—Ride and Home Sharing
- Emerging Issues on the Horizon—Nanotechnology and Demographic Risks

- Leading in a Multigenerational Workplace
- Spying in the Skies—Drones, the New Frontier

Our very own chapter member Steven Stinson, JD, LL.M., CPCU, was a session speaker representing the Coverage Litigators, Educators & Witnesses Interest Group. The topic for his session was entitled "The Evidence Pit Stop—What Gets In and What Stays Out," which included a discussion of the phases of the litigation process and a mock pretrial.

The general session topics included:

- An industry panel that discussed climate change in the insurance market
- The president of the Indianapolis Motor Speeds discussed his responsibilities as leader of one of the largest sporting venues in the U.S.
- A senior partner with Korn Ferry Leadership and Talent Consulting addressed developing talent and understanding diversity
- Tim Gard, a motivational speaker, discussed easing tensions in stressful work situations to gain perspective and calm as well as achieve success

Of course, the most important part of the annual meeting is the new designee Conferment Ceremony. Our chapter sponsored an ad in the 2015 CPCU Society Yearbook to congratulate the following Florida Gold Coast new designees:

- Dwayne Estelle
- Joseph Garcia
- David James Horn
- Monica I. Kuniyoshi
- Lora Lehmann
- Cheryl Mitchell
- William Blake Norman

During this year's annual meeting, there was a lot of talk about the 2016 annual meeting, which will be held in



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Hawaii. It's expected that there will be over 10,000 people attending Hawaii meeting. If you plan to go, start making your reservations early!

Here are a few pictures of our chapter members from the 2015 Annual Meeting:



New designee Lora Lehmann & CPCU Society Leadership Council Member Michael Koscielny



Kelly Blake, Dawn Ingham, Eddie Herrera

Report from the Vice President, Communications Officer by Shani Oulton, CPCU

Over the last few years, I have gotten to know many of you, but I have noticed some new faces, and am very excited to grow the Chapter. I have been an active officer for the Chapter for three years now, and look forward to getting to know and working with more of you.

Our luncheon and once a year evening meetings are interesting, and our members seem to really enjoy the speakers that have attended. Not only do we have meetings, but we also sponsor a yearly scholarship.

We would love to see the Chapter grow and expand. Some ways we could do this are by increasing awareness of our designation, and giving back to our community.

I encourage everyone to become more active in the Chapter. Officer elections will be coming soon for 2016, please consider taking an officer position.

If you are new to our Chapter, I encourage you to get involved. If you have been with the Chapter for a while, I encourage you to get more involved or re-involved. Remember, even doing a little can help a lot.

My CPCU Journey by Veruschka Zachtshinsky, CPCU

As a new CPCU designee, I am excited to become part of the Florida Gold Coast Chapter. Earning my CPCU after three years was very rewarding especially while working full-time and raising my two sons.

I became serious about earning my CPCU designation in 2012 after a Continuing Education Program presentation led by our President, Dawn Ingham, and Vice President, Shani Oulton. Some of their recommendations included putting together a plan and getting a study buddy.

My study buddy and I committed to taking at least two exams a year with a goal of passing our last exam in the summer of 2015. We encouraged each other to keep studying and stay committed. It worked and we passed our first exam in the fall of 2012.

Along the way, time management was very important so I studied whenever I could. I read during basketball practice, in the parking lot, and even when I had a pedicure. The weekend before an exam was always critical and my local library was my home base.

I'm happy that my plan worked and my reward is to attend the conferment ceremony in Honolulu, Hawaii. What a great way to celebrate this accomplishment with my fellow CPCU designees and family.

My story doesn't end yet. I'm now in search of a new study buddy to earn the Associate in Regulation and Compliance (ARC) designation.



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Call for News/Articles

If you have written any news or articles that would be of interest to our general chapter membership, please contact Shani Oulton, CPCU Vice President-Communications Officer at shani_oultou@ncci.com or (561) 893-3168.

We also welcome postings for any professional positions you may have open within your company. Just let us know and we'll get the word out.

Also, please visit our chapter website at <https://floridagoldcoast.cpcusociety.org/>. We are also on Linked In now. Please request to be added to the Gold Coast Chapter CPCU page.

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