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I'm back and happy to announce that we will be doing a newsletter once again, albeit in electronic form, here on our beautiful new website!

As stated before the purpose of this newsletter is to inform our colleagues on any new developments within the industry. The Newsletter encourages all our members to participate. Through participation, the Newsletter will allow us to learn more about the people and organizations that make up the New York Claim Association.

EDUCATION IS NOT A DESTINATION; IT IS AN ON-GOING JOURNEY!



An example of our dedication to keep our members as informed as possible is the seminar we are conducting on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at the NYS Insurance Fund, 199 Church Street, 15th floor auditorium, 8:00 AM registration, 9:00 AM program.

Our guest speaker is Mr. Kenneth "Kenny" Hosack. Mr. Hosack will be lecturing on "Catastrophic Injury Management." Mr. Hosack will describe best practices in the areas of claims and case management for injured workers with spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury. These practices include early identification and intervention, use of specialty centers, use of specialized and experienced clinical case managers, long term oversight and the value of family services and therapeutic recreation.

Mr. Hosack is the Director of Provider Relations at Craig Hospital in Denver. Mr. Hosack has worked at Craig for twenty out of the last thirty years. He also was a Regional Vice President for Learning Services Corporation, a national post-acute provider for patients with brain injury. On a volunteer basis Mr. Hosack chaired the Colorado Division of Workers Compensation Task Force for the development of medical Treatment Guidelines for Traumatic Brain Injury in 1996 and 2004. Mr. Hosack has authored several articles on catastrophic injury management and lectures frequently on the subject to insurance, claims, and case management executive.

Craig Hospital is a world-renowned private, non-profit rehabilitation hospital that specializes exclusively in treatment and research of patients with spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury. Craig treated patients from 48 states in 2006 and has been ranked in the top ten rehabilitation hospitals for 10 consecutive years by US News and World Report. *continue on pg. 2*

Mr. Hosack has been married for 23 years, and has three teenage children. The Hosack family appears to be the “first family” of lacrosse in Colorado. Mr. Hosack is a successful lacrosse coach, and has one the state tournament in their age group. All three of his children play lacrosse for their school.

Mr. Hosack loves the outdoors and for twenty one consecutive years he has hiked up Pikes Peak as a fundraiser for the Colorado Brain Injury Association, a state-wide non-profit support organization that he founded in 1980. When Mr. Hosack asks you to go for a walk, he means it! (A hike to me is running to the refrigerator for a snack.) In addition to all this, Mr. Hosack is a whitewater captain and has been rafting and kayaking for 30 years in Colorado. Mr. Hosack lives in Littleton, Colorado.

A WORD FROM YOUR EDITOR

Art Rogen



Thanksgiving is just around the corner. It happens to be my favorite holiday of the year. It is my favorite in spite of the fact that presents are not exchanged, trees are not decorated and no one sings “Auld Lang Syne.”

Then why is Thanksgiving my favorite holiday? It’s because it’s about being with family and friends. It’s about being thankful for all the good things that have happened over the year. It’s a time when we share wonderful memories of past Thanksgivings.

I want to wish everyone connected with our wonderful association a happy and healthy holiday. In particular, my thoughts turn to John Stack. I met John approximately five years ago. Immediately we struck up a nice friendship. I don’t really know if John was just being polite, but he always laughed at my jokes. Likewise, I always laughed at John’s jokes, sometimes just to be polite. John R. Stack is one of the guys you liked to hang around with, especially after a drink or two. To John and his family, I wish you strength, love and prayer. Bottoms up!

I am sure it was a shock to everyone to learn of the passing of Gary Ricker. Gary was a straight shooter who was not afraid to express his thoughts. He never, however, rubbed anybody the wrong way. A true gentleman.

At the last association meeting I spent some time with Gary discussing various ways to improve our organization. On behalf of everyone associated with our organization, I extend my utmost sympathy to all of Gary’s family.

GOOD BYE MR. HILLER; HELLO MR. SWEENEY

Ed Hiller. The first thing that comes into mind when you hear that name is his impeccable suits, his fantastic hair that wouldn’t dare to be out of place, and the fact that he is always cool as a cucumber. But I am here to state that Ed Hiller is much more than a pretty face. *continue on pg. 3*

Over the years I am proud to state that Ed and I have become good friends. I have learned that his word is his bond. The association will miss his leadership, though knowing Ed, the association will always be able to count on him in the future.

I want to welcome John Sweeney as the new president of our association. I am sure John will provide us with the leadership needed to continue developing new programs that will lead to future growth in regard to the NYCA. Good luck to you, John!

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

Saturday, December 9, 2006 will be our annual Holiday Dinner Dance at the Harvard Club. This truly is a wonderful event. If for some reason you have never attended this function, you are in for a treat.

David P. Wehner, Executive Director & CEO of the New York State Insurance Fund, will be honored.

John Sweeney Esq., chief of the New York City Law Department, will be installed as our new President. See you there!

