JANUARY LUNCH MEETING

Please join us for lunch and an informative presentation, and earn 1 CPE.

Topic: Data Visualization

Speaker: Michael Scofield, MBA

Date: Thursday, January 22, 2015

Time: 11:15 am registration; 11:45 am lunch and introductions; 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm speaker

Cost: IIA members: $35 (non-members $40, retirees $30; students & unemployed active members free). The Chapter encourages members to bring guests. If you bring a non-member to our meeting, we will pay for their 1st lunch.

RSVP & Info: Please RSVP by January 20, 2015 with your meal preference (Beef, Chicken, Fish or Vegetarian) to athryn Andrus at kandrus@ducommun.com or (310) 413-7254. Additional information – Please contact Sher Shah at sshah@portla.org.

Meals are ordered based on your RSVP. No RSVP = no meal. No-show RSVP’s without notice will be responsible for meal cost reserved.

Location: Holiday Inn Harbor Gateway
19800 South Vermont Ave.
Torrance, CA 90502
(310) 781-9100

Driving Directions: Our meeting place is near the intersection of I-405 and I-110. Parking is free at the Holiday Inn.

- If you are coming north on I-405, take the Main St exit, then go south (left) to Del Amo Blvd and west (right) to Vermont Ave. At Vermont, turn north (right) to the hotel, about one block.
- If you are coming south on I-110 take the 190th St./405 exit and go west (right) to Vermont, then south (left) about 2 blocks to the hotel.
- If you are coming south on I-405, take the Vermont Ave. exit and go south on Vermont about 2 blocks to the hotel.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello everyone!

We held a successful and informative seminar on November 20, 2014. Robert Campbell from Los Angeles County Controller’s Office presented a great topic dealing with Fraud Prevention and Detection Techniques. He spoke about the approaches Los Angeles County has implemented in this regard and the importance of having these techniques in place to prevent and detect fraud.

As you know, we are dark in the month of December, resuming in January. We have a very interesting speaker scheduled for January 22, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Gateway hotel in Torrance. Professor Michael Scofield, assistant professor in Health Informatics at Loma Linda University in Southern California will speak on Data Visualization. This topic includes the basics of converting raw data into decision-able information. It also includes a “rogue’s gallery” of really bad charts which Professor Scofield will discuss and offer solutions as to how to correct them. He will highlight advanced charting techniques, including step functions, and expressing other abstractions in visual forms.

Please note that the seminar will be held in Gateway 1 on the 2nd Floor of the hotel. We have a change in timings for this event only due to rooms being in great demand at this time of the year. Registration will begin at 11:15 AM. Lunch and introductions will commence at 11:45 AM. The speaker will commence at 12 Noon and the seminar ends at 1:00 PM.

The speaker details are going to be available on the chapter website and in next month’s newsletter.
We are hard at work preparing for the March Professional All-Day Seminar to be held on March 19, 2015 and the Student Night planned for April 16, 2015. We hope you will attend both these events and contribute in making them a success.

Merry Christmas and wishing you a very Happy New Year!

Thanks. -Sher Shah, President, IIA-Beach Cities Chapter

JANUARY LUNCH SPEAKER’S BIOGRAPHY AND TOPIC

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STUDENT NIGHT 2015

The purpose of Student Night is to provide a service to students in the South Bay region, to inform and educate them about the possibilities that exist to them should they choose to join the accounting and auditing profession. Additionally, it is hoped that the students get an opportunity to interact with recruiters from a myriad of companies and provide a win-win opportunity for both recruiters and students in providing employment opportunities that may exist in recruiting organizations for the most suitable candidates.

Any organization interested in participating in Student Night 2015 and/or any questions, please contact Nadia Valencia at nvalencia@usaoparts.com or by phone at (323) 252-6306 or Sher Shah at sshah@portla.org or by phone at (310) 732-3019.

His meeting will be held Thursday, April 16th at the Reef Restaurant, in Long Beach. Additional details to come.

CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR (CIA) EXAM REVIEW COURSE

Ronald LaPlante, CIA, CFSA, CPA, CMA, CFE, CFM has returned to the Los Angeles area and is open to holding a live CIA review course. Dates and details to come.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

None at this time

CALENDAR CORNER

December 2014: No lunch meeting
January 22, 2015: Lunch meeting at Holiday Inn Harbor Gateway, Michael Scofield – “Data Visualization”
February 19, 2015: Lunch meeting at Holiday Inn Harbor Gateway –Debbie Ellis – “Topic (TBD)”
March 9-11, 2015: 2015 General Audit Management Conference in Las Vegas, NV
March 19, 2015: All-Day Seminar at Toyota, Torrance Campus- Laura Doud (Keynote Speaker) – “Topic (TBD)”
April 16, 2015: Student Night at the Reef Restaurant, Long Beach
May 21, 2015: Lunch meeting at Holiday Inn Harbor Gateway –Randy Light – “Topic (TBD)”
July 6-9, 2015: 2015 IIA International Conference in Vancouver, BC, Canada

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