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Upcoming monthly meeting -
Thursday, May 8th, 2008
11:30 a.m.
Black Buggy Restaurant –
Lynch & Green River Road

Meet the featured Speaker of the month.

TOPIC:

How the Tri-State is Moving Toward Electronic Healthcare

SPEAKER:

Lisa R. Gish, RN, MHA



Lisa is the Executive Director of Tri-State Business Group on Health (TSBGH). Her consulting and management experience includes employee medical and pharmacy benefit design, wellness programs, group purchasing, health care policy and strategy, data analysis, and pharmacy benefit program development.

Prior to joining TSBGH in 1998, Lisa led the medical management department for a large national insurance company and was responsible for the areas of utilization management, quality improvement, case management, disease management and employer reporting. She currently holds an affiliate status on the graduate faculty at the University of Southern Indiana, is a member of the Board of Directors of Cancer Care Options, is the chair of the American Diabetes Association Board of Trustees, serves on the Plan Sponsor Advisory Council of the Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute, Inc., is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and has served on the Board of Governors of the National Business Coalition on Health.

Lisa earned her diploma in nursing from Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, and her bachelor's degree in nursing (cum laude) and master's degree in health care administration from the University of Southern Indiana.

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Please see attachment regarding SWIAHU Board Position Election. Complete the ballot and return to Dennis Woehler by May 8th, 2008 or bring to the monthly meeting.

Thank you.

See attachments 5 & 6 of this newsletter for ballots and current slate.

More Than Six Million Enrolled in Health Savings Account Plans

(Washington, DC) - More than 6.1 million Americans are covered by Health Savings Account (HSA)-eligible insurance plans, a 35 percent increase since last year, a new census released April 30, 2008 by America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) found. HSAs were authorized starting in January 2004. Since then, AHIP has conducted a periodic census of its members participating in the HSA plan market.

"Employers and individuals across the country and across the age spectrum are choosing HSA plans, which are now an important part of the portfolio of coverage options offered by health plans," said Karen Ignagni, President and CEO of AHIP.

Key findings from the census include:

- There was an increase of approximately 1.6 million Americans enrolled in an HSA plan since January 2007. Previous censuses found that 4.5 million were enrolled in January 2007, 3.2 million were enrolled in January 2006, and 1.0 million were enrolled in March 2005.
- 30 percent of individuals covered by an HSA plan were in the small group market, 45 percent of individual covered by an HSA plan were in the large-group market, and the remaining 25 percent were in the individual market.
- HSA products accounted for 31 percent of new coverage issued in the small-group market. Individual market consumers selected HSA products for 27 percent of their new purchases of health insurance.
- HSA plan enrollment as a percentage of individuals with private coverage is estimated to be the highest in Minnesota (9.2 percent), Louisiana (9.0 percent), Washington, D.C. (8.7 percent), Vermont (7.5 percent) and Colorado (7.1 percent).

For more information about the 2008 census, please visit www.AHIPResearch.org.



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Cambridge Golf Club

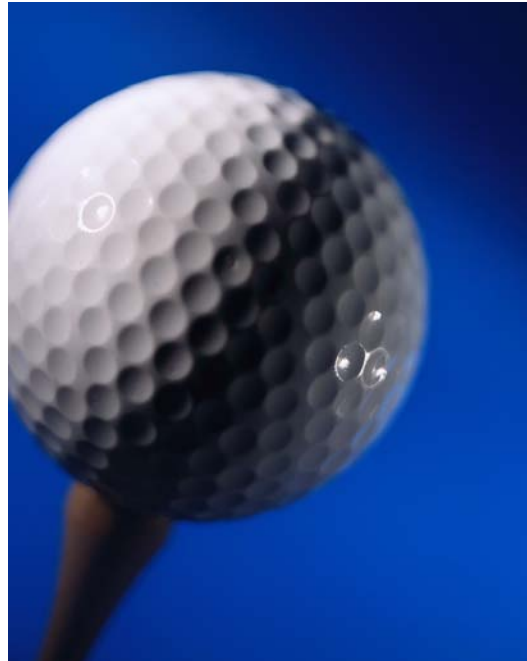
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Calendar of Events:**By: Brenda Rehl, Program/Education Chair**

June 12, 2008	Special Legislative Location - TBA
August 14, 2008	5 hour, LTC CE St. Mary's
Sept., 11, 2008	Annual Golf Outing Cambridge Golf Club
Oct. 6-10, 2008	Health Insurance Awareness Week
Oct. 9, 2008	Identity Theft—Jack Stroup
Nov. 13, 2008	Self Funding 101
Dec. 11, 2008	Holiday Party & Silent Auction Acropolis

New members!**By: Tina Hazelip, Membership Chair**

To learn more about the Leading Producers Round Table, go to:

www.nahu.org/awards-lprt.cfm

2007-2008 Board

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Election of Officers 2008-2009

Effective July 1, 2008 induction of nominated officers will take place. It is your right to approve or supply nominations for the slate of Offices serving the Southwest Indiana Association of Health Underwriters.

The 2007-2008 Board has nominated the following slate of 2008-2009 Officers:

Election of Officers:

President Carolyn Beck Yes ___ No ___

President-Elect Vacant
Write-in _____

Vice President Vacant
Write-in _____

Secretary Jane Baxter Yes ___ No ___

Treasurer Kevin Brewer Yes ___ No ___

Please complete this ballot and return to Dennis Woehler by May 8th, 2008 or bring to the SWIAHU monthly member meeting.

Committee Chair Appointments

The President is responsible for the appointment of Chair positions. The following are the appointed 2008-2009 SWIAHU Committee Chair positions. All vacant positions will be filled by President if unassigned.

Appointed Chair Positions:

Awards	Kathy Holder
Communications	Vacant
Write-in nomination	_____
Legislative	Dennis Woehler
Media Relations	Jill Ross
Membership	Tina Hazelip
Membership Retention	Roger Garrett
HUPAC	Roger Garrett
Programs/Education	Brenda Rehl
Public Service	Vacant
Write-in nomination	_____



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			3 Diamond	\$5,000	\$410.00

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