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## Keith Hilliard to Speak on the Special Wish Child, Inc. Golf Tournament in December

Keith Hilliard with Feliciano Financial will be the guest speaker at the December 16, 2005 membership meeting. Keith is heading up the Special Wish Child, Inc. golf tournament held annually since 1987 by the Tyler Association of Independent Financial Advisors (TAIFA). TAIFA requested ETAHU's help in co-sponsoring the tournament for 2006. ETAHU is proud to help support this year's tournament.

The tournament benefits the Special Wish Child, Inc. charity. Special Wish Child, Inc. is a non-profit organization formed by TAIFA in 1987 that grants wishes to terminally ill children and provides life-enhancing equipment to special-needs children in the East Texas area.

Please make plans to attend the December meeting to see how you might be able to help with the tournament. To make this golf tournament a success it takes many volunteers. Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated by TAIFA, ETAHU; but most of all by the children who benefit from the tournament.

## November "Post Cards from the Lege"



BY: MISTY BAKER, DIRECTOR OF TAHU LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND AUSTIN AHU PRESIDENT

Many of you have become acquainted recently with the finer, unpleasant parts of another bill that passed earlier, **Senate Bill 51**, that requires a carrier to keep a terminated employee on a group plan UNTIL it is notified by the employer of the termination. Premium and coverage will both extend until the END of the month that notification is made, regardless of the actual termination date.

The TAHU legislative team continues to work with TDI to get employers some reasonable window of time into the next month to notify the carrier. We are encouraged that the bill's sponsor has written TDI to clarify that the legislative intent was definitely not to put employers in this predicament and to ask TDI to give employers some room to maneuver when it comes to notifying a carrier.

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A favorable rule from TDI will help, but it remains of paramount importance that TAHU members make their employer clients very aware of this new law and how they may be stuck for some unwanted premium. To help avoid that, the TAHU lege folks are developing some "Employer Alerts" which you will be able to include as stuffers with mailings to your clients.

### ***Legislative Day, January 19, 2006 in Dallas, TX***

Mark this date on your (Men of TAHU) Calendar. We need you to come to the TAHU Legislative Day to voice your opinion! Got a concern that you want the Legislature to address? Don't like a bill that was passed in the 79<sup>th</sup> Session? Tell us about it. You will have ample time and attention from the top legislative minds in Texas at our Legislative Day. Go to [www.tahu.org](http://www.tahu.org) and register TODAY!

### ***Capitol Conference, March 27-29, 2006 in Washington, D.C.***

One of the most rewarding experiences you can get as a member of NAHU is to attend Capitol Conference in Washington, D.C. You have the opportunity to meet some of the most influential people in national politics. Plan now to attend this event. Also, get ready to call your Congressman...just to let them know WE are coming. We want to touch every Texas Congressman in Washington. Be on the lookout for more information.

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## EXTRA! EXTRA! Read All About It!

### TAHU Convention - Keynote Speaker: Drew Pearson, former Dallas Cowboy Wide Receiver

2006 TAHU Convention

Westin Galleria in Dallas, Texas

April 23-25, 2006

The 2006 Convention Committee is excited to announce that we have signed Drew Pearson, former Dallas Cowboy wide receiver, as our Keynote Speaker. Drew will be speaking to us on Monday morning. Also, on the agenda, as the luncheon speaker is Gary Kelly, Vice Chairman of the Board and CEO of Southwest Airlines Company. Then, Jeff Crilley of Fox 4 News will be speaking to us on Tuesday morning. Luann Yarberry has been working diligently on the C. E. speakers, and we are excited to be able to offer a C. E. on the Healthcare Matrix, which Carolyn Goodwin has agreed to author and present, as well as a new C. E. called "Mandate Mania," presented by our lobbyist, Lee Manross.

Want to have a great party and not have to travel? Then, **Meet Us At Mi Cocina** in the Galleria on Sunday night before the convention. From the Westin Galleria, you just have to take the escalator down to the skating rink level for an exclusive party at Mi Cocina Restaurant, with mariachi bands, dancing, margaritas, and the best Mexican Buffet in the Dallas-Fort Worth area! The Galleria mall will be closed to the general public, and we sampled the food and margaritas to make sure they were quality level for all of you (no thanks needed). Afterwards, no driving required! Just take the escalators back to the Westin Galleria and your room! How easy and fun is that?

We are also pleased to announce that we have chosen the band for the Hollis Roberson dinner...The Factory. They are a great dance band that will keep your feet moving well into the night!

Last, but not least, we have negotiated \$14.00 coupons from Super Shuttle for all attendees flying into DFW or Love Field. So, mark your calendars and look for exhibitor and registrations packets, coming your way soon!

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## President's Message

Can you believe it is Christmas time again? I know our lovely Public Service Chairs, Cynthia Swanson and D'Ann Fowler, are putting on their Santa's hats in preparation for "Operation Shop Til You Drop." ETAHU will again provide 10 nursing home residents, who have no family, with much needed Christmas gifts and two children from the Salvation Army Christmas Tree their Christmas wishes. The date for delivering gifts to the nursing home has been set for December 16, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. We will first meet at Hollytree in the small meeting room for our regular monthly membership meeting and then we will depart in our sleighs to the nursing home to sing Christmas carols and deliver gifts.

Keith Hilliard will be our guest speaker at the December 16, 2005 regular monthly membership meeting. He will be talking to us about the Special Wish Child, Inc. Golf Tournament. This tournament benefits terminally ill and special-needs children. What a wonderful project for TAIFA and ETAHU to co-sponsor. This is a major undertaking for both associations and many volunteers and sponsors are needed. Please make plans to attend the December meeting to find out how you can help.

ETAHU will be taking on another "Public Service" project this year...wrapping gifts for the East Texas Children's Welfare Board. We will need as many hands as we can get to help with this project. Wrapping paper, bows, and tape will be provided. Also, ETAHU will be providing pizza and drinks for the elves who volunteer to help.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas! And, always remember the reason for the season.



Kathryn Anderson-Haught