



Charleston Area Claims Association

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Dates to Remember:

- * December 5—Oyster Roast @ Goldbug Island
- * January 15—Business meeting for changes to bylaws

November Meeting: Claims In Our Port

Join us on Thursday, November 20, 2014, at 11:30am for our last business meeting for the year 2014 and election of new officers, should have get names for the office of President and/or Secretary. Our meeting will be held at the round **Holiday Inn Riverview on Savannah Highway in Charleston, SC.** Cost of the meeting is \$5.00 for all regular members and \$15.00 for all Associate Members. Payment made be made by check payable to “CACCA” or cash on the day of the event. Bring your business cars for door prizes and for networking as well.

Our speaker this month is Bob Benjamin, who has over 30 years experience in waterfront and cargo operations. Bob was most recently the Terminal Manager for the Port Contractors in Charleston, SC. Prior to that, he was the Lead Superintendent at Ports America in Baltimore, Maryland and prior to that the Claims Manager for the SC State Ports Authority. We look forward to hearing from Bob who will be speaking to us about claims that occur at our own port and will be presenting some photos of such claims as well.

Our Sponsor for the November meeting is Rimkus Consulting Group (represented by Bill Berg. Please make sure you thank him and Rimkus for sponsoring this meeting and helping to make this meeting possible. We ask that you RSVP to this meeting no later than 5:00pm on Friday, November 14, 2014 by emailing abrown@custard.com



Changes to our Bylaws

It is the recommendation of your Officers to make the following changes to the bylaws of your Constitution. Article IV, Officers, Section 7 presently reads: Any regular member of the Association shall be eligible to hold office in this Association. Proposed change (underlined): Any regular member and associate member of the Association shall be eligible to hold office in this Association.

What does this mean? That any member... Regular or Associate (which includes our vendors) are eligible to hold office. We are asking this so that the association can continue to operate as we have no nominees for President or Secretary. The vote would take place at our January 2015 monthly meeting, and if passes, officers would be elected at that meeting. If you would like to nominate someone to the office of President or Secretary, please inform Alan Brown or any officer of the association.

2015 Membership Applications

Applications for Membership for 2015 are attached to this newsletter for your review. Please go ahead and turn in your application as soon as possible as these applications make up the listing that is contained in the State Claims Directory.

Toys for Tots



Lyerly's Cleaners and Fabric Restoration Service Team are proud to be collecting toys for Toys for Tots again this year. This event has been one of the most successful in which toys are given and you do a great job in supporting this endeavor.

Did you know?

Toys for Tots began in 1947 when Major Bill Hendricks, United States Marine Corps Reserve and a group of Marine Reservists in Los Angeles collected and distributed 5,000 toys to needy children. The idea came from Bill's wife, Diane. In the fall of 1947, Diane handcrafted a Raggedy Ann doll and asked Bill to deliver the doll to an organization, which would give it to a needy child at Christmas. When Bill determined that no agency existed, Diane told Bill that he should start one. He did. The 1947 pilot project was so successful that the Marine Corps adopted Toys for Tots in 1948 and expanded it into a nationwide campaign. That year, Marine Corps Reserve units across the nation conducted Toys for Tots campaigns in each community in which a Marine Reserve Center was located. Marines have conducted successful nationwide campaigns at Christmas each year since 1948.

Over the 58 years of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program, Marines have distributed more than 351 million toys for 166 million needy children. This charitable endeavor has made U.S. Marines the unchallenged leaders in looking after needy children at Christmas. Over its 15 year life span, the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation has supplemented local toy collections with more than 64.5 million toys valued at more than \$344 million; plus has provided promotion and support materials valued at over \$3.9 million.

2014 Oyster Roast

Our Oyster Roast this year is at a new venue! Please join us on Friday, December 5th, 6:30 – 11:00pm, at GoldBug Island, AKA East Cooper Outboard Motor Club, Inc., located at 1560 Ben Sawyer Blvd, Mount Pleasant, SC. No tickets will be sold at the door, so tickets must be reserved no later than one week prior to the event (November 28, 2014). This event has more than just Oysters. We also have hamburgers, chili and an open bar, with a DJ, all for \$25.00. Tickets must be reserved at:

CACARoast2014@yahoo.com

Sponsorships are available and needed for this event and are at a cost of \$175.00. We also ask sponsors to provide a jpeg image of their logo for our video stream of sponsors. We also ask the sponsor to bring two door prizes with them valued at a minimum of \$25.00 each. You may go higher than that if you so desire.

More information is provided on the attachments to this newsletter.

2015 Committees

Sign-up sheets will be continuing to be passed around for the following committees: Golf Tournament, Directory, Scholarship, Adjuster of the Year and Oyster Roast. If you are unable to attend the November meeting, but would like to serve on a committee, please send a detailed email to CACA President Alan Brown. Thank you for volunteering to serve on a 2015 committee!

SCCA Directories

The 2014 State Claims Association Directories will continue to be available at the November meeting. Also, if you know of a co-worker who can not be at the meeting, please pick one up and take it to them as well. The directory is available to all current Members and Associate Members, as well as all who advertised in the directory.