THE NEWSLETTER FOR GEM STATE FINANCIAL GROUP



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#### **Product Spotlight**

This month we are spotlighting the Ameritas Quick Comparison of Index Annuities as our Simplifying Annuities CE Event is approaching, Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Please take a moment to review this document and see how these products will be able to enhance the tools you have available for your client's needs.

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#### Simplifying Annuities

Annuities can provide the potential for a lifetime of income. Come and participate in our annual CE event.

#### Using Annuities for Your Clients Retirement Needs

We are pleased to have David Richert, Ameritas Regional VP and Nick Jasa, Ameritas Field Marketing Sales Director as our presenters for this event. RSVP by Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> as seating

is limited.

## Gem State Financial Group

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#### Contests

On these pages we have the details for the:

- 1<sup>st</sup> quarter sales contest
- The Fast Start Gem Award
- 2021 Ameritas Leaders Conference
- The GSFG Bison Award.

Deadline for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter sales contest and the Fast Start Gem Award are at the end of the month.

#### Agency Trainings

March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Case Design, Scott Leavitt GSFG GA

March 16<sup>th</sup> – Advanced SBA Training, Scott Leavitt GSFG GA

#### To join the agency trainings:

https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/952783349 Phone: 1 (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 952-783-349

Dane Ross, Ameritas Internal Wholesaler Phone: (402) 465-6128 Email: <u>dane.ross@ameritas.com</u>

## Scott's Thought:

I can't believe that we are already at the last month of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, I hope your business has been growing in a way that will have you reach your 2020 goals. One way is to make sure you are conducting an annual review of your current client's needs. This will give you an opportunity to strengthen your relationship, update their coverage and receive referrals. Let me know how we can help you with your marketing efforts! Thanks for all you do!



### -Scott



Monthly Drawing Winner...

## **Randy Flem**

20/20 Focused on Your Future

## **Contest Standings:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Randy Flem
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Haunschild
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Kim Severns
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tracy Boster
- 5<sup>th</sup> Jay Thurlow

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# Gem State Financial Group Upcoming Events

## 20/20 Focused on Your Future

January 1<sup>st</sup> - March 31<sup>st</sup> - Sales Contest (refer to flyer in newsletter)

# **March Trainings**

Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

# **March Birthdays**

Wishing each of you a wonderful day and successful year!

Theresa Olson 3/5 Terry Fuhriman 3/16 Stephen Stech 3/19

Stan Dean 3/21 Don Mathern 3/28

April 3<sup>rd</sup> Annuity CE Training

9:00 - 12:00pm

**GSFG Conference Rm** 



IAHU Health Symposium General Information Thursday, April 23, 2020

Welcome

We would like to give a warm welcome to:

**Alexandria Lewis** 

from Idaho Falls to our team!

## Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. Quick Comparison of Index Annuities

	Compass Index Annuity	Ameritas Accumulation 7 Index Annuity	
Product Details			
Issue Ages Maturity Age	0-85 95	0-85 95	
SPDA only or FPDA	FPDA	FPDA	
Minimum Initial Deposit	\$2,000 (if single or annual premium)	\$25,000 (first year premium)	
Minimum Additional Deposit		\$5,000	
Maximum Lifetime Deposit	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	
Band 1 Premium Banding for Interest Rates	< \$50,000 (fixed rate only)	< \$100,000 fixed & indexed rates	
Band 2 Premium Banding for Interest Rates	\$50,000+ (fixed rate only)	\$100,000 - 249,999 fixed & indexed rates	
Band 3 Banding for Interest Rates	1	\$250,000 + fixed and indexed rates	
Dollar Cost Averaging	Yes	Yes	
Enhanced Dollar Cost Averaging	Yes	No	
Surrender Charge	8 years 8%,8%,7%,6%,5%,4%,3%,2%,0%	7 years 9%,9%,8%,7%,6%,5%,4%,0%	
Free Partial Withdrawals	After first policy year, 10% of total policy value each year	After first policy year, 10% of total policy accumulation each year	
Policy Loans	No	No	
Non-tax Qualified Business Allowed	Yes	Yes	
Indexed Options			
S&P 500 1-Year Point to Point	Capped with 100% Par Rate	Capped with 100% Par Rate	
S&P 500 1-Year Monthly Average	Capped with 100% Par Rate	Capped with 100% Par Rate	
S&P 500 1-Year Monthly Sum Cap	No	Capped with 100% Par Rate	
Russell 2000 1-Year Point to Point	Capped with 100% Par Rate	Capped with 100% Par Rate	
Russell 2000 1-Year Monthly Average	Capped with 100% Par Rate	Capped with 100% Par Rate	
MSCI EAFE 1-Year Point to Point	Capped with 100% Par Rate	Capped with 100% Par Rate	
MSCI EAFE 1-Year Monthly Average	Capped with 100% Par Rate	Capped with 100% Par Rate	
S&P 500 Sector Rotator Daily RC2 5% 1-Year Point to Point	No	Par Rate with No Cap	
S&P 500 Sector Rotator Daily RC2 5% 2-Year Point to Point	No	Par Rate with No Cap	
Partial Credit for Mid-Term Death	No	Guarantee Minimum Interest Rate on Index Option Value	
# of Sweep Dates / Month	1	2	
Rate Floor	0%	0%	

For agent use only. Not for use with clients.

	Compass Index Annuity	Ameritas Accumulation 7 Index Annuity
Riders <sup>1</sup>		
Waiver of Surrender Charge for Confinement	Part of Base	Rider – automatically included - no cost
Waiver of Surrender Charge for Terminal Illness	Part of Base	Rider – automatically included - no cost
Waiver of Surrender Charge for Home Health Care	No	Rider – automatically included - no cost
Market Value Adjustment (MVA) Rider	No	Rider – automatically included – no cost
5 YR Surrender Charge Option Cost as % of Acct Value for 5 years <sup>2</sup>	No	9%,9%,7.75%,6.50%,5.25%,0% Cost = 0.15%
Guaranteed Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit (GLWB) Rider	Optional Rider, Cost = 0.XX% (single life); 0.XX% (joint spousal)	No
Enhanced Death Benefit Rider	No	Automatically included - no cost - benefit payable beginning end of year 10. DB=Premium – Withdrawals + 110% Interest credit DB< 1.25 x AV
Enhanced Death Benefit Plus Rider <sup>2</sup>	No	Optional rider available at issue. If selected replaces EDB rider – benefit payable beginning end of year 10. Cost = 0.10% DB=Premium – Withdrawals + 140% interest credits DB≤ 1.25 x AV
Commissions <sup>3</sup> (First Year / Years 2+ /	Trail)	
Schedule A (Issue Age 0-80)	5.00% / 3.50% / 0.10%	5.00% / 3.00% / 0.00%
Schedule B (Issue Age 0-80)	2.50% / 2.50% / 0.30%	4.50% / 2.50% / 0.10%
Schedule C (Issue Age 0-80)	0.65% / 0.65% / 0.65%	3.75% / 1.75% / 0.25%
Schedule D (Issue Age 0-80)	0.10% / 0.10% / 0.75%	2.75% / 1.00% / 0.50%

1 Product features and riders may vary by state and may not be available in all states. Optional riders may have limitations, restrictions, and additional charges.

2 The 5-Year Surrender Charge Rider is not available in combination with the Enhanced Death Benefit Plus Rider.
3 The displayed commission schedules only reflect 0-80. Other issue age schedules can be found on UCL 14, Agent Schedule of Compensation, located in Producer Workbench.

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## **GEM STATE FINANCIAL GROUP**

PRESENTS

## SIMPLYFING ANNUITIES

\*3 hour CE credit pending

Who Should Attend: Agents & Brokers

What: Free CE Meeting Discussing:

Using Annuities for Your Clients Retirement Needs Speakers: Scott Leavitt; GSFG GA, Nick Jasa; Ameritas, Field Marketing Sales Director David Richert; Ameritas, Regional Vice President

Where: Gem State Financial Group Conference Room When: April 3, 2020 8:00am – 12:30pm 8:00 – 8:30am: Welcome & Continental Breakfast 8:30 – 9:30 am: CE\* - Basics of Annuities 9:30-10:30 am: CE\* - Basics of Fixed Annuities SPIA \* SPDA \* Flex Premium

> 10:30 – 11:30 am: CE\* - Index Annuities 11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Overview of Ameritas Annuity Portfolio





Learn tools to help you prepare for your client's retirement

Annuities provide the potential for lifetime income

Protection against market volatility

Help your clients understand how an Annuity can add to their retirement portfolio

73% of retirees who own an annuity feel they can live the lifestyle they want

GEM STATE FINANCIAL GROUP

6223 N Discovery Way Ste 200 Boise, ID 83713

April 3, 2020 8:00 am – 12:30 pm Continental Breakfast

RSVP: amy.leavitt@gemstatefg.com

# **Year to Date - Agent Standings**

# Annuity Leader

## William Barrus

# Life Leader

## Jay Thurlow

# **DI** Leader

**Randy Flem** 

# **Policy Leader**

**Randy Flem** 

# **GSFG** 20/20 Focused on Your Future



## 20/20 Focused on Your Future

We would like to thank Ken Herlihy from OneAmerica for his time to come and educate our GSFG Agents on their products. We would also like to thank the agents you for attending the meeting. We were able to have some great discussions on the:

- The OneAmerica AssetCare/LTC
- The OneAmerica AnnuityCare/LTC
- The OneAmerica Index AnnityCare/LTC

If you were unable to attend the training and would like more information you can contact our office.

# **GSFG Awards**





Left: Congratulations to Bob Haunschild, he was our January 2020 Monthly winner. He was presented with a \$50.00 gift card to Indian Lakes Stake House.





Top Left: Our Fast State Gem Award is coming to end this month. There's still time to submit those policies to receive this award.

Top Right: Our first quarter sales contest also ends this month. Tracy Boster has been the recipient of the past 8 quarterly sales contests.

We would like to thank each of you for your hard work and trust in Gem State Financial Group. We look forward to helping you find the best planning strategies for you and your clients for 2020.



GREEN - AMERITAS PAY DAY		JANUARY 2020 RED - AMERITAS COMM				MISSION CLOSE
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# 2020 - Focused on Your Future

Contest will run from January 1, 2019- March 31, 2019



## Grand Prize: iPad mini 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up: \$100 Amazon Gift Card 3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up: \$50 Amazon Gift Card

#### How to earn points:

- 1 point for each submitted Life, DI, or Annuity Policy with Ameritas or Brokerage\*
- 1 point for each paid Life, DI, or Annuity Policy with Ameritas or Brokerage\*
- 1 point for every \$500 in paid Ameritas Life or DI FYC
- ¼ point for every \$500 in paid Ameritas Annuity or Brokerage\* FYC

\*Brokerage Business (Non-Ameritas Life, DI, LTC, and Final Expense Life Insurance)



# Fast Start Gem



## 25 Policies Submitted and Paid before March 31, 2020

CONTACT YOUR SALES MANAGER FOR FURTHER DETAILS

# Start your first year with Ameritas on the right track and strive for the...



Contact your GA, Scott Leavitt, for more details





# Ameritas LC 2021 Leaders Conference Terranea Resort MARCH 22-26, 2021 TERRANEA RESORT

Located in Southern California is considered the Top Resort to visit in Southern California according to Conde Nast Traveler Magazine. The resort resides on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Wake up to the sound of crashing waves and unforgettable views. Visit the ocean and leave your footprints in the sand or relax in the hammock with a beverage in your hand. This resort offers incredible amenities, beautiful views and toprated customer service. We hope you will join us at the Terranea Resort...it will be an unforgettable experience.



## LEADERS CONFERENCE

MARCH 22-26 2021

TERRANEA RESORT SO. CALIF

#### PALOS VERDES PENINSULA

WAKE UP TO THE SOUND OF CRASHING WAVES

REFER TO 2021 PRODUCTIONS REQUIREMENTS FLYER FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



## Ameritas.



**2021 Conference Production Requirements** (Based on 2020 Production) 2021 Scotland Summit<sup>1</sup> Life and DI Only **Production Required** May 24-28, 2021 212,000 with 115,000 Summit of the Inner Circle1 195,000 Life & DI Minimum 2021 Terranea Resort Production Required Life and DI Only March 22-26, 2021 Leaders Conference 70,000 50,000 Veterans<sup>2</sup> 39,000 35,000 Associate Leaders Conference<sup>3</sup> Contracted in 2018 51,000 41,000 Contracted in 2019 39,000 35,000 Contracted in 2020 31,000 27.000

<sup>1</sup> Summit of the Inner Circle requires an eight life and DI minimum policy count.

<sup>2</sup> Veteran status is defined as the sum of the age plus years of conference qualification to equal 75 or more. The minimum age must be at least 60 and the cumulative years of club qualification must be a minimum of 10 for a combined total of 75.

<sup>3</sup> Associate status is defined as individuals new to the industry and eligible for new agent financing programs. Field associates must also have satisfied his/her Agent Contract production requirement.

#### Reduction in required production allowed in 2020

Agent Conference qualification level will be reduced by five percent if the field associate is a registered representative with Americas Investment Company, LLC (AIC).

Agent Conference qualification level will be reduced by 10 percent if the field associate is registered with AIC's RIA, Ameritas Advisory Services.

(Maximum reduction is 10 percent.)

Conference qualification level can be reduced by five percent if the field associate has qualified for Conference 10+ years. This does not apply to Veteran field associates.
 Maximum discount possible for affiliation with AIC and/or AAS is limited to 10 percent. Maximum combined discounts limited to a total of 15 Percent.

AAS Affiliation	AIC Affiliation	Tenure (10+ Years Conference Qualification)	Total Cumulative Reduction Possible
10%	5%	5%	15%

#### Paid life policy credit

Paid Life Policies	Conference Credit
10	1,000
20	2,500
30	4,000
40	6,000
50	10,000

Note: Focus 10 policies receive one credit for each five policies. Split cases will be credited based on the percentage of the policy.

#### Conference production crediting

- · Individual life and DI will receive 100 percent of FYC.
- · Group dental and vision insurance will be credited at 100 percent paid first year commissions.
- · Fixed and indexed annuities will be credited at three percent of commissionable deposits.
- Representatives affiliated with outside Broker/Dealers must qualify for non-cash benefits based exclusively on the fixed life and
  annuity business offered through affiliates of Ameritas. Necessary adjustments will be made at year end to exclude variable products.

Please Note: The production credit formula differs from Agent Contract and Recognition validation.





Gem State Financial Group is offering an opportunity for ALL CONTRACTED AGENTS/BROKERS to help us grow the agency. Your recommendation of a new Career or Independent Agent to Gem State Financial Group can grow <u>YOUR</u> income. \*When that referral becomes part of the Gem State Financial Group Team you will receive 10% of their Ameritas Life {Life and DI only} FYC production for as long as they write business. Refer a producer, work with him/her, split business with him/her and earn dollars while we all benefit to make this the biggest and best firm in the Company.

Please complete the following and return to Scott Leavitt; General Agent

\*Referring Agent must maintain a contract (specified by Ameritas) to continue qualifying for bonus.

Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Best Time to Call:	
Agent/Broker Name:	Date: