

# Upcoming Events Your Chance To Be Effective for TAHU Legislative Program



Do you know who represents you in Austin? Have you ever had an opportunity to meet with them to discuss issues that are important to you and your family? If so, you are part of a very small percentage that has done so – thank you for your efforts! If you have not – what's holding you back? While it is the responsibility of our elected officials to pass legislation that will improve our quality of life, it is our responsibility as constituents to let them know our expectations. The most effective way to do this is to meet them and communicate those needs to them.

The Texas Association of Health Underwriters (TAHU) would like to encourage you to participate in one or both of the following legislative events so that you can meet your representative and start a dialogue with him or her.

## **Freshman Reception – January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 - Austin, Texas**

Each of the newly elected Representatives and Senators have been invited to join us for this event. An invitation has also been extended to the person in their office who handles health care issues. The event will be held from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Carmelo's Italian Restaurant located at 504 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Do you have a newly elected Representative or Senator in your district? Please extend a personal invitation to them asking that they meet you there. It will make a difference!

This is an excellent opportunity to meet and establish a relationship with your elected official. It is also a good time to share with them the value that we offer to our clients and the important role that agents play in the health care delivery system. As the 80<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session progresses and issues arise that will impact our industry, it will be easier to pick up the phone, reach your contact and share your views with that person.

## **TAHU Day at the Capitol (did you know that this will be our 13<sup>th</sup> year?)**

TAHU's Day at the Capitol will be held on February 20, 2007. If you have not already received a registration form for this event please be on the look out for one in your in-box very soon. You can even register now by going to [www.tahu.org](http://www.tahu.org), go to the calendar, and click on the event to download the form.

A great line-up of speakers is scheduled throughout the morning. These insightful speakers include Greg Scandlen of Consumers for Health Care Choices and Senator Richard T. Moore from Massachusetts. Have you heard about the plan to broaden access to health care coverage in Massachusetts? This is your chance to learn what this piece of legislation means, ask questions and prepare yourself to meet with your legislator. TAHU's lobbyist, Lee Manross, will prepare us all with an update regarding the 80<sup>th</sup> Session, allowing us to be better prepared to visit our legislators and discuss our views with them.

The afternoon will be spent visiting your legislators. You will be provided with the tools to help communicate our position on various bills!

See you in Austin!!!

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