

April 2026 Newsletter

April 5	Happy Easter!
April 6	Registration deadline for IWSA 30th Annual Swing into Spring Golf Tournament.
April 7	Deadline to apply for the IIAT customer service scholarship. Details inside. But hurry, if interested.
April 13	IWSA 30th Annual Swing into Spring Golf Tournament, The Club at Sonterra. $200 per golfer. For sponsorship or player information, contact Krysten Haga, iwsafinance@gmail.com. *Flyer inside.*
April 14	Metroplex Insurance Professionals monthly meeting, Texas Star Golf Course and Conference Center, The Treaty Room, 6 p.m. Dinner $25, alcohol extra.
April 17-18	FIWT Leadership and Education Expo at Hilton College Station. Room rate $160. *Details inside.*
April 18	FIWT Hollywood Bingo fundraiser, Hilton College Station. $40. Open to all insurance folks in College Station as well as expo registrants. *Save the date inside.*
April 21	IWSA monthly luncheon at Anne Marie's.
May 28	Tarrant County Insurance Professionals 17th annual Putt-Putt Golf Tournament, Alleycats, 2004 W. Pleasant Ridge Rd., Arlington. Prizes in 12 categories. 630 p.m. Sign up to play or sponsor. lynben1212@hotmail.com
August 4	IACC Pitch In and Play Ball. Cheer on the Corpus Christi Hooks at a fun IACC fundraiser. *Flyer inside.*
Oct. 22-25	FIWT 82nd Annual Convention, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Denton Convention Center. Room rate is $179 per night.

Message from FIWT Mid-Year Liaison

Greetings from the Members-at-Large!



Have you started packing your bags yet? Are you ready for two full days of education, networking, inspiration, fun, and Hollywood Bingo? We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the Hilton College Station April 17 and 18. The updated schedule is available at www.fiwt.com.

Friday's schedule includes CIPT Module 2, a CIPT Update Class, and two 1-hour CE classes along with the Board Meeting. Dinner will be followed by the FIWT Under 40 event – Game Night.

Saturday will provide a 1-hour CE class, a 2-hour CE class, and a 1-hour non-CE class on Excel. Lunch will include Keynote Speaker, Courtney Parker, founder of Stage 3 Scholarship, an organization for students who have seen what cancer does to their families. A new event, FIWT Town Hall Meeting, will be followed by dinner and Hollywood Star Red Carpet Bingo. Everyone is encouraged to dress as their favorite movie star or character.

If your local hasn't responded yet, let us know if you're bringing door prizes for our event. And don't forget to bring items for the community service bags for distribution to families with a member going through cancer treatments.

Please plan to join us for fun, laughter, good food and reconnecting with our FIWT family and friends!

Conya Harris
FIWT Mid-Year Liaison and MAL Representative

Calling for door prizes for Mid-Year Expo. Contact Conya Harris.



Important Announcements

Customer Service Excellence Scholarship
IIAT has generously donated one space for its upcoming Customer Service Excellence Program to an FIWT member! This is a $739 value and consists of six online sessions. Additional information regarding the classes can be found online at IIAT.org and on a flyer in this issue. Any FIWT member interested in being considered for this scholarship should send an email to fiwt@fiwt.com. **Deadline is April 7.** Winner will be decided by a random name drawing, posted on social media and notified by email. ***Detailed flyer in this issue.***

Mid-Year Expo Door Prizes
Send an email to Conya Harris letting her know of your commitment for door prizes. Since MALs do not maintain a checking account, please bring cash donations and prizes to Mid-Year and turn in at the registration desk. Cash, gift cards and merchandise are all welcome. As customary, local associations are encouraged to help with door prizes. Local associations IWSA, DAIP and Metroplex have graciously volunteered the centerpieces for the Mid-Year meals.

ASAP
Sign up for an official visit by FIWT President Janet Dawson to your local association. Form to fill out is included in this issue.

Tell the boss
Industry membership includes an ad in every newsletter for the annual membership price of $200. Member application is available at the FIWT website. There are other membership benefits as well.

Complimentary subscription
FIWT members can sign up for a free subscription to the Texas Surplus Line Reporter and Insurance News. Send your preferred U.S. mail address to **adegraw722@aol.com** if you are not already receiving your complimentary copy of the monthly news.

Local Association News Briefs

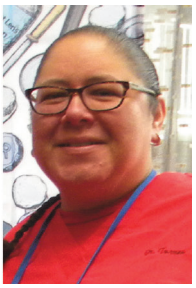
Members-at-Large
The MAL's are excited to be hosting the Mid-Year Expo at the Hilton College Station in just a couple of weeks. We hope you've turned in your registration and made your room reservation. Please join us for an educational, fun filled event.

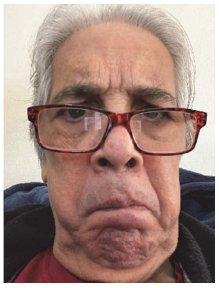
Insurance Women of San Antonio
IWSA is offering Fiesta medals this year, with all proceeds benefiting Haven for Hope. Pre-order your medal on the IWSA website. See flyer for more details, and reach out to Sarah Liberty sliberty@berkleymp.com with any questions. Plus, IWSA celebrated its 82nd birthday in March.

Tarrant County Insurance Professionals
April's TCIP lunch meeting is cancelled, as so many of the TCIP members are attending IIATC I-Day and staffing an FIWT booth there. Meanwhile, TCIP announces that starting in May, the lunch meeting is moving to the third Wednesday of the month, at noon, at the new location of Ol' South Pancake House, Fort Worth. *See flyer for address.*



Bylaws ... made fun by Vanessa Torres with Uncle Robert





This is the second of an eight-part survival guide to structure, order and keeping our meetings civilized.

Part 2: No, Robert Is Not in the Room

Robert's Rules exist so meetings don't turn into competitive interrupting.

It's not about being rigid. It's about being fair.

Here's what I mean:

Two members disagree strongly about a proposal. Without structure? The loudest voice wins. With basic parliamentary procedure? Everyone gets a chance to speak, and then we vote.

Fair > Loud. *(Fair is better than loud.)*

We Care

Many members of DAIP and FIWT knew and loved **Rick Pooler,** longtime sales executive with Imperial PFS in Allen, who passed away on March 13. In January, Rick took a serious fall. A funeral service was held on March 20. Cards may be sent to his wife Dian Pooler, 809 Meadowbrook Dr., Allen, TX 75002

Member at Large **Carol Tower,** past president of FIWT (2007-08), needs prayer warriors. Her breast cancer is back and surgery is scheduled for April 13. Please keep Carol in your prayers. Cards can be sent to Carol at 12074 CR 1200, Malakoff, TX 75148.

Sandra Waters' sister Soila Martinez passed away on March 16. Funeral services will be held in Corpus Christi. Please keep Sandra and her family in your prayers. Sandra's mailing address is 4207 Worth Forest Dr., Arlington, TX 76016.

Memorial services were held for **Sheila Lemma-Swartz** on March 15. Cards can be sent to Sheila's daughter, Selena Swartz, 605 Norwood Lane, Hearne, TX 77859.



Tanya Wyatt, past FIWT president 2022-23 and member of North Texas Insurance Professionals, and her husband Jimmy are blessed and excited to welcome their newest grandson Hudson Grant Wyatt, born Friday, March 13, 7.5 pounds, and 20.5 inches long. Mom and Dad Brayden and Huntlee Wyatt and Hudson are doing great.

MAL **Shirley Bowler's** niece, country singer **Karen Waldrup,** will be performing in The Woodlands at Dosey Doe Big Barn on Saturday, April 25, at 8:00 p.m.. Unobstructed seats are going for $36. The sound system in the Big Barn is really good.

from Member Care Chairman
Tanya Wyatt

Parliamentarian's Corner



Parliamentarian
Debbie Trees

April brings basic parliamentary procedure guidelines for board members and general membership to help meetings run smoothly, fairly and efficiently.

Parliamentarian's Tips for Board members

Tip #1 – Motions Must Come from the Board

Only board members may make motions and seconds during board meetings. This ensures proper governance and clarity of authority.

Tip #2 – Motions in Writing

All main motions must be submitted in writing and signed before consideration. This helps prevent misunderstandings and ensures accurate meeting records.

Tip #3 – State Your Name and Position

When recognized by the Chair, state your name and office or local association before presenting a motion or entering discussion.

Tip #4 – Speaking Privileges

The maker of a motion has the right to speak first, if desired. Be mindful of time limits to allow full and fair debate.

Tip #5 – Debate Limits Apply

Individual remarks are limited in time, and members should not speak a second time while others wish to speak unless permitted by the Board.

Tip #6 – Maintain Proper Decorum

Board meetings are conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*. Professional conduct helps ensure productive and respectful meetings.

Parliamentarian Tips for General Membership

Tip #1 – Wait to Be Recognized

If discussion is opened to the membership, raise your hand and wait to be recognized by the Chair before speaking. This helps keep the meeting orderly and fair for everyone.

Tip #2 – Address the Chair

Always direct your comments to the Chair rather than to another member. This keeps discussion respectful and on topic.

Tip #3 – Keep Comments Brief

When speaking, stay within the allotted time. Short, focused comments allow more members to participate in the discussion.

Tip #4 – One Speaker at a Time

Please avoid interrupting others. Robert's Rules ensure that every member has the opportunity to be heard.

Tip #5 – Respect the Vote

Once a vote is taken, the decision of the majority moves the organization forward. Even if you disagree, respecting the outcome helps meetings run smoothly.

FIWT Committee News

Education Resource Committee



The Education Resource committee has some exciting news that will be announced during the Mid-Year Expo business meeting. You won't want to miss it. Plan on attending the meeting on Friday April 17th at 4:30pm. See you there!

Community Service and Under 40



Sue Finke, FIWT community service chair, and **Macy Bennett,** FIWT Under 40 chair, remind members of locals to bring items requested for the FIWT community service project to an upcoming local meeting to make certain that the items get to Mid-Year. The FIWT Under 40 Committee is putting together bags at Mid-Year to distribute to families in the midst of a cancer fight. See the flyer in this newsletter for the item your local is asked to bring. Hoping to fill 30 bags of similar items. Look for the flyer in this newsletter.



Beacon Program

The Beacon Program is back in business. If any local president has not already sent the name of your local association's volunteer Beacon, please send ASAP to **Janet Dawson.** We are looking forward to pairing seasoned members with new members to help them navigate FIWT during their first year of membership. Beacons will share information about FIWT, Mid-Year Expo and Annual Convention. Let's do what we know we can to help strengthen the connection and engagement of newcomers.



Newsletter Committee

Due to the huge size of the newsletter file in March, the newsletter plan now is to print and reprint flyers as long as they are timely, but related forms to fill in only one time. Please make sure your flyer contains contact information to obtain related forms.

Shirley Bowler requests that all flyer and ad submissions for the FIWT newsletter be sent in PDF format, sized to 8.5" x 11" so no cropping or resizing is required to fit the flyer or ad in the newsletter.

Special thanks to Newsletter contributors for the April issue: Conya Harris, Tanya Wyatt, Destinie Kindle-Palmer, Tammy Tabor, Lynell Bennett, Debbie Hamilton, Erin LeBlanc, Sheryl Watkins and Teresa Arizmendi. And proofreaders: Conya Harris, Angie Cash, and Lisa Bumpas.



Scrapbook

Keep your submissions coming for the President's scrapbook. Please send digital photos and videos of activities to give Janet Dawson a full record of her term as president of FIWT. Send photos and videos to Fiwtscrapbook@gmail.com.

Have you sent your local association's contributions yet?



MID-YEAR ANNOUNCEMENT

🎉 **Ready, Set, Register!** 🎉
Mid-Year Registration is officially open and waiting for you online!

Click the link below or go to FIWT.com > Event>Mid-Year

Click here to Register online

FIWT.com

2026 Leadership & Education Midyear Registration
Hilton College Station
801 University Drive East, College Station, TX 77840
April 17-18, 2026

Name: _____ **Designation:** _____

Company: _____ **Local:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **ST** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

NOTE: A full registration includes classes starting on Friday morning and all-day Saturday. Registration fees include Friday lunch and dinner, Saturday lunch and dinner. Early Registration deadline is March 27th, 2026. All fees are non-refundable after March 31st, 2026. Please write legibly. All terms, listings, times and classes subject to change without notice

Registration Fee *(Check all that apply)*	**Postmarked before 3/27**	**Postmarked after 3/27**
Full Conference		
☐ FIWT Member	$150	$200
☐ Non-Member	$180	$230
Certified Insurance Professional of Texas (CIPT) Module # 2		
☐ FIWT Member	$50	
☐ Non-Member	$100	
CIPT Update Course		
☐ FIWT Member	$25	
☐ Non-Member	$50	
Hollywood Star Red Carpet Bingo		
☐ BINGO	$40	

Extra Individual Function Tickets (for guests not fully registered above)

☐ Friday Lunch	Name:	_____	$50
☐ Friday Night Dinner and Event	Name:	_____	$70
☐ Saturday Lunch Only	Name:	_____	$50
☐ Saturday Dinner Only	Name	_____	$70

Total Amount Enclosed: $

Payment must accompany your registration! Make checks payable to FIWT

Hotel Room Reservations
Hilton College Station
801 University Dr. East,
College Station, TX 77840
For hotel reservations, contact the hotel direct at 979-693-7500
Refer to FIWT Mid-Year
Room rate - $160 Double or King
Cutoff for room rate – March 27, 2026

Mail completed registration form and payment to:
FIWT
4701 Almena Rd, River Oaks, TX 76114

Pay by credit card – email form to FIWT@FIWT.com and request an invoice for payment.

For more information visit www.fiwt.com

FIWT 82nd Mid-Year EXPO

April 17-18, 2026

Hilton College Station, 801 University Dr, College Station TX 77840

Friday April 17th – Attire: Gold & Purple Themed *(jeans and capris are acceptable)*		
7:30 – 12:00 **1:50 – 4:15**	**Attendee Registration Desk Open**	
8:00 – 10:00	**CIPT Module class #2 –** Topic: Building Rapport for Effective Problem-Solving Skills *Taught by Shanna Sutton*	
9:00 -10:00	**CIPT Update –** Topic: You're a new manager-Now what? *Taught by Janet Dawson & Vanessa Torress*	
10:15 – 12:15	**CE Class -Getting your submission to the top of the stack-TSLA** *Taught by Ryan Handler (2 hour)*	
12:30 – 1:45	**Lunch –**	
2:00 – 3:00	**CE Class- Additional Insured's-TSLA** *Taught by Ryan Handler (1 hour)*	
3:15 – 4:15	**CE Class- Contractual Liability-TSLA** *Taught by Greg Rubel (1 hour)*	
4:30 – 5:45	**Board Meeting**	
6:00 – 9:00	**Dinner, followed by an FIWT Under 40 event, Game Night**	
Saturday April 18th – Attire: Gold & Purple Themed *(jeans and capris are acceptable)*		
8:30 – 12:15	**Attendee Registration Desk Open**	
9:00 – 11:00	**CE Class – Hey, That's Fraud –** *Taught by Tai Jenkins (2 hours ethics)*	
11:15 -12:15	**Non - CE Class – Excel with Excel** *Taught by: Meagan Kennemer-(1 hour)*	
12:30 – 2:00	**Lunch w/Key Note Speaker:** Courtney Parker w/ Stage 3 Scholarship	
2:15 – 4:15	**CE Class-Premium Finance Express-IPFS** *Taught by Taylor Chafin (2 hour)*	
4:30 – 5:30	**FIWT Town Hall Meeting** (Attendance is expected for Local Presidents and MAL Representatives, all members are encouraged to attend.)	
6:30 – 9:30	**Dinner and Bingo** **Theme:** Hollywood Star Red Carpet Event Attire: dress as your favorite movie star/character	

Local Association Presidents/MAL Representative

As a member of the FIWT Board of Directors, you or your proxy's attendance is required at the following meetings:

Friday: Mid-Year Board Meeting at 4:30pm

(Please bring 2 copies of your report – 1 for you and 1 for the FIWT Recording Secretary)

Saturday: Special Called Meeting at 4:30pm

Your 2025-26 FIWT Officers

President
Janet Dawson, CIC, CRM, CIPT

President Elect
Meagan Kennemer

Vice President
Destinie Palmer

Recording Secretary
Teresa Arizmendi

Corresponding Secretary
Sheryl Watkins

Immediate Past President
Debbie Johnson, Dual ACSR, CIPT

FIWT Past Presidents- Thank you to the previous leaders for their service to FIWT.

1944-45 Ruth Fredde Bookout*	1972-73 Marie Shuler	2000-01 Toni Campbell
1945-46 Sally Walsh Downs*	1973-74 Laila Grant*	2001-02 Judy Walker
1946-47 Edith O Buckmann*	1974-75 Janey Maeker	2002-03 Sandra J. Waters
1947-48 Merle P. Stieler*	1975-76 Lavernne Williams*	2003-04 Shannon Dahlke
1948-49 Ann Barker*	1976-77 Vera Kietzer*	2004-05 Jimmie Gale Berg
1949-50 Mary Doug Stephens*	1977-78 Hazel Andrews*	2005-06 Kim McFarland
1950-51 Natalie Murphy*	1978-79 Claire Bledsoe*	2006-07 Suzanne Butler
1951-52 Vina Meier*	1979-80 Rosa Lee Evans*	2007-08 Carol Tower
1952-53 Faye A. Schnuriger*	1980-81 Betty Turner	2008-09 Susan Tyner
1953-54 Alyce Schwab*	1981-82 Frances Reeves*	2009-10 Teri Jones
1954-55 Nina N. Copus*	1982-83 Lottie Harmon	2010-11 Linda Saupp
1955-56 Lucie M. Lillis*	1983-84 Nelda Willis*	2011-12 Conya Harris
1956-57 Lera Penrod*	1984-85 Mary Gunn	2012-13 JoAnna Ringel
1957-58 Beatrice Greenfield*	1985-86 Sharon Edge*	2013-14 Vanessa Torres
1958-59 Polly Lewis*	1986-87 Toni Williams	2014-15 Gigi Heffernan
1959-60 Jewell S. Tindall*	1987-88 Barbara Bridges	2015-16 Sharon Hubbard
1960-61 Glenn Epstein*	1988-89 Becki Tucker	2016-17 Donna Williams
1961-62 Wanda Dannelly*	1989-90 Dorine Fine*	2017-18 Shanna Sutton
1962-63 Isabel Martin*	1990-91 Pat O'Neal*	2018-19 Cindy Jordan
1963-64 Mellie Powell*	1991-92 Elaine Wolfe	2019-21 Wendy Rhoden
1964-65 Jessie Eubank*	1992-93 Liz Patterson	2021-22 Sue Finke
1965-66 Jane Cyva*	1993-94 Valarie Bullock	2022-23 Tanya Wyatt
1966-67 Mary Campanella*	1994-95 Diana Beith	2023-24 Debbie Trees
1967-68 Lucy Fewell*	1995-96 Linda Attaway*	2024-25 Debbie Johnson
1968-69 Mary Louise McDaniel	1996-97 Robbie M. Cranford*	
1969-70 Jane Jenkins*	1997-98 Susana Ramirez	
1970-71 Lola Brooks*	1998-99 Anna Maria Kizer	
1971-72 Marion White*	1999-00 Marti Powell	

Scholarship Opportunity

Donated By: IIAT



$739 Value!

When conversations get difficult or time runs short, it helps to have a consistent approach.

This 6-week program focuses on practical skills for agency service teams.

Customer Service Excellence Program

🗓️ Tuesdays, April 21 – May 26, 2026

⏰ 9 – 10:30 a.m.

🎓 Certificate awarded upon completion

IIAT Education, in collaboration with New Level Partners, presents the **Customer Service Excellence Program**—a series of live, engaging workshops focused on strengthening customer relationships and fostering teamwork. Participate to learn practical skills you can apply immediately, and earn a certificate upon completing the program.

- Six live workshops focused on critical customer service skills
- Topics include customer communication, time management, negotiations, and more
- Interactive sessions led by New Level Partners, experts in insurance learning solutions
- Convenient Zoom workshops, 9 – 10:30 a.m.
- Certificate of completion awarded after all sessions

Six live workshops focused on critical customer service skills.

1. Customer Centricity - Mindful Service

Workshop 1

April 21 | 9 - 10:30 a.m.

2. Customer Communication

Workshop 2

April 28 | 9 - 10:30 a.m.

3. Email Essentials

Workshop 3

May 5 | 9 - 10:30 a.m.

4. Leading Difficult Customer Calls with Confidence

Workshop 4

May 12 | 9 - 10:30 a.m.

5. Time Management Success

Workshop 5

May 19 | 9 - 10:30 a.m.

6. Introduction to Negotiations

Workshop 6

May 26 | 9 - 10:30 a.m.

To apply for scholarship please email fiwt@fiwt.com with your name and that you would like to be considered for the scholarship. Deadline is 4/7/26 7PM – winner will be decided by random name drawing.

IACC Attends the Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend Annual Banquet

Members of IACC had the privilege of attending the Pregnancy Center of the Coastal Bend's Annual Banquet, an inspiring evening dedicated to supporting life, families, and the important work being done in our community.

The evening included powerful presentations, meaningful stories, and an opportunity to celebrate the impact the Pregnancy Center continues to make for mothers and babies across the Coastal Bend.





IACC March Luncheon

IACC members recently gathered for our March Luncheon at our new location, The Exchange. The afternoon included a productive business meeting, great conversation, exciting door prizes, and a delicious lunch. A big thank you to People's Premium Finance for sponsoring our lunch and supporting IACC. We appreciate their generosity and partnership!













TARRANT COUNTY INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS

TCIP will host our 17th Annual Putt-Putt Golf Tournament on Thursday May 28th, 2026
Putt-Putt Golf/Alleycats
2004 W. Pleasant Ridge Rd.
Arlington TX 76015
Time: 6:30 to 9:00 PM

REGISTRATION: Registration starts at 6:30 includes: 2 hours of golf, $10.00 game card, a hot dog and drink. Adults (13 & up) $30.00 each and Kids (12 & under) $20.00 each. FYI adult beverages (21 & over) and other food items will be available for purchase from Alley Cats which is adjacent to Putt Putt.

SCHEDULE: Shotgun start at 7:00, Awards will be immediately following the tournament for the following groups:

Male 2 to 5	Female 2 to 5
Male 6 to 12	Female 6 to 12
Male 13 to 17	Female 13 to 17
Male 18 to 40	Female 18 to 40
Male 41 to 55	Female 41 to 55
Male 56 & Older	Female 56 & Older

You may register individually or build your own team.

Please send your check with your registration payable to:
TCIP (Tarrant County Insurance Professionals)
4701 Almena Road, River Oaks, TX 76114

Questions: Lynell Bennett at lynben1212@hotmail.com or 713-705-7754 cell

REGISTRATION FORM (Please include payment with this registration form)

Golfer Name:_____Male/Female-AGE_____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Additional Golfers: Please advise age and please circle gender for all golfers!

Name: _____Male/Female – AGE_____

Name: _____Male/ Female- AGE_____

Name: _____Male/ Female-AGE_____

TARRANT COUNTY INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS

TCIP will host our 17th Annual Putt-Putt Golf Tournament on Thursday May 28th, 2026

Putt-Putt Golf/Alleycats
2004 W. Pleasant Ridge Rd.
Arlington TX 76015

Please help us with our 2021 Fundraising Program by sponsoring a Hole, Tournament Prizes, Door Prizes or Nothing Specific for our Putt-Putt Tournament!! Awards will be given for the following groups:

Male 2 to 5	Female 2 to 5
Male 6 to 12	Female 6 to 12
Male 13 to 17	Female 13 to 17
Male 18 to 40	Female 18 to 40
Male 41 to 55	Female 41 to 55
Male 56 & Older	Female 56 & Older

Any amount you can sponsor will be great! Door Prizes will also be appreciated. We have attached a registration form; please come out and join us in the FUN!

Yes, I will sponsor and/or donate the following:

_____ $150.00 Hole Sponsor –Your Company Name at one of the holes (18 available)
_____ $100.00 Prize Trophies – Your Sponsorship will be announced (1 available)
_____ Door Prizes – Your Sponsorship will be announced

Sponsor Name: _____

Contact Name/Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Amount Enclosed: $_____

Please make your check payable to TCIP and mail to the following:

Tarrant County Insurance Professionals
4701 Almena Road,
River Oaks, TX 76114
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT Lynell Bennett AT
lynben1212@hotmail.com 713-705-7754 cell





TARRANT COUNTY INSURANCE PROFESSIONALS

MONTHLY MEETING

ATTENTION

New location

DATE
MAY 20TH 2026

TIME
12:00 PM

WHERE
OL' SOUTH PANCAKE HOUSE
1509 S UNIVERSITY DR, FORT WORTH, TX 76107

Follow us:

tarrantcountyinsurance@gmail.com

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Please join us for

Food | Fun | Raffles | Prizes

Monday

May

4th

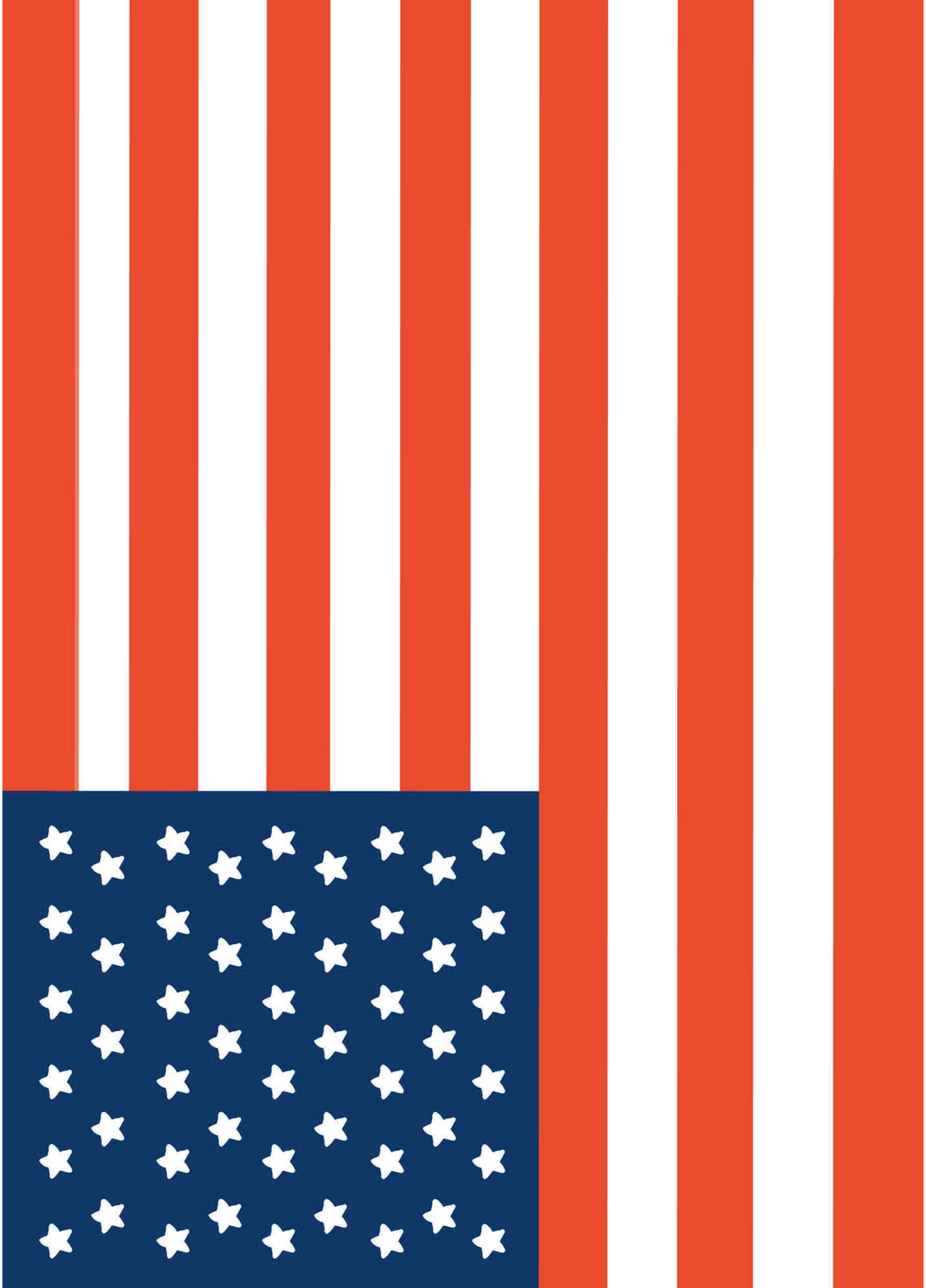
2026

Register at 5:30 Bunco Starts 6 PM

508 N Eastman Rd
Longview, TX 75601

$50 each Wear Red/White/Blue

RSVP to Tammy Tabor 9037209380
ttabor@texasspecialty.com



IWSA FIESTA MEDALS ARE COMING

Benefitting Haven for Hope

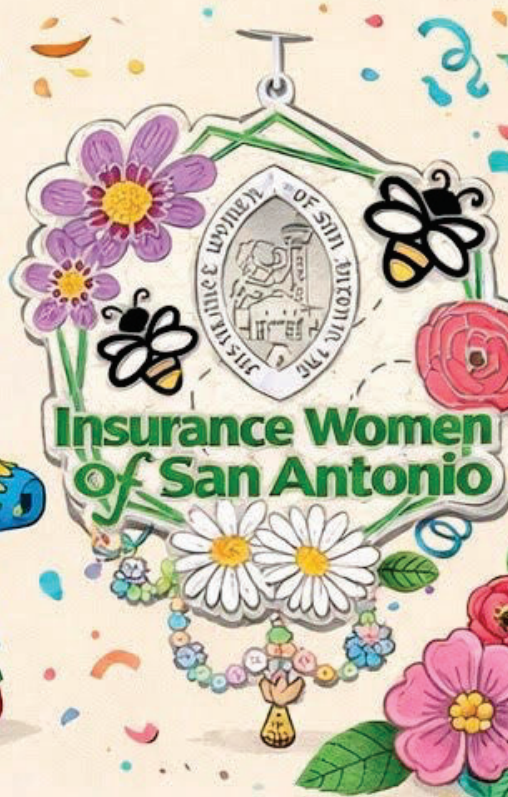
Pre Order Online

$10

www.iwsatx.com









We're excited to invite you to a night of baseball, community, and giving back at our annual IACC fundraiser!

Pitch IN & Play Ball!
Join us on **August 4th** for an IACC Night at the Ballpark as we cheer on the Corpus Christi Hooks and raise support for our organization. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow members, bring your family, entertain clients, and support IACC's mission — all while enjoying America's favorite pastime.

Whether you attend as a guest or participate as a sponsor, your support helps us continue the important work we do for our members and community.

⚾ **Ready to join us?**
Please use the link below to register and secure your tickets/Sponsorship:

Registration & Sponsorship Form – Fill out form

If you need an actual form in LIEU of the link or have any questions, feel free to reach out.

We can't wait to see you at the ballpark!

Play Ball!

Insurance Women of San Antonio

30TH ANNUAL SWING INTO SPRING TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

The Club at Sonterra

Registration: 7:30 AM
Shotgun Start: 9:00 AM



Texas Mutual®
TITLE SPONSOR

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

PLAYER REGISTRATION: $200 PER PLAYER
INCLUDES: BREAKFAST, LUNCH, GREEN FEES, CART, RANGE BALLS

For more information contact Krysten Haga at iwsafinance@gmail.com.

Under 40 Community Service Project

Cancer Care Packages

At mid-year the Under 40 are collecting items to build cancer care packages for the President's community service project. Locals & MAL are asked to gather donations of the below items within their local to bring to mid-year where we will create the bags which will then be donated to those who's loved ones are going through cancer.

MAL
Pack of wipes & Hand sanitizer

Dallas
Journal, Pen & pack of greeting cards

Metroplex
Word puzzle/puzzle book & highlighters

Corpus Christi
Small lap blanket

North Texas
Fuzzy socks & hand warmers

East Texas
Adult coloring book & map colors

San Antonio
Neck pillow

Galveston County
Beanie & pack of playing cards

Tarrant County
Snacks, water flavors, hard candies

Houston
Lip Balm/Chapstick & Lotion

Please bring 30 of each item



Hosted by FIWT Under 40
Macy Bennett
macy@blitzinsurance.com

LET OUR STRENGTH SHINE THROUGH FIWT

FIWT
FEDERATION OF INSURANCE WOMEN OF TEXAS
STUDY ★ SERVE ★ SUCCEED



Leadership & Education
Mid-Year Expo
April 17-18, 2026

Hilton College Station
801 University Drive,
College Station, TX 77840
Bingo Tournament – Saturday April 18
Mid-Year Expo – Friday April 17 – Saturday April 18

The hotel is offering special FIWT group rate of $160 single/double.

Please call 979-693-7500
Ask for the FIWT Mid Year Conference group rate.

Hosted by Members at Large

Hotel Features

- Free Parking
- Renovated rooms
- Complimentary WIFI
- Check in 4pm; out 11am
- Shuttle service
- Earn Hilton Honor points

NOTE: Reservations must be made on or before the date of March 27,2026.

Email: fiwt@fiwt.com
Phone Number: 361-405-5838
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APRIL 18TH, 2026

FOLLOWING DINNER

Save the Date

Dress as your favorite movie star or character for this red carpet event!

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FIWT President's Official Visit

Association Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell Phone_____

Fax Number_____ Email:_____

Date of Event – 1st Choice_____ _____ Time: Arrive by: ___

Length of Time Scheduled for President's Part: _____

Location Address of Meeting: _____

Visit Function: ( ) Installation of Officers ( ) Social Only ( ) Employer Recognition
( ) Joint Association Meeting ( ) Business Meeting
( ) Other: _____

Note: If Officers' installation, please provide list with name of each incoming and outgoing officer and the duties of each of the offices. The cost of installation props and/or gifts for the incoming officers is the responsibility of the location association. The cost is not an expense covered within the President's FIWT budget. It is recommended that the local purchase the props/gifts and have them available at the installation. If the local prefers the President to pick a theme and bring the prop/gifts, please advise the budget limit for the items. The President will provide the local with the receipt for reimbursement.

( ) Officer props/gifts will be provided by the local.

( ) Officers props/gifts will not be provided by the local.

Local's theme_____; or, ( ) President's choice of theme

Recommended Dress: ( ) Business Casual ( ) Formal ( ) Church Dress
( ) Work/Professional ( ) After 5:00 ( ) Costume ( ) Casual

If airport transportation or overnight lodging is required, will your local association make these arrangements?
( ) Yes ( ) No

If yes, please phone, email, or fax necessary information to my office.
If no, please recommend local accommodations.
We would also accept invitations to lodge in member's homes, if offered, to help reduce expenses.

Other Dates/Events: 2nd Choice _____ _____ Time: Arrive By: _____

Other Dates/Events: 3rd Choice_____ _____ Time: __ Arrive By: _____

Please Return to: FIWT Corresponding Secretary: Sheryl Watkins, Sheryl.watkins@MarshMMA.com

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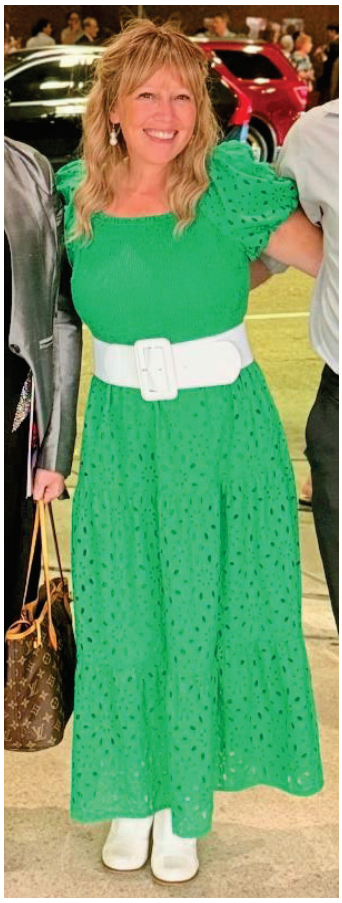
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2025-2026

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FIWT has been a meaningful part of my life for many years—an organization built on connection, education, and a shared commitment to our industry. Inspired early on by my Mom, Gigi's, service as State President, I developed a deep appreciation for FIWT's legacy and the impact it has on its members. That legacy shaped my journey—and for more than a decade, I've been proud to give back to FIWT in meaningful ways.

From 9 years as a Local President to Budget Audit, Mid-Year and Convention liaison positions, and multiple committee chair roles, I've had the privilege & opportunity to serve, learn, and lead alongside some of the best in our industry. I've learned a wealth of knowledge from every position, Mid-Year, Convention and every person I have served alongside. I have also had the Great honor of not only being awarded the FIWT Community Service award, but also the Rising Star award. These are two of the most amazing, humbling events of my life.

With this foundation of experience, dedication and a deep respect for the organization's legacy, I am proud to announce my candidacy for FIWT Recording Secretary this October. It is something that has been on my mind for a very long time. And now, I feel I am the best version of myself and ready for the commitment it takes to become a FIWT officer.

I would be truly honored and thankful to have your support!

Vote

Erin K LeBlanc

For Recording Secretary

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For FIWT Recording Secretary

Writing the record, one meeting at a time

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Voting will be at the business meeting in October.

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OCT 2026

AT THE BUSINESS MEETING



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ELECTION 2026

TERESA ARIZMENDI, CIPT

FOR FIWT VICE PRESIDENT

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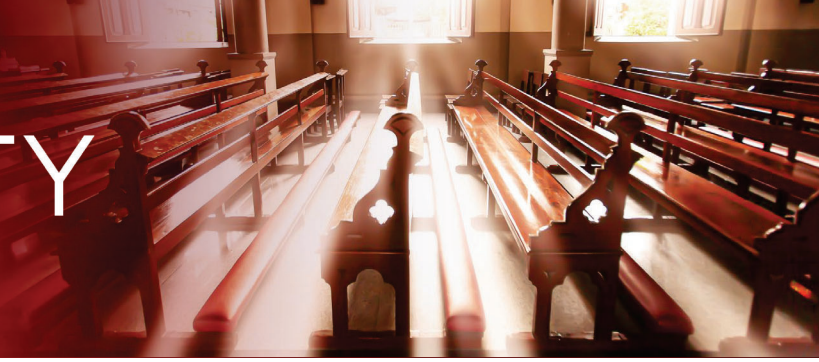
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- Directors & Officers
- Counselor Liability *(dependent upon carrier)*

Directors & Officers

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  - Can include renovations
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  - In-house authority up to $5M
  - Monoline or package
  - Earthquake
  - Wind/Hail Deductible Buy Down
- Inland Marine
  - Contractors equipment, EDP, fine arts and more
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- Ocean Marine
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