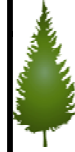
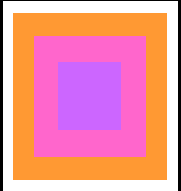


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Words from Amy Baier, KMIP President

Time flies when you're having fun! My year as President has been an experience I will never forget. I have developed stronger friendships as I mingled more at meetings, worked closely with committee members, and attended NAIW conferences. It was a year of growth personally and professionally which is really attributed to all of you who have supported and guided me through the year.

Here are just some of the things we accomplished since August:

- Introduction of our new KMIP logo
- Ice Cream Social at Jumbos kicked off our year
- Expanded and enhanced the KMIP Website
- Successful fundraiser selling insulated bottle koozies and wine bottle totes
- CWC Speak Off with Jen Weiterman representing us at Regional Convention
- Offered Mentors & Protégés course with 12 participants
- Samaritan Christmas Caroling and Enchantment in the Park during the holidays
- Great monthly meeting topics including Restoration, Workers Comp/ Return to Work, Social Media, Business Etiquette, and Wills/Pre-Planning
- Two NAIW courses Managing Stress and E&O Hot Spots
- Yummy bake sale
- Confidence While Communicating course held with 5 participants
- Clean Up / Green Up
- Informative and dynamic monthly newsletters

PLUS we have great leaders who have stepped up for the upcoming 11/12 year!

Janine Prusow elected as Council Director

Linda Luka elected as Regional Vice President

We are very lucky to be in an organization with so many people who WANT to be involved. Filling committees and asking for help was never so easy! It was a relief knowing that members were always willing to step up and get things done. I truly couldn't have had such a successful year without everyone's help. Again, a special **THANK YOU** to my officers, board members, and committee chairs who are all listed on the following page, plus **GOOD LUCK** to Joan and the incoming board. We have great leadership to help us strengthen why we are here...

Leadership, Education, and Networking!

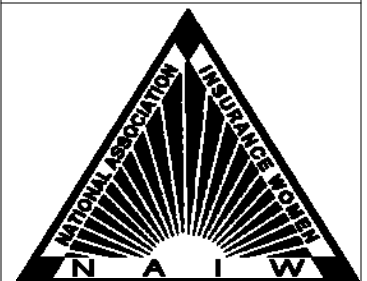
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Please submit any articles of interest, classes completed or designations earned for publication in the newsletter via email to nlambrecht@wbmi.com or awulf@wbmi.com



"To provide all members with a comfortable & encouraging environment, with opportunities to learn, share, and grow through education and networking"



Calendar of Events

May 18	Year-End Banquet	WB Country Club
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Enjoy your summer and see you next year. Look for your meeting announcement in early September!!



Thank you past executives, board members, and committee chairs for your hardwork and dedication during the 2010-2011 term. You made the year fun, enjoyable and memorable.

2010-2011 Executives

- President:** Amy Baier
- Vice President:** Joan Kuhn
- Treasurer:** Meri Lou Chambers
- Secretary:** Karrie Isken
- Board Members:** Jen Weiterman, Fran Clawson, Mary Wittmann
- Past President:** Connie Kempke

Committee Chairs

- | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Audit | Joan Kuhn | Awards/Nominating | Sue VanCamp/Connie Kempke |
| Budget | Jessica Greisch | Bylaws/Legislative | Pam Allison |
| Education/Safety | Cindie Pitz/Joan Kuhn | Fundraising | Barb Bauer |
| Long-Range Planning | Jill Clark | Membership | Jen Weiterman |
| Newsletter | Natasha Lambrecht/
Andrea Wulf | Website | Janine Prusow |
| Programs | Mary Wittmann | Public Relations | Jessica Klas |
| Social | Tricia Gettelman & Sherry Williams | | |



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Congratulations to our recently elected executives and board members for the 2011-2012 term. We are looking forward to your new ideas and what is in store for next year.

**CHECK US OUT!!
This was a photo
from Regional 2011
in Rockford, IL.**



Many of you have already submitted your NAIW renewal paperwork – thank you! Be advised that the 11/12 annual dues are increasing slightly – National increased from \$86 to \$88.50 and Local Dues increased from \$39 to \$39.50 so the new total dues for the coming year will be \$128.

Contact Amy Baier or another board member with any questions or concerns.

May 2011 KMIP Banquet

Place: West Bend Country Club
5858 County Hwy Z, West Bend 262-334-9541

When: Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Time: 5 pm Networking – Cash bar available

Dinner: 5:45 pm

Choose One:

Almond Crusted Tilapia

Fresh tilapia coated with almond crumbs, sauteed and served on bed of Citrus Beurre Blanc Sauce, served with rice pilaf and fresh seasonal vegetables

Pork Loin Parisienne

Whole roasted pork loin brushed with Dijon mustard, bread crumbs, herbs and garlic, served with Parisienne style potato and fresh seasonal vegetables

Specialty House Salad

Lettuce blend topped with tomato, red onion and cucumber, finished with honey mustard vinaigrette

Warm Dinner Rolls, Butter

Strawberry Trifle, served in a martini glass

Colombian Coffee, Herbal Tea

Cost: \$18 – payment by check (to KMIP) or exact cash when checking in

Program: 6:30 pm

Keynote Speaker: Jack Riesch–R&R Insurance

Business Meeting

Installation of Officers

RSVP: By Thursday, May 12th to Karrie Isken at kisken@wbmi.com, be sure to include your choice of entrée

Reminder. If you respond that you are attending the meeting and do not attend, you will still be charged for the cost of the meal.

We encourage you to invite your manager or another representative from your company to attend this meeting in appreciation of their support for KMIP.

Directions

To West Bend Country Club

From Milwaukee:

Travel north on Interstate 41/45

Take the 45 split to West Bend

Take the 2nd West Bend Exit – Hwy 33 or Washington Street

Take a left traveling west on 33 about 2 ½ miles until you reach Hwy Z

Take a left on Hwy Z (it only goes left) traveling south.

About 1½ miles you will see the Club on the left side.

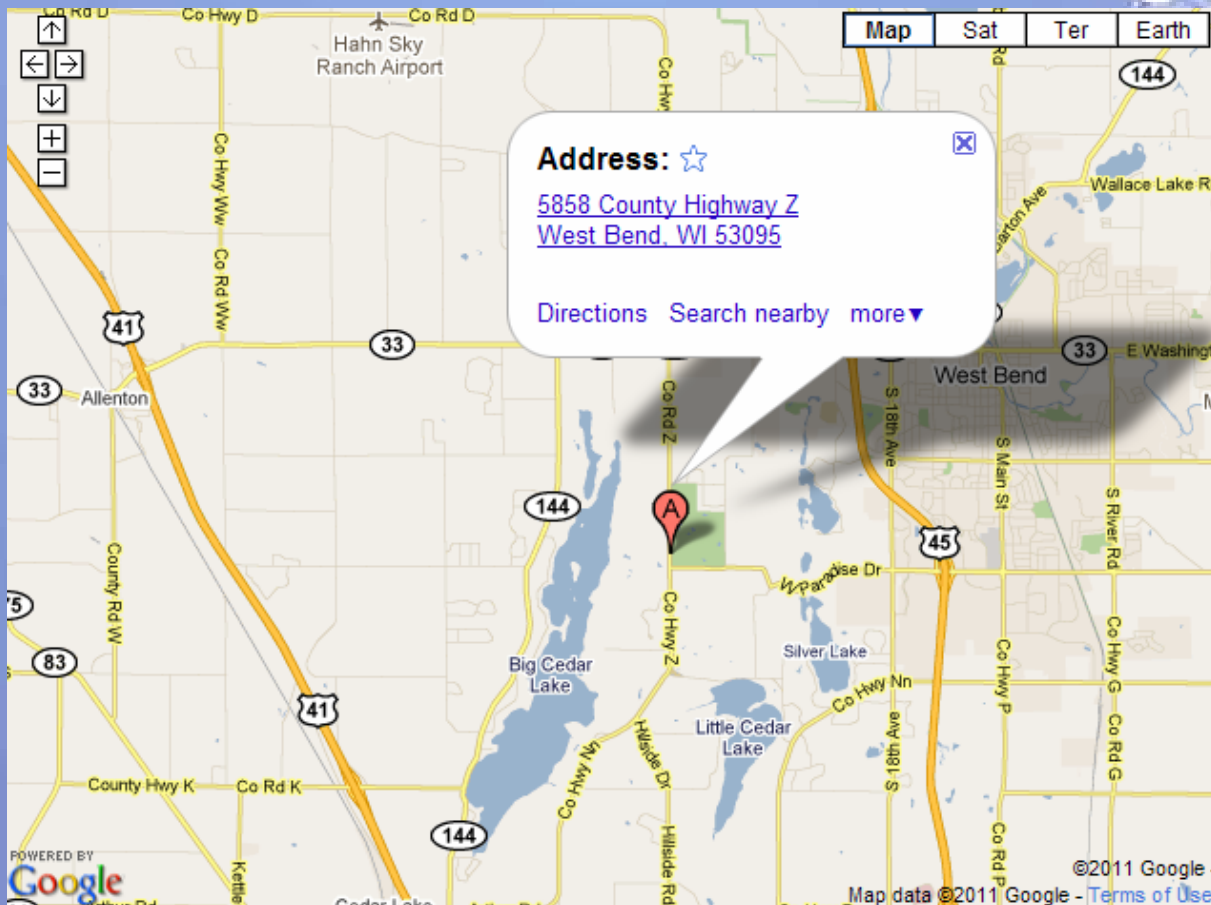
From the North:

Traveling south on Interstate 41 take the Allenton/West Bend exit.

Take a left (traveling east) go east around 7 miles until you reach Hwy Z

Take a right on Hwy Z (it only goes right) traveling south.

About 1½ miles you will see the Club on the left side.





Congratulations to Jessica and John Klas on the birth of their son April 8!

His name is Jaxon Brian and he weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Jessica is a Claims representative II in Claims – Workers Compensation.



Loose clothing claims 2 workers' lives in 2 incidents

Safetynewsalerts.com 2/18/11

Fred Hosier

It may be part of what workers wear every day, but these two recent incidents show that around moving machinery parts, loose clothing can prove fatal.

An employee at Green 46 Recycling in Rochester, WI, died when his clothing got tangled in machinery at the recycling company.

Kyle Wene was working on a conveyor belt used to process asphalt shingles for recycling. The belt caught Wene's clothing and choked him, according to authorities.

In another incident, Glen Pullins was working at Power Zone Equipment in Center, CO, when his arm got caught in machinery. By the time co-workers turned off the machine, Pullins was dead.

Investigators believe Pullins' coat sleeve was caught by the moving parts of the machine and he was pulled in.

OSHA is investigating both fatalities.

A reminder for workers: Loose clothing or jewelry can become caught in moving parts, and when that happens, the result is often loss of limb or life.



Several KMIP members and their families recently participated in the city-wide **Clean Up Green Up** effort. Pictured to the left: Connie Kempke, Kathy Mertes, Cindie Pitz, Ann Stockhausen, Jen Weiterman (holding daughter Abby), Linda Hautala, Amber Hautala. A BIG thanks to you all for taking time out of your busy Saturday to beautify 18th Avenue!

Top 10 signs you may be a victim of workers' comp fraud

Safetynetaalert.com May 28, 2010 by Fred Hosier

How do you know that the worker who claims to have been injured on the job isn't committing workers' comp fraud? Over the years, employers and insurance companies have uncovered some telltale signs.

Any one of these red flags alone probably isn't enough reason to suspect fraud. There's a better chance the worker may be trying to pull one over on you notice a few of these situations:

1. The disgruntled employee. While a worker known as a regular complainer might seem to be the most likely candidate, also consider workers who were recently denied vacation time, demoted or disciplined, and are keeping quiet about it.
2. Difficult to contact. Injured employees who are difficult to contact at home may be working at other jobs. Also, beware when employees aren't available immediately but call right back. In the age of cell phones, people at home can call employees at their new jobs, and then the employees call back using their cell phones.
3. The new employee. Statistics show the newer the employee, the more likely a claim is fraudulent.
4. No witness. This is more likely to be a red flag when the employee normally doesn't work alone.
5. Unusual circumstance. This one is related to no witness. Was the employee supposedly working somewhere they wouldn't be normally?
6. Rough hands. Calluses or grease under fingernails may be a sign that the worker is double-dipping at another job.
7. Knows about workers' comp. Does the employee show an unusual knowledge about the workers' comp system?
8. 24-hour lawyer. Did the employee get a lawyer very soon after the injury occurred?
9. Doctor shopping. A request for a second opinion may not be a red flag, but watch out when the need for a new physician happens after the first doctor says the employee can go back to work.
10. Good timing (for the employee). This includes before a layoff and injuries that are reported early on a Monday — a sign that the injuries may have happened off-the-job, over the weekend.