

## President's Forum



**Mike Giancotti, CPCU**  
Chapter President

### Hitting the Bull's-Eye!

Last Friday, a few CPCUs got together with friends and family for a hangout and a testing of skills. I don't know if you've had a chance to go ax throwing yet, but I can attest that it is a really good time. You'll need to be patient with yourself, but once you get the hang of it, throwing axes is fun!

You might recognize that there is some inherent risk to participating in ax throwing. All of us had to sign a waiver that let us participate. Before we could begin throwing, the owner of the facility had some important safety instructions for our own protection. I am happy to report that no injuries were suffered by our group, and we mostly followed the instructions we were given.

I asked the owner, Rich Baker, what was the best way to stay safe while participating. He said that staying in sync with your competition was the best thing to do. If you and your competition were both throwing at the same time, you don't have to worry about hitting someone or getting hit down range with an errant throw or bounce.

It is surprising when you see it, but an ax can bounce pretty far if it doesn't stick in the target. From a safe vantage point, I watched our group succeed in throwing some really good shots, as well as a few bull's-eyes. We shared some smiles, some laughs and a bunch of high-fives.

Have a great week, and I hope you hit what you're aiming at.

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## Chapter News



Chapter members take part in ax throwing at Bull's Eye Axe Throwing in Lansing on Feb. 17.

## March Meeting Information

### **Meeting 1:**

Later in the month, let's all attend an amazing webinar sponsored by the Connecticut Chapter and Travelers Insurance on 2/28/23 at 2:00pm EST: "The Underwriters Guide to Advanced Manufacturing: Get Smart on the Risks and Opportunities of Technology."

Here's the link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/advanced-manufacturing-the-risks-and-opportunities-of-technology-tickets-528332395417>

### **Meeting 2:**

The Mid-Tenn CPCU Chapter has issued an open invitation to its DE&I meeting Tuesday, February 28 from 1:00pm - 2:00pm EST. Their speaker is Constance Latimore Dawkins, DE&I co-chair and alternative dispute resolution manager at RYZE Claim Solutions. Constance is a CPCU whose career spans over 20 years in the insurance industry. Constance's presentation is titled, "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: What is Your Bias?".

To register for this meeting, follow the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEpdeiorTijHtTqx0513FFwMCD4tTTpewB7>

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## Future CPCU Annual Meeting Sites

Oct. 5-7, 2023: Washington,  
D.C.

## Future Chapter Meeting Dates

March: TBD