

From the Presidents Desk...
Dean Holmes, TAHU President

I want to thank everyone that came out to the luncheon this month. Ken Atkins with Wake County Economic Development gave us an update on the present and future business climate in our area. We know the Triangle consistently ranks as a top-tier destination for business and families, and it was great to hear Ken's positive message about one of the fastest-growing areas in the country.

I also would like to thank United Healthcare for sponsoring this month's luncheon.

We just came back from Cap Conference and I want to thank everyone that participated. Even in the face of potentially harmful legislation to our industry, it is always a great experience to meet with elected representatives on behalf of our members.

The Triangle Chapter was well represented and we met with both NC Senators and the Congressmen that represent our area, i.e. Price, Etheridge, and Miller. Even though we did not see eye-to-eye on every issue, we did have the opportunity to share our views, concerns, and possible unintended consequences of the health care reform legislation currently under consideration.

As you know, this is still a "fluid" situation and it's very hard to predict what will be the outcome. I did walk away with a sense that the forces of change are upon us no matter what happens in this legislative session.

Be an active participant as time is short and every call, email, and letter counts...go to www.nahu.org and find the Operation Shout! Tab at the top of the web page. With a couple of clicks you can let your voice be heard by our elected representatives.

Every time I come back from Washington DC it reminds me how important HUPAC contributions have become. At times it seems like we ask a lot of our members financially, but the reality is the groups that are diametrically opposed to private sector health care solutions are well funded and focused, and they will not stop until we have a Canadian-European style financing system, or something close to it.

The last statistics I saw were something like 13% of NAHU members give to HUPAC. If everyone gave \$10 per month, the impact we could have in Washington and North Carolina would be amazing and necessary to continue fighting for our clients and our way of life. Take a "restaurant holiday" just one day a month and there is your \$10 contribution! Eat an apple instead and help save our industry!

Thanks for your continued support of NAHU and the Triangle Chapter!
Dean Holmes

Next TAHU Meeting
April 6, 2010

Brier Creek Country Club
9400 Club Hill Drive
Raleigh, NC 27617
[Brier Creek Country Club](#)
[Google Map Directions](#)

Topic: NC Department of Insurance Healthcare Review Program
Speaker: Susan Nestor, NC Department of Insurance

[Register Online](#)

TAHU April Luncheon Sponsorship



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New TAHU Members

TAHU welcomes our new members and their (sponsor):

- William Lockey
- Jason Mitchell
- Alexander Williams (Nathaniel Smith)
- Ed Williams (Dan Odorizzi)
- Rand Williams (Dan Odorizzi)
- Phil Apostolico

TAHU Financial Reports
Tony Gutierrez, TAHU Treasurer

The latest TAHU financial reports are available anytime online at:

<https://accounting.quickbooks.com>

Login Name: **tahumembership**
Password: **triangle**

You can see a variety of reports including profit & loss, balance sheets, invoices, budget vs. actuals, check and deposit details, and much more.

COBRA Premium Subsidy Extended

Rufus Langley - TAHU Law & Legislation Chair

On March 2, 2010, Congress extended the COBRA premium subsidy law that had first taken effect in February 2009. Among other things, the Temporary Extension Act of 2010 does the following:

- provides a one-month extension of the eligibility period for the COBRA premium subsidy (from February 28, 2010 to March 31, 2010); and
- clarifies that employees may receive the COBRA subsidy if, due to a reduction in work hours, they lost group health coverage and were then terminated on or after March 2, 2010.

This applies to all group health plans subject to COBRA, including dental and vision plans.

When is the eligibility period? ARRA included a COBRA premium subsidy for AEs who were involuntarily terminated between September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009. The DOD Act extended this eligibility period to February 28, 2010. H.R. 4691 has further extended the eligibility period to March 31, 2010. The Temporary Extension Act of 2010 (H.R. 4691), which extends the COBRA premium subsidy to March 31, 2010, was signed into law on March 2, 2010.

Public Service Fund

Toni Langley - Public Service Chair

The final TAHU Public Service Fund raffle was held during the Tuesday luncheon. On tap was a certificate for a Pony Size Keg of Brew! This super prize was donated to the association by Scott Maitland, proprietor of the famous Top of the Hill Restaurant and Brewery in Chapel Hill. We would like to thank Mr. Ken Atkins, Executive Director, Wake County Economic Development and guest speaker at the luncheon for drawing the name of the grand prize winner. Rufus Langley humbly accepted the prize, promising to share it with everyone in the room.

Public service can only be defined as a resounding success the luncheons alone brought in approximately \$500.00, with total revenue from both the raffles and the Bowl -A- Thon in excess of \$1500.00. These funds were placed in the TAHU Public Service Fund. This was also a first for TAHU. The creation of a fund that would be used to support the community.

This year's beneficiary was the Raleigh Rescue Mission. We were able to donate \$1,100.00 to this great cause.

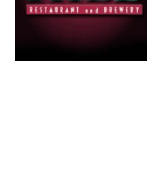
TAHU has members that would rather have a more hands on approach to supporting the community. For these members we offered opportunities to help out at the Food Bank of Central North Carolina, Career Day with the East Millbrook Magnet Middle School Business Alliance, The First Book Project, and Toys for Tots.

Before we wind down the raffles and move into a new phase of support for the TAHU Fund I would like to remind our members to support the businesses that supported us.

Sheraton Hotel and Resort
Fayetteville Street,
Downtown, Raleigh

Top of the Hill
Restaurant and Brewery
Corner of Franklin and Columbia
Chapel, Hill

North Carolina Theater
Progress Energy Center
For Performing Arts
Downtown, Raleigh



Public Service would like to thank the members of this association without whose help we could not have succeeded. From the pens and other giveaways at the Career Day to bowling like pros at the bowl-a-thon to sifting through food stuffs at the Food bank to buying a raffle ticket, you all showed that you care for our community and are ready to roll up your sleeves and do something about it.



NCAHU 21st Annual Symposium
Benton Convention Center
Winston-Salem, NC
April 12-14, 2010

2010 NC Symposium, April 12th – 14th, 2010

This years NC Symposium theme is "SUCCESS—It's All In The Planning", April 12—14 at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, NC.

REGISTER NOW at NCSymposium.org.

Upcoming Events.....

April 2010 **date change

TAHU Luncheon

Date: April 6, 2010**
Time: 11:30 am
Location: Brier Creek Country Club

NCAHU 21st Annual Symposium and Exposition

Date: April 12-14, 2010
Location: Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, NC

May 2010

TAHU Luncheon

Date: May 11, 2010
Time: 11:30 am
Location: WakeMed Raleigh

September 2010

TAHU Charity Golf Tournament

Date: September 29, 2010
Time: 11:30 am
Location: [Lonnie Poole Golf Course](#)



Our March Speaker, Ken Atkins, selects the winning ticket of our Public Service Fund Raffle.