

# OKAHU IN THE NEWS

## Letter From The President



Dearest Members,

WE SURVIVED 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER 2015! Give yourself a big hug, or share your joy by hugging another Oklahoma City Association MEMBER! Heck, go ahead and just hug those non-members too!

Members--YOU made us proud with the great turnout when NAHU President, Don Goldmann, came to our November membership meeting. Thank you all for taking the time out of your crazy schedules to attend. Here is a quick review of the balance of our H/U year:

Our January ETHICS: THE NAHU WAY CE presentation by Texas AHU's Carolyn Goodwin was one of those normally boring courses **made better** by engaging those in attendance. It's fun to hear from the crowd.

February's membership meeting is our Annual Legislative Update and we look forward to having our Lobbyist, Brett Robinson, at our luncheon at Quail February 11.

March will be a treat, as we are NOT at Quail the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday like normal, we hope to see everybody at on March 22 for our Day At The Capitol event. Stay tuned for details!

Then April 14's meeting will be our SPRING Symposium. Go ahead and mark your calendars for this 4 CE hour event.

May's membership meeting is looking to be a CE on Long Term Care. We have not had this topic in a while; it might be refreshing to hearing updates on something other than Major Medical "reform"!

June's meeting is our annual business meeting, and it is Oklahoma City's turn to host the State Association. This is the meeting where we install the new leaders and present our Oklahoma City Association PERSON of the YEAR award.

As always, warm THANK YOUs to our Corporate Sponsors for their products, education and financial support. We appreciate our members when they support these sponsors who support us!

Cheers to ALL!

Leah-Anne Janway

OKAHU President 2015-2016

### SAVE THE DATE

**February 4, 2016 3:30pm**  
OKAHU Board Meeting  
BHJ Insurance Agency

**February 11, 2016 11:30am**  
Quail Creek Country Club  
Speaker, Brett Robinson, Connie Morgan  
and possible Legislator, no CE approved for  
this meeting

**February 22-24, 2016**  
CAP CONFERENCE  
Washington, DC

**March 3, 2016 3:30pm**  
OKAHU Board Meeting  
BHJ Insurance Agency

**March 10, 2016 Regular CE/Lunch meet-  
ing canceled**

**March 22, 2016**  
**OSAHU Day at the Capitol, specific times  
to be released, CE pending**  
Oklahoma State Capitol  
2300 N Lincoln Blvd  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

**April 7, 2016 3:30pm**  
OKAHU Board Meeting  
BHJ Insurance Agency

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## Legislative Update

Your Legislative Committee is reporting on the latest and ongoing State and Federal Legislative issues.

### Federal Update

#### Presidential Election Campaigning continues for both parties

**Cadillac Tax Delayed:** On Dec. 18, 2015, President Obama signed a federal budget bill for 2016 into law, which included delays on three ACA taxes.

- Cadillac tax for two years
- Temporarily suspends collection of the health insurance providers fee
- Temporarily suspends the medical devices tax

#### Health Insurers Face Fines for Errors in Plan Directories

- New regulations effective 1-1-16 allows CMS to fine insurers up to \$25,000 per beneficiary for errors in Medicare Advantage Provider directories and up to \$100 per beneficiary for errors in ACA plan directories.
- The new rules call for insurers to keep listings updated by contacting all network providers each quarter.

#### NAHU Capital Conference

- Wayne Pettigrew and Connie Morgan will represent our Chapter in Washington DC this year.

#### Are you interested in Legislative issues?

- Contact Connie Morgan and join your OKAHU Legislative Committee today!

#### Oklahoma Update

##### Day At The Capital –

- Save the date of Tuesday, March 22, 2016 for our annual State Legislative event
- Registration will begin soon

#### February Membership Meeting is our Annual Legislative Update to our Membership

- Don't miss our February Membership Meeting
- ***35 House & Senate health insurance related bills have been introduced at the State Capital this year – come and learn how these bills will affect your clients and our industry!***

OSAHU Legislative Committee will be meeting with the Oklahoma Insurance Department to discuss various matters affecting our State.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Connie Morgan, Oklahoma City Legislative Chair, at 405-843-8300 or at [Connie@SueWilsonBrokerage.com](mailto:Connie@SueWilsonBrokerage.com).

### 2016-2017 OKAHU Leadership

In accordance with the bylaws, the Committee on Nominations and Elections is soliciting nominations for the July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 term. We encourage our members to bring new ideas and expertise by joining a committee!

#### Legislative

#### HUPAC

#### Membership

#### Corporate Sponsors

(These can use your time with telephone calling and recruiting.)

#### Professional Development

(Work on C.E. courses for membership meetings and symposiums.)

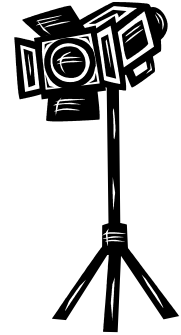
Your interest to serve on the BOARD?

Other area of interest not mentioned?

Please send an email to [laj@bhjins.com](mailto:laj@bhjins.com) and let us know your area of interest for the following committees:

## Member Spotlight—New Members

Please welcome our newest members to OKAHU!!!



### Kim Davis

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### Maria Trenary

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## Professional Development

OKAHU recently conducted a survey of its members. Some of the comments dealt with the value of being a member and with the need of more advanced information. The most obvious benefit for the Oklahoma City Chapter is the monthly meetings and the CE provided. Among the many other benefits is an often over looked resource which is the OKAHU and NAHU websites. If you are like me, I have a tendency to focus on the local aspects of NAHU. If you have not been on the NAHU website at [www.nahu.org](http://www.nahu.org), you are missing out on some great resources. I would recommend that you spend some time in the Professional Development dropdown tab (As this is the Professional Development section of the newsletter). There you can earn professional certifications, obtain additional CE's, designations, and the Online Learning Institute. While there is a cost to many they are all at a discounted price for being a NAHU member. There you can focus on what is of greatest importance and value to you.

As always we want to provide quality and timely CE's for the monthly meetings. If you have any suggestions or know of a great speaker please let the Professional Development Committee know.

Pat Robertson, Professional Development Chair,  
800-523-3879

Welcome to our **NEW**  
Corporate Sponsor!!!



### OPERATION SHOUT!!

Bring your **OPERATION SHOUT**  
Thank You for Taking Action email  
to the lunch and your name will  
be put into the hopper for a free  
lunch or mug!

**HUPAC - MAKE YOUR DONATION FOR 2016 NOW!****LEVELS OF CONTRIBUTION****365 Club****Payment Amount**

- Monthly Credit Card or Bank Draft Amount: \$30.00/month
- Annual or One-Time Contribution Amount: \$365.00

**Benefits**

- HUPAC State of the HUnion Newsletter
- Recognition in HIU Magazine
- 365 Club Pin (Black, Distributed Annually)
- 365 Club Badge Ribbon (Distributed at NAHU's Annual Capitol Conference and Annual Convention)
- This contribution level meets NAHU's Triple Crown Award criteria

**Congressional****Payment Amount**

- Monthly Credit Card or Bank Draft Amount: \$42.00/month
- Annual or One-Time Contribution Amount: \$500.00

**Benefits**

- HUPAC State of the HUnion Newsletter
- Recognition in HIU Magazine
- Congressional Club Pin (Blue, Distributed Annually)
- Congressional Club Badge Ribbon (Distributed at NAHU's Annual Capitol Conference and Annual Convention)
- This contribution level meets NAHU's Triple Crown Award criteria

**Senatorial****Payment Amount**

- Monthly Credit Card or Bank Draft Amount: \$63.00/month
- Annual or One-Time Contribution Amount: \$750.00

**Benefits**

- HUPAC State of the HUnion Newsletter
- Recognition in HIU Magazine
- Senatorial Club Pin (Distributed Annually)
- Senatorial Club Badge Ribbon (Distributed at NAHU's Annual Capitol Conference and Annual Convention)
- This contribution level meets NAHU's Triple Crown Award criteria

**CAPITOL CLUB****Gold****Payment Amount**

- Monthly Credit Card or Bank Draft Amount: \$85.00/month
- Annual or One-Time Contribution Amount: \$1,000.00

**Benefits**

- HUPAC State of the HUnion Newsletter
- Recognition in HIU Magazine
- Recognition on HUPAC.org
- Discount on National and/or Regional HUPAC event tickets
- Capitol Club Pin (Gold, Distributed Annually)
- This contribution level meets NAHU's Triple Crown Award criteria
- Capitol Club Luncheon at Capitol Conference

**Diamond****Payment Amount**

- Monthly Credit Card or Bank Draft Amount: \$170.00/month
- Annual or One-Time Contribution Amount: \$2,000.00

**Benefits**

- HUPAC State of the HUnion Newsletter
- Recognition in HIU Magazine
- Recognition on HUPAC.org
- Discount on National and/or Regional HUPAC event tickets
- Capitol Club Pin (Gold with Single Diamond, Distributed Annually)
- Capitol Club Badge Ribbon (Distributed at NAHU's Annual Capitol Conference and Annual Convention)
- This contribution level meets NAHU's Triple Crown Award criteria
- Capitol Club Luncheon at Capitol Conference

**Double Diamond****Payment Amount**

- Monthly Credit Card or Bank Draft Amount: \$250.00/month
- Annual or One-Time Contribution Amount: \$3,000.00

**Benefits**

- HUPAC State of the HUnion Newsletter
- Recognition in HIU Magazine
- Recognition on HUPAC.org
- Discount on National and/or Regional HUPAC event tickets
- Capitol Club Pin (Gold with Two Diamonds, Distributed Annually)
- Capitol Club Badge Ribbon (Distributed at NAHU's Annual Capitol Conference and Annual Convention)
- This contribution level meets NAHU's Triple Crown Award criteria
- Capitol Club Luncheon at Capitol Conference

**Triple Diamond****Payment Amount**

- Monthly Credit Card or Bank Draft Amount: \$415.00/month
- Annual or One-Time Contribution Amount: \$5,000.00

**Benefits**

- HUPAC State of the Union Newsletter
- Recognition in HIU Magazine
- Photo Recognition on HUPAC.org
- HUPAC Award at National Convention
- Discount on National and/or Regional HUPAC event tickets
- Capitol Club Pin (Gold with Three Diamonds, Distributed Annually)
- Capitol Club Badge Ribbon (Distributed at NAHU's Annual Capitol Conference and Annual Convention)
- This contribution level meets NAHU's Triple Crown Award criteria
- Capitol Club Luncheon at Capitol Conference

**Purchase your OKAHU travel mugs!**

Keep your beverages hot or cold in style by letting the world know you're a proud member of OKAHU! You can purchase mugs for \$10 each at the membership meetings!

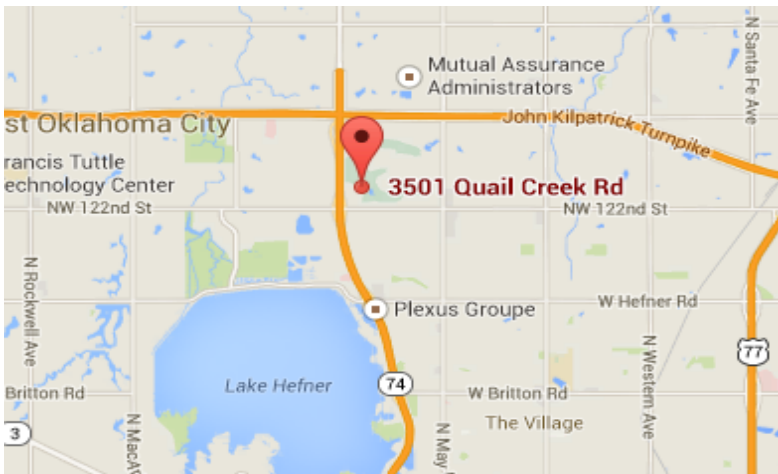


**ALERT!!!!**

**Monthly General Meeting Place!!!**

Our Monthly Membership Meetings are held on the second  
**Thursday of each month.**

**Quail Creek Country Club** is our host for our monthly meetings and CE Seminars. Please join us at 3501 Quail Creek Road, OKC, OK 73120.



2015 LUNCH PRICES  
MEMBERS \$25  
NON-MEMBERS \$50

Members, please remember that the Annual Budget, Monthly Treasurer's Report and Board Meeting Minutes are available for your review. Email requests to Carrie Cox at [carrie.cox@nfp.com](mailto:carrie.cox@nfp.com) if you would like further information.

**GOOD NEWS!**

You can now **PAY FOR YOUR MONTHLY LUNCHEON** by clicking on the following Link: <https://ipn.intuit.com/pay/OKAHU>. Visa, Mastercard, or a Check are acceptable forms of payment. Simply **select the above link, ENTER: Date of Event** for the Invoice/Reference #, and enter your credit card information. Reminder: the price for a **REGULAR MONTHLY LUNCHEON is \$26 for OKAHU Members and Non-Member price is \$52.**

## LEADING PRODUCERS ROUND TABLE (LPRT)

*The Leading Producers Round Table formed in 1942 to recognize the successful underwriters of Accident & Health Insurance. Today, the LPRT committee is committed to making LPRT the premier program for top Health, Disability, Long-Term Care and Worksite Marketing Insurance producers, carrier reps, carrier management, and general agency/agency managers.*

*Qualifying for this program gives you not only recognition but access to discounts and events only available to Leading Producers Round Table members. Please click the link below for more details and how to apply.*

<http://www.nahu.org/members/LPRT/awards-lprt.cfm>

## PRESIDENT'S TRIPLE CROWN PROGRAM



NAHU has 20,000 members across the country; you are the reason we exist. Your participation in lobbying and advocacy is the reason we've become a force in Washington and in state houses across the country. Your recruitment efforts are why membership is up 33% over the past five years. Your contribution of your time and talents is why we have over 200 chapters across the country. We never want to take these efforts for granted because, without you, we would suffer the fate experienced by countless other non-profit associations: declining numbers, shaky finances and a demoralized membership.

NAHU created the President's Triple Crown Program to recognize those members whose individual contributions to NAHU help advance the association's mission. Like baseball's Triple Crown, it recognizes accomplishments in three key areas. However, while baseball's Triple Crown hasn't been won since 1967, NAHU's Triple Crown can be won every year by hundreds of our members.

### Criteria

To qualify for the Triple Crown, within the **calendar year** (01/01-12/31), a member must:

**HUPAC:** Participate in \$10 x 12 draft program or contribute \$150 total

**Membership:** Recruit two or more new members

**Advocacy:** Use Operation Shout to send three or more messages

One, two, three -- it's that simple!

**While members have the entire year to complete the requirements, winners will be announced quarterly. Once a member achieves Triple Crown, their name will appear only once on the specific quarterly qualifiers report (below), in the quarter in which the recognition was obtained. Once earned, the member has qualified for that calendar year.**

## CERTIFICATION COURSES

**Consumer Directed Health Care (CDHC) Certification Course**

**HIPAA Privacy and Security Training 2.0 Certification Course**

**Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) Certification Course**

**Self-Funded Certification Course**

**Training on Medicare Advantage and Part D Prescription Drug Plans**

**Voluntary/Worksite Certification Course**

**For more information or to sign up please click the following link:**

<http://www.nahu.org/education/certifications/index.cfm>

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We're on the WEB at [www.OKAHU.org](http://www.OKAHU.org)

## BOARD ROSTER 2015-2016

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OKAHU is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the public by promoting activities and ethical conduct of members through communication, continuing education and increasing industry knowledge. OKAHU members also work to monitor and influence and activities of the state and federal legislatures. We work hard to protect the health care consumer's future.



## Association Websites

Please log on to the NAHU website and [www.nahu.org](http://www.nahu.org) and make sure all of your information is correct. NAHU & OSAHU use your emails to share important information and we don't want you to miss any news!

Don't forget to check out our state website at [www.osahu.org](http://www.osahu.org) and our local website at [www.okahu.org](http://www.okahu.org).

## Member Anniversaries

We would like to honor our long term association members as often as we can, so we've done a little research and next time you see one of the members listed below, be sure to **thank them** for being part of our association for so many years. In the next newsletter we'll look at the next generation that has joined OKAHU.

Joined NAHU	Association Member
Prior to 1990	Connie Morgan
1990	Leah-Anne Janway
1992	Ken McGuire
1993	Jim Coates
1994	Betty Doyle Wayne Pettigrew Jan Dumont Mark Schlegel Jim Duncan
1996	Gary Scott Tom Belding
1997	Deborah Johnson Amy Spring
1998	Cliff Peden Kathy White
1999	David Maschino

Public Service

Play Korral the ACE at our monthly luncheon and take a chance on creating a win/win for you and the OK Kids Korral!"

**Here's what's happened so far:**

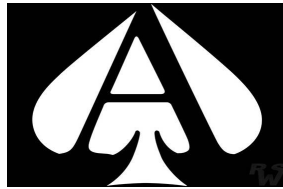
July 2015, OKAHU donated \$50, sold \$43, Total \$93. Curtis Liles pulled the Ace of Clubs

August 2015, \$64 sold, Total \$157. Connie Morgan pulled the Ace of Diamonds

October 2015, \$40 sold, Total \$197. Leah-Anne Janway pulled the Eight of Spades

November 2015, \$40 sold, Total \$237. David Morgan pulled the King of Clubs

January 2016, \$50 sold, Total \$287. Shelby Faust pulled the Queen of Diamonds.



**Mission**

The Toby Keith Foundation exists to encourage the health and happiness of pediatric cancer patients and to support OK Kids Korral, a cost-free home for children undergoing treatment for cancer.

**About Us**

The Toby Keith Foundation has been helping children with cancer since 2006 and continues its services through partnerships with hospitals, caregivers, foundations and civic groups. The Toby Keith Foundation's focus is providing a housing solution for pediatric cancer patients. "If we can alleviate stress on a family, encourage a brother or sister and comfort a sick child, then we will make a difference in the fight against cancer." -Juliet Nees-Bright, executive director of The Toby Keith Foundation.



**Goal**

The goal of OK Kids Korral is to provide the warmth and security of home for pediatric cancer patients and their families. OK Kids Korral also offers services such as meals for the families, free laundry, complimentary internet through the house, computers/printers, movie nights, crafts and private places for family meetings/counseling.

**About the Korral**

Getting the right care sometimes means cancer patients must travel away from home, often to a cancer treatment facility in another city, which places even more of an emotional and financial burden on families during what is already a challenging time.



OK Kids Korral hopes to make life a little easier for children with cancer by providing a safe, convenient and hopeful place for families to connect with each other and focus on the well-being of their child. OK Kids Korral will provide daytime and overnight lodging for pediatric patients and their families. The state of the art facilities at OK Kids Korral will include a community indoor and outdoor dining area, a game room with games for all ages, a movie theater, an outdoor play area and garden as well as many other amenities designed to create a relaxing haven for the children and their families. "Find out how you can help children and their families in the battle against cancer by visiting <https://www.tobykeithfoundation.org> or contact Laurie Crow at 405 416 8888."

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