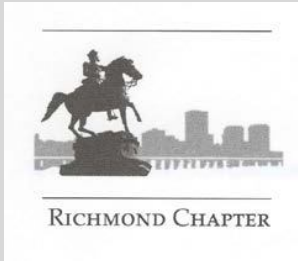




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President's Message

Now that we are into August, it may be time for that one final chance to enjoy a summer vacation. Whether this month finds you vacationing or at work, I hope you will take some time to plan some interaction with the Richmond Chapter of ISCEBS. The chapter's board has been busy planning our late summer and fall educational sessions. Before I outline all that we have scheduled, I want to thank everyone on the Board, and in particular, Hillary Keeton, Education Chair, and Jean Robinson, Treasurer, for all of their hard work coordinating the June Full-Day Health & Welfare educational session. We had approximately 50 participants and believe that the speakers and their topics were very well received. Congratulations to Dana Johnson from Mercer whose name was drawn at random and who received a free registration for the ISCEBS Annual Symposium at the end of this month in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Be sure to join us on September 17 for our Half-Day Retirement educational session. Some of the topics for the session include: Aligning Healthcare and Retirement Strategies, Medicare Education for Employees, and Plan Sponsor Fiduciary Duties. We anticipate that this session will be approved for Virginia insurance continuing education credits.

Please make plans to join us on September 24 for our chapter social at The Place at Innsbrook. You will have a chance to meet and network with fellow chapter members and guests. Bring a guest! Bring someone who could benefit from starting their CEBS education, or joining our chapter, or both.

On October 8 our lunch meeting will address the timely topic of Cybersecurity. As you know, this is an area of growing importance due to the increasing reliance on computer systems in most societies.

Our annual meeting will be held on November 12 where we are hoping to have a speaker from The Valentine Museum. Our new Board of Directors will be elected at this meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Board as an officer or in an at-large position, please email or call me or any of our other Board members. We will be glad to talk with you about the roles and responsibilities of becoming a member of the Richmond chapter Board.

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I hope to see you at all of these upcoming events, and I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer.

Deborah C. Foster, CEBS
President, Richmond Chapter ISCEBS

Please Join Us for the September Meeting

Date & Time: Thursday, September 17
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Breakfast provided

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Within Reach: Transitioning From Career to Retirement - Marilyn Brennan, TIAA CREF

Retirement Readiness: Taking Action To Align Healthcare and Retirement Strategies – Ken Lowe, Mercer

Medicare Education for Employees – Jean Robinson, International Mission Board

Fiduciary Duties - Barry Schmitt, Cap Trust

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Location: Westwood Racquet Club
6200 West Club Lane
(804) 288-6028

Questions/RSVP: Please RSVP by **September 14** to Hillary Keeton, hkeeton@bbandt.com
(804) 678-5067

Register and Pay Online:

<http://iscebs-richmond.org/index.cfm?display=pages&pageid=7511&sub=1>

OR

Make checks payable and mail to:

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ISCEBS
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Or you may pay at the door if you responded.

** There will be a drawing for a FITBIT!!

Member Spotlight

Rebecca Felts



Current Employer:

Virginia Retirement System

Background

I have worked almost every side of Health Benefits. I have worked at insurance companies in billing, eligibility and claims. I have worked for a private doctor's office doing insurance billing. I have been a Benefits Administrator handling health insurance, workers comp and retirement counseling.

Favorite Richmond Restaurants

Frank's Pizzeria in Bon Air for best pizza and pastas, Extra Billys for barbecue, and Tobacco Company for that "very Richmond" experience for guests

Activities, Interests

I love music, whether it's playing the piano, going to concerts or a road trip for a Broadway musical. I also enjoy a new David Balducci novel and rummaging in antique stores.

What got you into the benefits field?

Pure chance. While taking some business classes, I said the one thing I would never do is work in accounting or insurance – and then my first job was with PruCare of Richmond doing Accounts Receivable!

How has the CEBS designation helped you

My employer encourages ongoing education and has a lot of respect for the CEBS program. They not only pay for the classes but give a salary increase when you receive your CEBS designation. Win-win! The RPA has been extremely helpful as I have been able to take on additional functions. The resources available when you need to research an issue and the ongoing educational events offered by the local chapter are great tools to have available – not to mention getting to meet other Benefits professionals and share info &/or concerns.