November 2018 Newsletter

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November Membership Anniversaries:

2 Years – Lois Mahr, Kevin Cutler, Jo Ann Rodgers
4 Years – Laura Bensema
5 Years – Katie Hyet
6 Years – Jonathan Dreasler
7 Years – Luann Rickert
18 Years – Naser Affarka
26 Years – Julie Hupp

New, Returning, or Transferred Members:

James Saul – Eldorado Resorts Inc.
Naser Affarka – Lee Enterprises Inc.

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Website
https://chapters.theiia.org/heartland-iowa/Pages/default.aspx
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President’s Message

Wishing everyone warmth and happiness during this holiday season. This month’s introduction is for Pam Richards. She serves as our chapter Secretary, keeping the meeting minutes and sending the CPE certificates for each meeting or event.

As always, feel free to reach out to any chapter leader with questions or suggestions.

Yvonne Kenworthy
President, Heartland-Iowa IIA

The Board’s Blog - Pam Richardson

My name is: Pam Richardson

Before I heard of the IIA, I knew about auditing as an auditee. The first eighteen years of my career were spent in the financial industry as a mortgage banker and in manufacturing as an accountant and database administrator. Each year, “the AUDITORS” visited so I was familiar with some skill sets they used and welcomed. When my employer left Cedar Rapids in 2001, I adjunct taught at the junior college level while looking for other alternatives. My last major task before the company was sold was to rebuild a $20M property insurance claim with a forensic auditor – as the claim paperwork and adjuster were lost in New York City on September 11, 2001. With my varied background, I joined Rockwell Collins’ internal audit group in 2002, the week Sarbanes-Oxley was signed. Julie Hupp was a team leader and so I became a part of the Heartland-Iowa chapter. Studying and passing the CIA exam helped confirm what had been learned about auditing as an auditee and taught the need for optimism and skepticism while looking at processes. With the help of the chapter meeting content, systems general computer controls and other system reviews were developed using COBIT, COSO and guidance from the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB). Five and half years were spent with the internal audit team before returning to the operations side of Rockwell Collins. My career has evolved so that now I am a Cost Accounting Manager with Evergreen Packaging in Cedar Rapids. I’ve stayed involved with the IIA primarily to maintain awareness of issues impacting internal auditors currently, so requirements are understood when requests are received. The skills are helping today as each year
my team reviews selected financial policies and procedures and confirms practice matches documentation. If any of the three control objectives are missing, recommendations are negotiated and implemented to improve procedures and processes so controls are documented and operating effectively, with adequate evidence available for “the AUDITORS” when they visit.

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**Annual Tax Update with the Institute of Management Accountants**

**Date:** Wednesday December 12th, 2018  
**Time:** Lunch 11:00-Noon, Program Noon-1:00  
**Location:** Elmcrest Country Club, 1 Zach Johnson Dr N E, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402  
**CPEs:** 1  
**Cost:** $30  
IMA Reservation Link: cedarrapids.imanet.org/events/eventdescription

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**Ethics Program**

**Date:** Monday February 11th, 2019  
**Time:** Lunch 11:30-Noon, Program Noon-2:00  
**Location:** Biaggi’s Ristorante Italiano, 320 Collins Road NE, Cedar Rapids  
**Presenter:** Dr. Andrew J. Hosmanek, Department of Management & Organizations, Henry B. Tippie College of Business, U of I  
**Topic:** Ethics Program  
**CPEs:** 2  
**Cost:** $65  
Register by 5PM on Thursday Feb 7th at www.eiseverywhere.com/384398

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**About Our Speaker**

Dr. Hosmanek is a scholar and attorney dedicated to producing important research that improves the working environment. As an attorney Andy has represented both workers and management in labor disputes for many years. He draws on
these real-live experiences to produce research that is relevant, meaningful, and practical. He also provides top-quality instruction in ethics, management, negotiations, business law, and organizational effectiveness through the use of real-life examples and current research. Andy has earned several teaching awards the Collegiate Teaching Award at the University of Iowa in 2003.

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**Upcoming IIA Webinars**

The IIA’s complimentary Members-only Webinar Series is available exclusively to you as part of your membership investment. These monthly educational webinars are developed specifically with IIA members in mind (1 CPE each).

- **10-December-2018**  
  **Members-Only Webinar: Impact of Internal Audit on Food Safety Culture**

- **11-December-2018**  
  **Members-only Webinar: United, Connected and Aligned**

Details and registration at [https://na.theiia.org/training/eLearning/Pages/Webinars.aspx](https://na.theiia.org/training/eLearning/Pages/Webinars.aspx)

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**Did You Know: Online Training Discount**

IIA members save up to $100 with early registration for Online Training courses. Online Training offers you the flexibility and convenience of learning from your office or preferred location. These real-time, interactive courses are scheduled in short sessions over multiple days to fit your busy schedule.

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**Career Opportunities**

If you wish to post a job opening in the chapter newsletter and on the chapter website, contact Yvonne Kenworthy or Julie Hupp. The cost for members to post an ad is $25 per month.

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**Certification Information**

CIA Learning System materials for the 2019 CIA exam are now available via the IIA Bookstore; however, the Heartland-Iowa Chapter can help you obtain an additional discount!

The Heartland-Iowa Chapter has secured a special discount for the CIA Learning System Version 6 (online version only – no books). The regular IIA member price for the system for all three parts is $795 plus tax. If you order the kit through the chapter the price is $610, a savings to our members of $185!

**New for Version 6.0!**

- Aligned with updated CIA Exam Syllabi, testing January 1, 2019 and beyond
- 500 new test questions
• Download books to your e-reader, read online, or choose printed books (optional add-on)
• Link seamlessly from online quiz questions directly to pertinent sections of the online reading materials for convenient topic review
• Includes most recent IPPF enhancements
• Video tutorials providing an overview of the IPPF components
• Purchasers will have on-line access for two years from date of purchase.

This offer is not available from the IIA Bookstore. You must be a current Heartland-Iowa Chapter member to obtain this discount. If you wish to order a CIA Learning System at the price of $610, contact Julie Hupp at hupp2345@southslope.net.

Drive Your Career Forward With Updated & Aligned CIA Exam

Changes are coming January 2019

Training Options
Northern Illinois University Online CIA Exam Review Courses are also available for those looking for an instructor led learning option. Complete details about the NIU online courses are available on the website www.cia.niu.edu.