

# Coastal Bend Association of Health Underwriters



## CALENDAR

- January 5th BOD Meeting
- January 13th Monthly Luncheon
- February 2nd BOD Meeting
- February 10th Monthly Luncheon
- TAHU Ledge Day Registration



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**Insuring the health of our community, one person at a time.**

At UnitedHealthcare, we're dedicated to the communities we serve, and believe nothing should stand in the way of quality, affordable health care. We're forging ahead with innovative plans that offer convenient access, tremendous value, and practical solutions to help our members enjoy better health while keeping their costs down. We're proud to be affiliated with organizations committed to similar ideals. That's why we're honored to sponsor the Coastal Bend Association of Health Underwriters.



**Robbi Burgess,**  
Account Executive, Corpus Christi

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## January 2010

### **Presidential Ponderings...**



January brings about a new year and new challenges for us as individuals and as a chapter. We are in the fight for our lives with health care reform. If our government officials put government in charge, we as agents, will be on the way out the back door. We bring so much value to individuals and employers with our knowledge and guidance in health care that it will leave an enormously large hole on SERVICE. If you want to know what service the government provides try calling Social Security or Medicare for help. Many of us have stepped in to help friends and family and we know what this is like, but the general public has no idea.

Please talk about this with everyone you know and encourage them to call, write, fax, etc. their representatives in Washington to keep the government from taking over health care. Health care in the United States is the best in the world. We do have some problems with cost and it definitely needs attention, but we shouldn't throw out everything that 85% of Americans like to provide for 15% of Americans that don't have coverage.

Our Speaker for January will be Kay Wakeham, Growth Coach. We can always use help to grow more personally and professionally. She has spoken to many organizations in Corpus Christi and I know we will enjoy her presentation. Please try to be there to take advantage of this great speaker. This will help you personally and professionally to grow in 2010.

The Board of Directors voted in the January Board Meeting to have our chapter join the Chamber of Commerce. We feel this will give us more visibility and possibly reach more people to provide our services to. We will receive membership opportunities that you may want to take advantage of this year. As these opportunities arise we will advise the membership. Another reason to be a member!

Please continue to monitor the news and information from NAHU regarding health care reform. Be sure you send in those Operation Shouts when asked to and give to the GRIP efforts to save our industry. Remember, \$5 buys 7 chances to win a prize at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Tina Durand, President



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# Public Service Corner

Public Service Chair, Nidia Hafer

**CBAHU** is Proud to Participate  
in the Corpus Christi Literacy  
Council

AN EVENING OF FUN WITH

*SCRABBLE*  
**FEST**

**GROUP SCRABBLE GAMES**

**Date of Event:** Thursday, January 28, 2010

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Place:** Hilton Garden Inn

6717 South Padre Island Drive

**CBAHU has a Team Table & we have some seats available. So if you wish to participate please contact Nidia Hafer at**

658-5630 or [ndhafer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ndhafer@sbcglobal.net)

## Kudos Korner

**Congratulations CBAHU!!!**

**Our chapter is now a proud members of the**

**Corpus Christi**

**Chamber of Commerce!!!!**

**Membership Note:**



Please take a moment to say "thank you" to the following members whose anniversaries are this month! A special thank you to those members who have renewed!!!

**Robbi Burgess, Andrea Chisolm, Richard Galen, Larry Grove, Polly Harris, Gilbert Perez, Lisa Perez, Tiffany Pharis**



COME HAVE LUNCH WITH US!

**WEDNESDAY, January 13th, 2010**  
**“NEW LOCATION”**

**Corpus Christi Yacht Club**

98 Coopers Alley

**Sponsored By:**

**United Healthcare**

*Luncheon Speaker:*

**Kay Wakeham**

**Growth Coach**

**RSVP to JoAnne Lindeman**

**@ 779-3341**

[joannelindeman@yahoo.com](mailto:joannelindeman@yahoo.com)

**No later than Friday the 8<sup>th</sup>, Noon, please!!!**

Lunch

\$20.00 per member with RSVP

\$30.00 per member with no RSVP

\$20.00 per guest of member with RSVP (single visit)

\$30.00 per non-member/guest

(waived if you join CBAHU at the meeting!)



CBAHU will reimburse the registration fee for any active member who wishes to attend the TAHU Legislative Day. Please see the registration form below, and send your registration receipt to Elsie Gaertner at [elsiefg@swbell.net](mailto:elsiefg@swbell.net).



**Tomorrow - January 5 - is the hotel reservation cutoff date to receive the preferred group rates!**

**Make your reservation and  
REGISTER TODAY for the  
TAHU's 16th Annual Legislative Day  
aka Day at the Capitol  
Focus On The Future!**

**January 21, 2010**

**Intercontinental Stephen F. Austin Hotel  
Austin, Texas**

**You Can't Miss It!**

The Texas Association of Health Underwriters Legislative Council is proud to present our annual legislative meeting where you are provided the opportunity to discuss issues affecting your clients, and given the current climate of healthcare today, there's no better time than now!

This is your opportunity to be on the leading edge of change in our industry.

We are planning an outstanding event for 2010 and have top industry representatives who will speak on current events and issues that are important to every consumer today. We will also provide a forum for members to help shape the agenda for the next legislative session in Texas. Visit the TAHU calendar at <http://www.tahu.org/cde.cfm?event=260517> for agenda and hotel details and how you can register for this great event - either online or by completing the attached registration form. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

**The hotel reservation cutoff date is January 5, 2010 and the early bird registration deadline is January 7, 2010.**

**REGISTER TODAY!**