



2019 CPCU Society Leadership Summit in Denver



By Sue Snyder, CPCU, Past President and Chapter Administrator

Denver for the CPCU Society Leadership Summit. It was a valuable time meeting people from across the country and gaining additional information on current insurance trends and leadership tips. Several of the sessions I enjoyed were Mega Trends – When Cars Lose Their Drivers, Secrets of Dynamic Communication – Modern Tools for Everyday Presentations, Lifelong Learning: Enjoy the Journey and Trust the Process, and Networking and Planning Successful Events. The opening session

was an excellent presentation by Corinne Hancock on Thriving in Chaos. The presentation focused on using chaos to your advantage and to make us stronger. Lastly, the interest groups met to assist the society with webinars, seminars, education and support. I highly encourage everyone to join an interest group and become involved. Next year, the Leadership Summit will be held in Portland, Oregon, April 30-May 2. We hope to see you there.

In April, over 300 insurance professionals from 100 different chapters and 14 interest groups came to



Attendees networking and socializing at the 2019 Leadership Summit, April 4-6, in Denver



Join us for our 3rd annual Pedal Hopper and Summer Social in partnership with Professionals in Workers Compensation (PWC)

July 25, 2019 – 5:30-9:00 p.m.
CPCU Members free! Guests \$20.

Meet at 5:30 at Stem Ciders.
See link for details & [register now!](#)

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2019 P&C Insurance Day at the Colorado Capitol

By Sue Snyder, CPCU, Past President and Chapter Administrator

The 2019 P&C Insurance Day at the Capitol was another great event. Our Colorado CPCU Chapter was one of the hosts this year. There was a jam-packed agenda including observing floor action in the house and senate gallery, hearing a presentation regarding the Kilo Car, listening to legislators discuss bills important to the insurance industry, and learning first-hand what is happening in the Colorado legislature from Colorado Insurance Lobbyists. There are currently many bills circulating at the Capitol which may impact insurance:

- Regulation of Electric Scooters
- Disclosure of Insurance Liability Coverage
- Insurance Disclosures and Supervision
- Use of Mobile Electronic Devices While Driving
- Establish Colorado Fire Commission
- Peer to peer Motor Vehicle Sharing Program
- Adjust Damages Limitations for Inflation
- Healthcare Provider Liens
- Consumer Protection Act Damages



The Kilo Car



Carole Walker, Executive Director, RMIIA

Nearly 200 insurance professionals attended from across the region. CPCU's are able to attend this event for free as a membership benefit. We hope to have you join us next year. A special thank you to Rocky Mountain Insurance Information Association for holding the event each year.

Save the Dates!

- July 25 – Pedal Hoppers Social
- Aug. 20 – New Designee Event
- Sept. 17 – Luncheon Meeting
- Sept. 21-24 – Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Nov. 1 – I-Day
- Dec. 17 – Holiday Luncheon

New Designees of 2019

(Designation awarded between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019)

Congratulations on earning the CPCU® designation!

- Jeffrey Carlin – Nationwide
- Christopher Colwell – Zurich American Insurance
- Brad Greenwood – CRC Insurance Services
- Kara Holtgreive – Lockton Companies
- David Lancaster – Great American Insurance Co.
- Brooke Lucas – Pinnacle Assurance
- Wesley Merriman – American Family Mutual Insurance Co., SI
- Lori Miller – LPL Financial
- Kevin Moogan – All Risks Limited
- Christine Olmsted – Thomas J. Sisk & Co.
- Renee Pettinato – Mosley City of Aurora Colorado
- John W. Reichmeier – Lockton Companies
- Cindy Stevens – Treasury and Risk Solutions, LLC
- John Sutton – Travelers Companies Inc.
- Tyler Tassinari – Liberty Mutual
- Taylor Taylor – GEICO-.Plaza
- Gary Trute – Nationwide Agribusiness
- Jonathan Weinroth – Zurich Insurance Group
- Xiaoqiang Zheng – State Farm - Colorado

Tips to Protect Homes During Summer Vacation



By Gary L. Hahn, CPCU, ARM, ALCM, CUSA, State Underwriting Manager, Colorado Farm Bureau Insurance Company

The summer vacation season is finally here! Time to get away for an extended stay at the beach, in the mountains, or at some far away exotic location on your “bucket list”. Your trip preparations should extend beyond locking your doors and setting timers for your lights – you’ll want to take some basic safety precautions to keep your house and belongings as safe as you can. Here are some suggestions to keep your home and possessions from becoming a theft or burglary statistic while you’re away.

Make a checklist. This will help to keep you from obsessing over whether you forgot to do something after you leave.

Keep your mouth shut. According to the American Automobile Association (AAA), one of the most critical steps families can take to protect their home while on vacation is to not broadcast that information online. There will be plenty of time to brag, blog and post pictures of your adventures after you return home.

Talk to your neighbors. Let them know when you will be gone. Have them watch out for unscheduled or unknown deliveries, and remove fliers left on your door knob by peddlers.

Secure your home. Make sure that all of the doors and windows are shut and locked before you leave, including small pet doors.

Lock up tool sheds and garages before leaving for vacation. If you haven’t locked your shed, thieves can easily steal your bicycle, mower, snow blower and tools. Lock up jewelry, the deed to your home, wills, and any other valuables or sensitive documents in a fire-proof safe, or put them in a bank safe deposit box.

Turn off or unplug your garage door opener. This is an effective way to keep thieves from opening your garage door with a universal remote.

Take hidden spare keys out of commission. Just don’t forget to re-hide them when you return!

Set automatic timers on lights for nighttime, including an outside light, so that your house isn’t completely dark at night while you’re away.

Unplug non-essential appliances so you don’t have to make a quick trip back to double check to verify that you haven’t left the iron “on”. Unplugging all unnecessary appliances (except those on timers, of course) will help protect your home from an electrical fire or power surge. This goes for the big stuff like TVs, but also for your desktop computer, toaster, coffee maker, and other small appliances.



Contact the police department and ask for an officer to periodically check on your home while you’re away.

Make your house look lived in – like someone is still there. Schedule lawn care. Stop the newspaper delivery (if you still receive it in print) or have someone pick it up daily. Put a hold on mail delivery – this is a free service from the Post Office. Newspapers piling up out front of a home, grass growing unruly and mail not being picked up from the mail box are all indicators that no one is home.

Leave window coverings in their normal open or closed position. Consider moving items such as electronics out of view from outside the home.

Lock your cars. Not taking your cars with you on vacation? They too are also susceptible to break-ins or total theft if parked outside. The biggest tip is to make sure they’re locked, and that you have removed the garage door remote control. Don’t leave any items of value in cars. Thieves are most likely not going to take the time to break a window to get into a locked car due to the time and noise involved. They will, however, look for unlocked cars, as they can steal items from an unlocked car and get away within seconds. Make sure the vehicles are parked properly. If they are not parked properly, they will draw attention to you being away.

Use a business address on your luggage tags instead of a home address if you are flying to your vacation destination – doing this can decrease the odds of your home being burglarized. Don’t leave a portable GPS in your car when you use long-term parking at the airport, either. It can alert thieves that you’re not home and give them a convenient map to your house.

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Business and Insurance Ethics Focus of March CE Presentation



By Mindy, O'Brien, CPCU, CIC, Colorado CPCU Society Chapter President, Colorado Territory Director, Acuity Insurance

The Colorado CPCU Society Chapter partnered with University of Colorado Denver and Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative to present “Business and Insurance Ethics”. Our event took place on March 19, 2019 at CU Denver Business School in downtown Denver. The location was centrally located within our community.

The presentation was unique, as it focused on the general public perception of the insurance profession. Did you know that the insurance industry was just one point above Senators and four points below attorneys in a 2012 Gallup survey ranking professions by honesty and ethical standards?

Thirty-two chapter members attended the event. This equates to 16% of our total membership. The attendance was diverse, as we included college students (CU Denver; Risk Management & Insurance; and Gamma Iota Sigma Beta Mu), community members; industry partners; and CPCU members. We were able to obtain CE Ethics credit for the states of Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas! The educational session was followed by an industry happy hour at Rhein Haus in downtown Denver. We

had our own room off to the side that was conducive to networking and socializing. The event was promoted on posters inside CU Denver business school, within Daniels Fund Ethics Initiative, on our Chapter website, and on our Chapter social media pages. Dr. Linda Fried was our presenter for the educational portion of the event. Dr. Fried has a diverse background including practicing law in three states,

with various graduate degrees – including both law and business degrees. She worked as a Vice President in charge of real estate acquisitions and licensing for a Fortune 100 corporation. Additionally, Dr. Fried owned several successful businesses. She has written several instructor manuals and additional online materials that accompany two of the most used business law texts for their publishers.



Dr. Fried



Tips to Protect Your Home During Vacation

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Consider installing a burglar alarm system, such as motion detection sensors inside the home, remote controlled lighting, live stream video, or 24-hour monitoring from security professionals. Don't let the anticipation of a well-deserved vacation blind you to the risks of leaving your home

unprotected. Burglars and thieves look for “easy” and “quick”, so they almost always go for the lowest hanging fruit. A little extra vigilance will help keep your property and belongings safer while you're gone – and will keep you from obsessing about security once you're on the road to fun and adventure.