

# INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SPECIALISTS

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#### **ISCEBS RICHMOND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER**

#### **President's Message**

We are getting ready to wrap up our CEBS year with the annual meeting on Thursday, November 9 at the Westwood Club. We will be electing a new Board for 2018 and celebrating chapter anniversaries and the accomplishments from the past year. This year, our speaker will be from Hollywood Cemetery. Even though this is a free event for our members, please remember to register by Tuesday noon so we can give Westwood an accurate count for breakfast.

It has been a full year. I went to Brookfield, WI in March to the ISCEBS headquarters and met with other Chapter leaders from around the US and Canada. I picked up some good ideas and also learned that Wisconsinites are serious about their Packers! I had the opportunity to attend a local conference where I heard speakers that then came and spoke to our Chapter. We held 4 education events throughout the year covering 12 topics. The turnout for our Chapter Social was Legend-ary (I know, bad pun for a party at Legend Brewing Company.) I went to Denver for the Symposium with a contingent of folks from our Chapter – and now know the meaning of "Rocky Mountain High". And I played my 1<sup>st</sup> game of corn hole – in a hotel lobby.

If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes an entire Board to raise a Chapter! None of the things we have done this year would have been possible without everyone's combined efforts. Nick is in his 2<sup>nd</sup> year as the Sponsorship Chair and doing a wonderful job. Kim has headed our Membership drives and member reach outs. Julie has kept us focused as Secretary. Hillary has been both Treasurer and Technology Guru. Sharon has taken over when I'm out of town, spearheaded projects and been a sounding board for me. As Past President, Jean has provided both guidance – and conference space! Everyone brought their contact lists to the table so that we could have a wide variety of speakers available. I want to give Craig, our Webmaster, a big shout out for keeping our site current and for being the Chapter's own paparazzo.

A big thank you to our wonderful sponsors. Our sponsors enable us to provide our educational events at a minimal cost to our members and guests. Without our sponsors, the cost of our education events would not be the amazing value they are.

Thanks to everyone for making this a successful year. I can't wait to see what we do next year!

#### Rebecca

Rebecca Felts, CEBS President, Richmond chapter ISCEBS

### ISCEBS RICHMOND CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



## Please Join Us for the November 2017 Annual Chapter Meeting

Topics	Speaker from Hollywood Cemetery Election of new officers to the Board for 2018 Recognition of individuals who attained a designation
Date and Time	Thursday, November 9, 2017, from 7:30 am to 9:30 am Breakfast provided
Location	Westwood Racquet Club 6200 West Club Lane Richmond, VA 23226 (804) 288-6028
Cost	\$20 (No charge for members of the Richmond Chapter of ISCEBS)   Register and pay online here   OR   Make checks payable and mail to:   Richmond Chapter-ISCEBS   P.O. Box 6513   Richmond, VA 23230

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#### Member Spotlight Jayne Anne Grigg



Current Employer:

**Background:** 

Genworth Financial, Inc.

My employee benefits career began with Life of Virginia after my graduation from William and Mary. I have been a part of several transitions with Life of Virginia, first as it evolved into a subsidiary of General Electric, and then as it spun off from General Electric to become Genworth Financial.

My first role with Life of Virginia was in the Investment Products Division, where I was responsible for the administration of guaranteed investment contracts issued to qualified retirement plans. That division expanded over the next several years to provide a wider range of investment products to sophisticated institutional investors. My role expanded to include a concentration in the legal and compliance aspects of investments and contract administration, which ultimately led me to my current position as a Senior Paralegal for Genworth's U.S. Life Insurance business.

Through all of this evolution, my CEBS education and network of fellow benefits professionals has provided an exceptional foundation for my career.

Favorite Richmond restaurants: Azzurro, Iron Horse Restaurant

Activities, Interests: Watercolor and pastel illustration and portraiture, photography, gardening, writing, traveling, working out, and spending time with my family and friends.

What got you into the benefits field?	My father was a medical doctor and also a leader of the Medicare Division of Traveler's Insurance Company, and because of exposure to his careers, I have always had knowledge of and interest in health, wellness and employee benefits. I am fortunate to be part of a company whose vision is to help policyholders and their families secure their financial futures and navigate the financial challenges at some of life's most critical moments.
How has the CEBS designation helped you?	My CEBS education has provided me with a strong educational background for all of my roles at Genworth, and has given me credibility and stature in the insurance and financial industries. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to serve as our Chapter's Secretary and Publicity Chairperson a few years ago, and that remains one of my most cherished professional experiences! Our CEBS chapter and its members are an outstanding group!