President’s Message

Dear IIA Central MS Chapter Members and Friends,

Is it too early to say “Happy Fall Y’alii”??? I am so ready for cooler weather! 😊

Please be sure to read this newsletter in its entirety. There are a lot of announcements regarding local CPE opportunities and job announcements. 😊

We are excited for the CPE opportunity with our chapter scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th. The topic and speaker are noted on page 3 – as always, seating is limited so please complete the registration form ASAP if you would like to attend.

We have also lined up MS State Auditor Stacey Pickering as our next speaker on Tuesday, October 6th. He will provide us an update on the State Auditor’s office, including some successes and achievements over the last year. Please see Page 2 for more information on the meeting, how to register for the meeting, and Auditor Pickering’s bio.

We hope to see you in October!
Amy Deer, Chapter President

ATTENDANCE REWARDS

Each person (member and non-member) in attendance at an IIA meeting has a chance to win a $25 door prize. Your chapter officers and chairs are also considering another MEMBER REWARDS program. Ideas?? Email them to Amy at adeer@cspire.com. We’d love to hear a fresh idea!

Ethics must begin at the top of an organization. It is a leadership issue and the chief executive must set the example. ~ Edward Hennessy

Need a way to communicate to local auditors?

We’d love to help! Our IIA newsletter and website are great platforms for the following:

- Local job postings
- Job change or career advancement announcements
- Request for input on audit programs, practices, or policies from your peers
MEETING INFORMATION

LOCATION AND TIME

Our next IIA meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 6th** at 11:30 am at River Hills Club in Jackson.

RESERVATIONS

Please submit your reservations by contacting Dana Bynum by email or at 601.981.5332 ext. 1231. If you leave a message, please give your company name, the attendees’ names and a contact phone number. All reservations must be received by **noon on Monday, October 5th**. Note: Seating accommodations are limited. If you show up without a reservation, seating will be made upon availability. We reserve the right to bill no-shows if not canceled by noon on the day prior to the meeting.

MENU

The $15 meal at the River Hills Club includes a hot buffet style lunch with a full salad bar and drink. If you have any special dietary concerns, please call or email Dana, or let her know when arriving at River Hills.

SPEAKER BIO AND TOPIC – Stacey Pickering

Elected as Mississippi’s 41st State Auditor in 2007, Stacey Pickering was re-elected as State Auditor in 2011, receiving over 75 percent of the vote in the November General Election. Since 2008, Pickering has recovered more than $21 million in embezzled, misappropriated and misspent taxpayer money on behalf of Mississippians. Throughout his political career, Pickering has made tremendous strides in creating more accountability and transparency in government and continues to promote fiscal responsibility and the need for more efficiency and productivity in government.

In August 2014, Auditor Pickering received the David M. Walker Excellence in Government Performance and Accountability Award, and was previously honored with the National State Auditor’s Association’s “National Excellence in Accountability Award”. He has also been honored by the Department of Defense with the Patriot Award twice in recent years for his support of the MS National Guard & Reserve.

Auditor Pickering currently serves on the Domestic Working Group for the Office of the Comptroller General of the United States. He also serves on the Financial Management and Intergovernmental Affairs and Performance Audit Committees for the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers and is a member of the National State Auditors Association. Stacey Pickering serves as a Chaplain in the Mississippi Air National Guard of the 253rd Air Support Squadron. He is also a dedicated troop leader for Boy Scouts of America.

Auditor Pickering is a seventh-generation Mississippian from Jones County. He and his wife, Whitney, live in Laurel, Miss., with their four children.
WELCOME NEW CENTRAL MS CHAPTER IIA MEMBERS!

Tracie Riggin – Community Bank
Kendall White – BancorpSouth
Kim Williams – Renasant Bank
Katherine Herron – Jackson State University
Shonda de Verteuil – Jackson State University
Ella Holmes – Jackson State University
Kristen Glover – Glover Inc.
Carol Brock – Pinnacle Trust Company

New Members: Please come to your first IIA meeting at no charge! Just let Dana know when making your reservation that your meal is on us. 😊

2015 ONE-DAY FALL SEMINAR

The IIA Central MS Chapter will be hosting a 1-day seminar on October 20th at the C Spire corporate office in Ridgeland, MS. The seminar will be presented by Dr. Mark Lehman, CPA, CFE, ACDA, and Associate Professor Emeritus of Accountancy at Mississippi State University. The topic will be Using Excel Tools and Functions to Increase Efficiency and Effectiveness of Data Analysis in the Context of Accounting and Auditing.

Note that there is limited seating for this event. Please see the Speaker Bio, Course Description, and Registration Form attached to the newsletter email, or you can follow the link below to our IIA website. If interested in attending the seminar, please contact Barbara Kellett or Amy Deer to reserve your spot and send in your completed registration form with payment!

Event and Registration Form Link:
https://chapters.theiia.org/central-mississippi/Events/Pages/Fall-2015-One-Day-Seminar.aspx

OTHER LOCAL SEMINARS OR JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Please see on the updated chapter website at Careers for two local job opportunities – one with a closing date of 9/24, so don’t delay! In addition, if you missed our wonderful speaker from our seminar event last year, you have another chance to hear Scott at the Birmingham IIA Chapter event! See more information at their IIA Chapter Website under “Training and Events” at: https://chapters.theiia.org/birmingham.

And be sure to save the date for another great local CPE opportunity benefiting the Frances Rushton Scholarship Fund to be held on November 6th at Mississippi College! It’s a great way to help students by funding scholarships while also earning your CPE. Information regarding this event will be sent at a later date!

WEBSITE CONSTRUCTION

We are working hard to get the Chapter website up and running with current info. There are still some pages under construction, but check it out when you have moment. Thanks in advance for your patience!

https://chapters.theiia.org/central-mississippi