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May 2009

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**No Meetings
June & July**

Upcoming Meetings:

August 14

**September 18
(3rd Fri)
(Membership
EXPLO)**

October 9

November 13

*Friday, May 8, 2009
Speaker: Marty Wilson
"2009 Legislative Update"*

Program approved for one (1) hour of continuing education

***The Ashford Club ~ 11:00 am -1:00 pm
(Registration/Networking Begins @ 11 am)***

Our distinguished speaker for May is **Mr. Martin M. Wilson, JD**, and he will be presenting us with our **2009 Legislative Update**. Marty graduated from Mercer University with a BA in 1975 and from Law School (Cum Laude) in 1978. He was the Deputy Legislative Counsel for the Georgia General Assembly from 1980 to 1987, and from 1987 until 1990, he was the Deputy Commissioner of insurance. In 1991 Marty began working for Trotter, Smith and Jacobs, designated as of counsel. He went to work for Troutman Sanders, LLP in 1992 and has been a partner there since 1996.

Marty has represented such clients as the American Council of Life Insurers and the Georgia Association of Life Insurance Companies since 1991. He is a member of the State Bar of Georgia, the Atlanta Bar Association, the ACLI as an associate member and the Life Insurers Council (LOMA), also as an associate member.

Marty authored the Georgia Chapter, "Lobbying, PACs and Campaign Finance Handbook," (West, 1994 through present with other members of State Capital Law Firm Group and since 2001 has authored an annual survey of Georgia administrative law for the Mercer Law Review. Marty also serves as the lobbyist for the Georgia chapter of the National Association of Insurance & Financial Advisors (NAIFA-Georgia).

Registration and Payment:

The registration fee for members and first-time guests is \$28. For repeat guests, it's \$40. WIFS-Atlanta requests that members and guests pre-pay for the meeting with a credit card using the following link: http://www.wifs-atlanta.org/online_payment.html.

If you must pay on-site, we do ask that you send your RSVP to us via e-mail at emf@lagniappeassociates.com. And please note that we are only able to accept cash or checks on-site.

Please RSVP by Friday, May 1. After this date, registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis as room permits. Also, "no shows" who do notcancel before Friday, May 1 will still be charged for the meeting.



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President's Letter

Hello Everyone:

It's May – I don't know about you, but I am glad to have warm weather arriving and am looking forward to the smell of freshly cut grass, picnics, baseball games, firecrackers and spending leisure time with family and friends.

We want to especially thank our April Speaker, Ms. Jacqueline Dawes.

We also want to thank Sam Massey, President of **Agents' Marketing Group** for sponsoring our May meeting. Please let our sponsors know how much they mean to our association.

We are still accepting nominations "2009 Woman of the Year Award". The deadline is **July 31, 2009**. This is our first Award in the history the WIFS Atlanta Chapter of recognizing one of our own. The applications are on our website: www.wifs-atl.org

Also, don't forget to mark you calendar for Friday, September 18th for our Annual Expo. As always, the board is working really hard to mark this as another fantastic WIFS event.

One of our most important goals for this year is to exceed 100% of membership. Each of you plays an important role in reaching this goal. Invite an associate of yours to visit us at one of our luncheons or events this year

Just a reminder after our May Luncheon our next meeting will be August 14th. We do not have luncheon meetings in June and July. I hope everyone has a great summer!

Best regards,



Carol
Carol W. Mucci

**Mother's Day**

A word that means the world to me.
--Howard Johnson (c. 1915)

WIFS Mission

***Support, Encourage and Advance
the Success of Women in the
Insurance & Financial Services
Industry.***

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2009 Woman of Year Award

This year the **Atlanta Chapter of WIFS** will be presenting a "Woman of the Year Award" to one of our local chapter members. We have modeled our award after the one that the national chapter has given for several years now. The WOY Award is the highest level of recognition a WIFS member may receive from her peers. It is focused upon recognizing current, ongoing involvement in WIFS and making a difference in the industry. The only requirement for candidates is that they must be a member in good standing for the past three years.

The WOY application is on our website: www.wifs-atlanta.org. Please be advised that the **deadline for submission is July 31, 2009**. Late applications WILL NOT be considered. The awardee will be selected by a panel of distinguished individuals who are a part of the insurance industry. The award presentation will take place at the WIFS-Atlanta EXPLO on Friday, September 18, 2009.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!

Save the Date

**Friday, September 18th
Annual Explo**

Welcome New Members



Cassandra Stiff
Nationwide

April Savoy
Nationwide

Just a reminder to our members:
Renew your membership
www.WIFS-Atlanta.org

Membership Chairperson:
Sharyn Mack
Sharyn.mack@prudential.com

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## *Lunch & Event Sponsorship*

Luncheon and Event Sponsorships are available for our upcoming luncheon meetings & Explo event.

For more information, please contact Paula Pahl, Vice President, 404-250-3024 or email: [ppahl@finsvcs.com](mailto:ppahl@finsvcs.com) for availability



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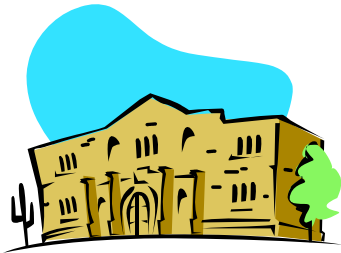
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## 2009 WIFS National Convention

October 22-24, 2009

Marriott Riverwalk Hotel

San Antonio, Texas



## WIFS 2009 National Awards

In 2009, these awards will celebrate the success of our members and friends of WIFS. The deadline for all submittals is **August 15, 2009**. We encourage you to start planning now to participate and submit your application and/or nominations. Recognition of all award winners will be held during the National Conference.

**Woman of the Year Award**  
**Leaders Recognition Society**  
**Rookie of the Year Award**  
**ANGEL Award**

It is important to you as a member of WIFS to be recognized for your accomplishments and achievements in our industry.

Contact Elisabeth Fuller

[emf@lagniappeassociates.com](mailto:emf@lagniappeassociates.com)

or [www.w-wifs.org](http://www.w-wifs.org) for applications.



*An email from Lisa Hangar, Anna's mother:*

Dear Family and Friends,

Anna's school year is quickly coming to an end. There was a time when we wondered if we would ever celebrate another birthday with her, and now our girl is graduating from high school! How blessed we are!

Her senior year at Providence has been wonderful. She has experienced everything we've wished for so long that she could – friends, homecoming, and prom. What a special place Providence is. Anna has matured so much there, both emotionally and spiritually, and has continued to excel academically. We could not ask for more.

Anna's health is good. She still has the same issues she's always had to cope with, but thankfully there's nothing new. Her next MRI is scheduled for July 2<sup>nd</sup>, and with that always comes a great deal of trepidation. As all parents of "brain tumor kids" know well, the week before every MRI is always a very stressful one. But, we have a lot to look forward to before then! *Anna's graduation ceremony will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

Thank you so much for caring enough to keep up with Anna. We are so grateful to have you out there, not only because you've helped support and pray us through the hard times, but also because you're there to celebrate the good things with us, too!

Love, Lisa