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

**Topic:** Importance of a Healthy Work Environment  
**Speaker:** Deborah Ellis, Assistant City Auditor, City of Long Beach  
**Date:** Thursday, February 19, 2015  
**Time:** 11:30 am registration; 12:00 pm lunch and introductions; 12:15 pm – 1:15 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 February 17, 2015 with your meal preference (Beef, Chicken, Fish or Vegetarian) to Kathryn Andrus at kandrus@ducommun.com or (310) 513-7254. Additional information – Please contact Sher Shah at sshah@portla.org or (310) 732-3019.

**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.
The chapter exists to serve your needs and we constantly look for ways to engage you and encourage your participation to make this chapter what you expect it to be. Please feel free to contact any board member with questions, comments or suggestions to help us improve the service we provide to you. Board member and committee chair contact information is available on our chapter website under the “About Us” tab.

Thank you.

Sher Shah, President, IIA-Beach Cities Chapter

**FEBRUARY LUNCH SPEAKER’S BIOGRAPHY AND TOPIC**

Deborah Ellis is Assistant City Auditor in the Long Beach City Auditor’s Office. She joined the Auditor’s Office in 2010. She handles the daily operations of the Office, monitoring projects and resources and working with auditees and outside consultants. Deborah previously worked in the Auditor’s Office as a senior auditor over 20 years ago.

Prior to joining the Auditor’s Office, Deborah was CFO for Long Beach Public Transportation Company for 20 years where she oversaw a budget of $120 million, payroll for over 700 employees, grant administration, money room operations, procurement, warehouse and technology services.

Deborah is a Certified Public Accountant, a graduate of Cal Poly Pomona and UCLA Anderson School of Management’s Executive Education Program.

“Importance of a Healthy Work Environment” –

1. What is a healthy work environment?
   - Characteristics
   - Costs to an organization when the environment is not healthy
   - Ways to achieve the desired work environment
   - Dealing with change

2. Link between an effective whistleblower program and a healthy work environment
   - Unhealthy environments are ripe for fraud
   - Successful programs linked to positive work culture
   - Role of supervisors and retaliation
   - Integrity of investigating allegations
3. Real life situation of how not paying attention to the work environment can lead to fraud and poor work quality

4. Auditing the work environment
   - Work place red flags
   - Process for reporting fraud
   - How are fraud allegations handled
   - Ethical Climate survey

5. Actual fraud audit and how the environment contributed

**STUDENT NIGHT 2015**

IIA-Beach Cities Chapter has organized a Student Night for several years. 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 for 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.

The Board is busy planning for this event and preliminary data leads us to believe that this Student Night is going to be bigger than previous events and we are expecting more than 150 students from several universities/colleges to attend. As you know, the Chapter is a not-for-profit organization and we need your sponsorship dollars to pay for the meals being provided to students by the Chapter. As members of this Chapter, we are requesting that you make a direct contribution to sponsor a student meal at $30 per meal, and request that you ask your work organization to contribute towards the cost of providing a meal or meals as well.

Please make the checks payable to “Beach Cities IIA” and mail the checks to:

Treasurer
IIA-Beach Cities Chapter,

2415 W. 233rd Street,
Torrance, CA 90501.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about the Student Night 2015, please contact Nadia Valencia at nxvalencia@gmail.com or by phone at (323) 252-6306 or Sher Shah at sshah@portla.org or by phone at (310) 732-3019.

This meeting will be held Thursday, April 16th at the Reef Restaurant, in Long Beach. Additional details can be found on pages 11-13 of this newsletter.

**CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR (CIA) EXAM REVIEW COURSE**

Ronald LaPlante, CIA, CFSA, CPA, CMA, CFE, CFM has returned to the Los Angeles area and will be holding a live CIA review course. Dates and details are on page 10.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

- Senior Auditor, Office of the City Auditor, Long Beach (Long Beach, CA) [www.cityauditorlauradoud.com](http://www.cityauditorlauradoud.com)

- Audit Manager, CHAN Healthcare (Camarillo, CA) [www.chanllc.com](http://www.chanllc.com) and/or email at recruiter@chanllc.com

- Audit Manager, CHAN Healthcare (San Bernardino or Bakersfield, CA) [www.chanllc.com](http://www.chanllc.com) and/or email at recruiter@chanllc.com

- Project-Based Audit Manager, CHAN Healthcare (West Coast) [www.chanllc.com](http://www.chanllc.com) and/or email at recruiter@chanllc.com

- Senior Audit Manager, Public Accounting (Irvine, CA) Contact Ryan Sharp at (619) 955-7472 and/or Ryan.sharp@accountingplacementsdirect.com

**ELECTIONS**

Elections will be held during the All-Day Seminar at Toyota, Torrance Campus on March 19, 2015.
**CALENDAR CORNER**

**February 19, 2015:** Lunch meeting at Holiday Inn Harbor Gateway –Debbie Ellis – “Importance of a Healthy Work Environment”

**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) – “Lessons From Pasadena’s $6M Embezzlement”

**March 19, 2015:** Election of Officers

**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)”

**June 6-9, 2015:** 2015 IIA International Conference in Vancouver, BC, Canada

**July 6-9, 2015:** 2015 IIA International Conference in Anaheim, CA

**GLEIM REVIEW SYSTEM**

Beach Cities Chapter has partnered with Gleim Publications to ensure your success on the CIA exam! Working together, we will provide you the necessary study tools to prepare for this difficult exam.

Gleim has been preparing candidates for success with their extensive self-study course for the CIA exam for over 30 years! The Gleim Review System enables you to identify your weak areas so you know where to focus your efforts and GUARANTEES that you will pass each exam part the first time. Our goal is that you achieve success while minimizing your frustration, cost, and time.

As a member of the chapter, you are eligible for 20% off all Gleim's CIA Review materials, as well as Gleim CPE.

To take advantage of the reduced prices, please contact our chapter representative, Melissa Leonard.

By phone: (800) 874-5346, Ext. 131
By email: melissa.leonard@gleim.com
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Visit gleim.com/cia for more information on the CIA Exam or how Gleim can help you pass.

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**IIA’S CIA LEARNING SYSTEM**

See www.learncia.com/chapters for special member discount pricing.

**Place Your ADS for JOBS**

Ads are free to IIA members. Contact Jennifer Hannigan (Boyer) at (949) 874-3244 or JHannigan@AllianceResourceGroup.com or Damon Melfi at (562) 570-7005 or damon.melfi@longbeach.gov

**Notice to all Recipients:**

See our website at www.TheIIA.Org/BeachCities for additional newsletter details. Please advise Jim Olds at jolds@portla.org if your email address changes, or if you no longer would like to receive these newsletters.
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Beach Cities Chapter - Institute of Internal Auditors
Annual Professional Seminar

**Thursday, March 19, 2015 * Eight Hours of Excellent CPE!**

Registration: 7:30am - 8:30am         Seminar: 8:30am – 5:00pm

Planned Topics:

“Lessons From Pasadena’s $6M Embezzlement”
Laura Doud, City Auditor, City of Long Beach

“Conducting Performance Audits”
Jim Godsey, Partner, Macias Gini O’Connell, CPA

“Building a World-Class Data Analysis Function”
Michael Kano, Senior Manager, Sunera LLC

“Ethics, Values, and Professional Responsibilities”
Dr. Larry Kalbers, CPA, Drier Chair in Accounting Ethics
Director, Center for Accounting Ethics, Governance, and the Public Interest
Loyola Marymount University

“Enlightened Professional Skepticism”
Noel Haskins-Hafer, Consumer Ecosystems Compliance Officer, Intuit

“Data Visualization”
Michael Scofield, MBA, Loma Linda University

“Cyber Security Update”
Jensen Penalosa, Supervisory Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

“It’s All About Attitude”
Gary Byron, Vice President of Performance Development
Dale Carnegie
Registration Form
March 19, 2015 Beach Cities IIA Professional Seminar

New Venue
Toyota Auto Museum
(Across from Toyota USA Headquarters Campus)
19600 Van Ness Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501  310-468-4728
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Registration: 7:30 a.m.

$110.00 Members; $130.00 Non-Members (includes full breakfast, lunch, and refreshments)

25% Group Discount (5 or more attendees).

- Top Quality - The Beach Cities Chapter offers you a high-quality professional seminar
- Seminar materials - All attendees will be able to access the course materials from the Chapter website after the seminar [http://www.theia.org/chapters/index.cfm/home.page/cid/188](http://www.theia.org/chapters/index.cfm/home.page/cid/188)
- Network – Meet with your audit buddies to catch up or make new friends.
- Excellent Value - We work hard to offer you a high-quality seminar at a low price, especially for groups. Your fee includes breakfast, lunch, refreshments and free parking!
- Register Now - Please complete the form below so we can accommodate everyone. Please rsvp to Kathryn Andrus, kandrus@ducommun.com. We keep this information confidential.
- Questions? Please contact Jim Olds, jolds@portla.org

Please mail checks payable to “Beach Cities IIA” and mail to:
Treasurer, 2415 W. 233rd St, Torrance, CA 90501
Please FILL IN THIS FORM TO REGISTER ( *required information) and email to kandrus@ducommun.com

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The Beach Cities chapter reserves the right to change the speakers, program topics, and times as needed without notice and does not guarantee any particular topic(s) will be presented. All effort will be made to provide a full day’s program for eight CPE hours.
Certified Internal Auditor Examination Review

Course presented by

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Syllabus – Torrance Area Class

Part 1 – Internal Audit Basics  Cost $75

Saturday Morning 8:30-noon  April 11, 2015
Exact location to be determined based upon attendance

Ethics, IIA Code of Conduct, Charters, IIA Standards Review, Control Frameworks, Fraud Awareness, Sampling, Obtaining and Analyzing Data, Work Documents and Evidence

Part 2 – Internal Audit Practice  Cost $75

Saturday Afternoon 1:30-5:00  April 11, 2015
Exact location to be determined based upon attendance

Internal Audit’s Unique Role in an Organization, Establishing Plans, Assurance and Compliance, Financial, Environmental and Consulting Engagements, Oversight of Engagements, Dissemination of Engagement Results and Follow-up, Fraud Tendencies and Controls

Part 3 – Internal Audit Knowledge Elements  Cost $350

5 Saturdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  April 18th and 25th, May 9th, 16th and 23rd, 2015
Exact location to be determined based upon attendance

Class 1 – Organizational Theory, Behavior, Governance and Risk Management, Communication, Strategic Management
Class 2 – Information Technology
Class 3 – Financial and Intermediate Accounting I
Class 4 – Intermediate Accounting II and Cost Accounting
Class 5 – Finance, Economics and Regulatory Topics

Cost for ALL THREE Parts – $500, includes all handouts and lectures
Cost for Parts 1 and 2 $150, Cost for Parts 1 and 3 or 2 and 3 $375

Cash or Checks Payable to Ronald LaPlante

The DEADLINE to register for Parts 1 and 2 is April 8, 2015
The DEADLINE to register for Part 3 is April 15, 2015
THE BEACH CITIES CHAPTER (IIA) PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL

STUDENT NIGHT 2015
“Unlocking Secrets to Success in Professional Services”

Keynote Speaker:
Maggie O’Keeffe -- Manager, Risk Assurance
PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP

Date: THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015

Location: REEF RESTAURANT, 880 SCENIC HARBOR DRIVE
LONG BEACH, CA 562-435-8013 (NEAR THE QUEEN MARY)

Agenda: 5:00-6:00 pm REGISTRATION / MEET-THE-FIRMS NETWORKING
6:00-6:45 pm DINNER *(Chicken, Beef, Fish, or Vegetarian Pasta)
6:45-7:45 pm PROGRAM
7:45-8:00 pm RAFFLES
8:00pm MORE NETWORKING
FREE EVENT FOR STUDENTS!

IIA MEMBERS $35 and NON-IIA MEMBERS $40
Students must provide a valid, current student ID.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
NADIA VALENCIA at nxvalencia@gmail.com or (323) 252-6306 or
TAHLIA GROND at tahliagron@yahoo.com or (562) 547-2628

TO REGISTER with meal choice, PLEASE CONTACT:
KATHRYN ANDRUS at kandrus@ducommun.com no later than April 6, 2014
Mail Checks payable to “Beach Cities IIA” to 2415 W. 233rd St, Torrance, CA 90501
or pay at the door

Note: No-Show will be responsible for paying the full price of meal ordered

Speaker Information:

Maggie O’Keeffe is a Manager in the Risk Assurance division of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP (PwC). Maggie’s expertise is transforming internal audit and risk management teams from being purely compliance providers into becoming trusted and valuable business associates.

Maggie holds an engineering degree in Materials Science and an MBA with global emphasis from Pepperdine University. Maggie recently returned to the United States after spending four years as a Manager at PwC, Brisbane, Australia.

Prior to PwC, Maggie was employed by the Boeing Company in the United States, India and Australia. Maggie worked as a Project Manager in Defense, Space & Security and Commercial Airplanes.

Maggie’s engineering background gives her the ability to solve business problems with a scientific objective. Her understanding of business operations coupled with her passion to solve problems, consistently improves business performance.
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