MAY LUNCH MEETING

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

**Topic:** “Avoid Headlines & Sleep Peacefully: Best Practices in Fraud Mitigation”

**Speaker:** Ruthe Holden, Internal Audit Manager, City of Pasadena

**Date:** Wednesday, May 18, 2016

**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 Monday, November 16, 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:** The Reef
800 Harbor Scenic Drive
Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 435-8013

**Driving Directions:** Our meeting place is just south of Downtown Long Beach, across Queensway Bay near the Queen Mary.
- From the I-405 south,
  - Take I- 710 south,
  - Exit on 1A towards Piers F-J/Queen Mary
  - Merge onto S. Harbor Scenic Drive
  - S. Harbor Scenic Drive becomes Harbor Scenic Way.
  - The Reef will be on the left

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone,

We had two extremely successful events in March and April this year. The first event was the 8-hour professional seminar at the Toyota Auto Museum on March 24, 2016, where 80 attendees and 9 great speakers provided a great learning experience for our members. On April 20, 2016, we held our Student Night at the Reef restaurant, where we had over 130 students in attendance from 13 universities, which is a record so far. We hosted about 60 professionals, including several university faculty professors and 26 amazingly generous sponsors. Our Student Night has become the talk of the town and word about the quality and magnitude of the event has spread far and wide. We continue to draw students from many universities and the list is growing. We had a great fund-raising drive and collected enough funds to pay for all the student meals, which was one of our goals. We want to thank all the sponsors that contributed so generously to make this event so successful.

Don Mullinax, Western Region Director of the Defense Contract Audit Agency gave a very interesting presentation entitled “From Average to Awesome” and motivated students to excel in their chosen careers. Don spoke about his own personal experiences and the need to have mentors that can help guide your personal growth throughout your professional career. Don truly exemplifies the chapter’s goal of helping students connect with world-class organizations and educating the students about the internal audit profession. Our chapter is deeply committed to student outreach activities so we can help the profession to grow and gain recognition.
Our next lunchtime seminar will be held at the Reef restaurant in Long Beach on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 and we are pleased to announce that Ruthe Holden, Internal Audit Manager from the City of Pasadena has accepted our invitation to speak to our members. She will be presenting a very interesting topic entitled: “Avoid Headlines & Sleep Peacefully: Best Practices in Fraud Mitigation”. As you may know, Ruthe was the Chief Auditor with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation District for 10 years and president of the IIA - San Gabriel Valley Chapter during 2012-13 and brings with her many years of hands on experience in auditing. This is a great opportunity to earn 1-hour of CPE at a very affordable cost.

We look forward to your support and participation and would appreciate hearing from you if you have any concerns, ideas and suggestions.

Thank you.

Sher Shah, President, IIA-Beach Cities Chapter

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

Ruthe Holden, CPA, CIA, CISA, CGAP, CRMA, is the new Internal Audit Manager for the City of Pasadena. Prior to that she was the Chief Auditor for Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority. She has over 30 years of experience in Federal and Local government with 23 years’ experience in Internal Audit. She has conducted operational, financial, information technology, contract, and regulatory compliance audits. She is currently a member of the Association of Local Government Auditors and Past Chair of the American Public Transportation Association’s Committee of Audit Professionals. She is also the Regional Conference Chair for the Institute of Internal Auditor’s (IIA), and past Chair of the IIA’s Southern California District Educational Conference and past co-chair of the IIA’s 2010 Western Regional Conference.

**Topic Details:**

Deceitful employee misconduct damages reputations, reduces resources available to provide services, and hurts esprit de corps. During this presentation the City of Pasadena’s new Internal Audit Manager will discuss recent public sector fraud cases, providing a roadmap on how to respond to and prevent employee fraud. Pasadena recently experienced an alleged $6.4M fraud and transparency, accessibility, and responsiveness were the hallmarks of their response. The City’s response includes a city-wide fraud risk assessment, an updated Fraud, Waste & Abuse policy, and training 100% of their employees. Don’t miss this presentation – you will sleep more peacefully with the insights and tools you will acquire.

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**POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

- **Webmaster for Beach Cities Chapter**
  Looking for a webmaster to post current and future chapter events, as well as monthly newsletters and job as necessary. **This is a voluntary position.** Please contact Sher Shah at sshah@portla.org or (310) 732-3019 for more information if you are interested.

- **Secretary for Beach Cities Chapter**
  Looking for a secretary for the chapter. This is an officer position within the chapter, and requires keeping and distributing board minutes and certifying results of elections each year. **This is a voluntary position.** Please contact Sher Shah at sshah@portla.org or (310) 732-3019 for more information if you are interested.

- **IT Audit Manager – Administrative Manager III**
  Orange County Auditor-Controller (Santa Ana) www.ocgov.com/jobs. For specific questions, please contact Lauren Hirano at (714) 834-3116 or Lauren.Hirano@ac.oc.gov.

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CALENDAR CORNER

May 18, 2016: Lunch meeting at The Reef – Ruthe Holden, Internal Audit Manager, City of Pasadena will be presenting “Avoid Headlines & Sleep Peacefully: Best Practices in Fraud Mitigation”

June 5-6, 2016: 5th Annual Southern California District Conference, Anaheim, CA (for more information, visit www.WRD4EC.org)

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