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Quarterly Newsletter of the Northern Nevada Claims Association



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#### **Letter from the President**

Dear Northern Nevada Association Members,



The summer has rushed past us, fall is here and winter is ahead. As the weather changes, we should take the time to get prepared. This can involve various aspects from vehicle maintenance, updating equipment to continuing education. When you are prepared to respond to an urgent issue, your confidence will make you successful.

We have had to move our lunch meeting dates to the first Thursday of the month to keep our current location, which seems to work out quite well. There was no September lunch presentation due to our annual bowling tournament.

This past October, our lunch presenter was Donna Stewart, Risk Services Consultant from Wells Fargo Insurance Services on Worker's Compensation and Disability. Prevention and communication with employees are key ways to control your exposure. Our sponsor for the lunch was Ringler Associates.

The November lunch presentation topic was Construction Defects, presented by <u>Steve Castronova</u> and <u>Marshall Smith.</u> As it was noted, you should be aware of the procedures to undertake a proper investigation to determine the exposure. The sponsor for the lunch was <u>Intracorp</u>.

There will be no December lunch presentation due to the Holidays that are upon us so quickly. We will resume January 7, 2009 and will send you a reminder. Please accept our best wishes to you for a safe and happy Holiday season!

All of us should be very proud of our successful <a href="Bowling">Bowling</a>
<a href="Tournament">Tournament</a>, this year dedicated to the Memory of Marshall Newman. Marshall was our past president and Care Chest board member. All 24 lanes were sold out, with great raffle prizes, food and drink. A good time time was had by all, check out the web site for photos.

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Thanks to the food Sponsor - All Sierra Environmental, Drink Sponsor - BELFOR **Property Restoration and** Trophy Sponsor - JM Environmental. A big thank you to all who provided the raffle and door prizes. As a result of this group effort, the Association presented to Patti Meals of Care Chest, a check for \$1,000. In addition to that check, Reel Construction and First General Fire and Flood Restoration made direct donations to Care Chest.

They key to our continuing and future success is your participation in attending our monthly meetings and providing your suggestions for speakers and topics. See you at our next lunch meeting!!

Paul R Camacho, ARM, RPA Mission Adjusters President, Northern Nevada Claims Association

#### **Lunch & Learns**

Cost: Members: \$20, Non-members: \$25

**Sponsorships:** (\$150). Allows your company to put promotional items at each seat and make a 3-minute presentation at the beginning of the meeting. More details.

#### Northern Nevada January Lunch & Learn

Thursday, **January 7**, 2010 • 12 noon - 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** South Valleys Library 15650A Wedge Parkway, Reno

**Topic: Xactimate Tips & Tricks** 

Speaker: Paul Gardner of BELFOR Property Restoration, Certified Xactimate Trainer

"I didn't know it could do that!" and "I wish I knew that years ago!" are common reactions to learning Xactimate features and time-saving tricks that make estimating faster, more efficient, and more accurate.

RSVP Online or call (775) 333-5967 to reserve your spot by Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

Sponsor: <u>JM Environmental, Inc.</u>

#### More Classic Quotes from Actual Auto Claims



"The accident happened when the right front door of a car came round the corner without giving a signal."

"No one was to blame for the accident but it would never have happened if the other driver had been alert."

"I was unable to stop in time and my car crashed into the other vehicle. The driver and passengers then left immediately for a vacation with injuries."

"The pedestrian ran for the pavement, but I got him."

"I saw her look at me twice. She appeared to be making slow progress when we met on impact."

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#### Nevada Claims Association Mission Statement

The object of the Association shall be to guide the activities of insurance adjusters in Nevada in such a way as to maintain the dignity of the profession; to establish standards of conduct and technical abilities; to encourage cooperation and foster cordial relations among them; to improve adjusting methods; to encourage educational efforts in all subjects relating to adjusting and to promote the general welfare of the insurance business.

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