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### New Year’s Message . . . 2014 just around the corner . . .

The officers, board and committee members of your Long Island Chapter of the IIA wish the membership and their families the very best in personal and professional pursuits in the coming new year. As we head into the New Year I thought the following quote from Carl Bard summed up a nice approach for 2014 - "Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending". I wish all of you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a healthy and a happy 2014. Thank you all for your membership and enthusiastic support and please do not hesitate to reach out to me if I can be of any help.

Best Regards,
Ron Goldman
President~IIA Long Island Chapter
2. DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE CORNER

Gary Jendras, our District representative, presents the following District news update:

The Chapter Relations Committee (CRC) held their Mid-Year meetings the week of December 9th in Orlando Florida. The mission of the (CRC) is to assist chapter leaders as a resource and serve as liaison to The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) to enable chapters to meet their objectives; to effectively promote the professional practice of internal auditing through a full range of quality services to members; and to ensure effective strategies are developed to address issues and opportunities at the chapter level.

The CRC is composed of 32 elected District Representatives and a minimum of five District Advisors, based on input from the North American Board (NA Board) or CRC. The CRC Chairman is appointed by the incoming NA Board Chairman and report to the NA Board through the NA Board Vice Chairman of Member Services. Members of the CRC cannot serve as an officer of a local chapter simultaneously with their committee membership; however, they may serve as a member of the board of governors for a local chapter. CRC members reflect diversity in background, skills and represent diverse geographic areas.

A summary of the results of the meetings will be provided in the next Newsletter.

3. IIA LONG ISLAND CHAPTER – JOB CORNER

CHAPTER EMPLOYMENT HELP
The Long Island Chapter offers employment help to members – matching those searching for work to those companies hiring. For more information contact RUSS SAFIRSTEIN, IIA Board Governor and Employment Committee chair, at rsafirstein@paracongroup.com - Good luck in your job search.

ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS TO DETERMINE YOUR ‘JOB-FIT’
Following is an overview of considerations to formulate questions to help evaluate if a job is a ‘fit’ for you:

December 2013 – Many of us go into job interviews cold. We do our periphery research and get an update from the recruiter or from a colleague that we know, but truth be told we really don’t know enough to make an informed decision. You need to do your homework and ask deep-level questions of your interviewer, otherwise you won’t know what you’re signing up for. Let’s all avoid that unsavory situation.

So picture this, you go find the “dream job” from an online posting or recruiter. Sounds just like the job you wanted. You’re sold before you even submit your resume for consideration. Now you get called for an interview and you have stars in your eyes – laser-focused on the final outcome: Impress the interviewer and land the job. You nod enthusiastically at everything they say, recite your scripted responses and ask a few obligatory questions.

For some, scripted responses may make them sound like a robot, for you it works out well as you land the job. You’re excited but you’ve neglected one crucial step – ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS THAT WOULD ACTUALLY HELP YOU EVALUATE IF THE JOB WAS THE RIGHT FIT FOR YOU.
3. IIA LONG ISLAND CHAPTER - JOB CORNER - continued

What are some of these questions you ask? Deeper questions about the company itself and what it is like to work there. Here are some pointers from the experts:

- Use online resources Use online resources such as Glassdoor to see what former employees are saying about the company.

- Ask who your supervisor will be and ask what type of manager they are. See if they sound like the three bad classes of bosses: micromanagers, neglectors or yellers. Avoid these at all costs.

- Ask if there are any divisions of the company where you’ll have the greatest impact. Certain impact can lead to another line on your growing resume or a future talking point. Remember we’re building a career here. The greater the impact the better chance you have of being fulfilled and enjoy what you’re doing.

- Ask about the skills you could develop. These are important as your career evolves to match your skills development to the needs of the market. Don’t just look at the skills today, but look to tomorrow’s needs and make sure you’re ready for the next phase of your career.

- Ask to speak to a peer. They can fill you in on the day to day aspects of the job. Peers also help you evaluate where and how you fit in. Do you like this person? Can you see yourself spending your quality time with them and others like them?

- Ask about culture. The quality of life there and outside of work is important to you fitting in with the team. What is the quality of the hours not just the quantity of hours? Is there some fun in the workplace or is it all seriousness? What environment works best for you?

4. L I CHAPTER MEMBERS RECEIVING CERTIFICATIONS

Chapter members who are certification recipients in recent months are congratulated by the officers, board and membership on their achievement. Presented below is a listing of Long Island Chapter certification recipients since the last newsletter. In the unlikely case your name does not appear here – please contact the certification committee - -

CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR (CIA) - - - Victoria Coxon; and, Tania Nugent
CERTIFICATION in RISK MANAGEMENT ASSURANCE (CRMA) - - - Anil Datta
CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT AUDITING PROFESSIONAL (CGAP) - - - Melissa Goldman

- - - Again – congratulations and best wishes for a successful career to the chapter members receiving their Certifications.
5. SEMINAR TOPIC SELECTION for 2014 - 2015

SHARE YOUR IDEAS
If you have any ideas for:
Seminar topics
Speakers
Articles
Profiles
Membership outreach
Chapter activities
Volunteer opportunities
Please pass them along. Send any ideas to karen.amato7@gmail.com Consider suggesting what time of year the topic would be most appropriate for.

6. CIA & RELATED CERTIFICATION NEWS

Biju Beegum, our Chapter CIA Committee Chairperson, is available to answer any questions you may have on the CIA exam – including study materials and the CIA exam itself. We solicit the experience of chapter members who have recently taken the exam, and look forward to hearing from those attaining their Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) or related certifications.

December 31st CPE Reporting Deadline Approaches
IMPORTANT REMINDER: - December 31st is closer than you think! - CPE reporting deadlines for your certifications are quickly approaching. All reporting is now on a yearly basis – December 31st of each year being the reporting deadline.
6. CIA & RELATED CERTIFICATION NEWS

Reporting Deadline - - - continued - - -

SPECIAL NOTE FOR CRMA CANDIDATES CERTIFIED THROUGH THE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE RECOGNITION PROGRAM (PER) PROVISION - - -

Candidates who earned the CRMA status through the professional experience (PER) versus studying and sitting for an exam are not awarded CPE for earning the CRMA designation. Candidates need to earn and report CPE in the year following the year they become certified (20 hours for a practicing CRMA, and 10 hours for a non-practicing CRMA). - - - For instance, candidates who earned their CRMA through the PER in 2011 were required to first report CPE on or before 31 December 2012. Candidates who earned the CRMA through the PER in 2012 need to first report CPE on or before 31 December 2013, and candidates who earned the CRMA in 2013 will be required to first report CPE on or before 31 December 2014. - - - Note that the CRMA exam started in July 2013. Once a candidate achieves the CRMA through testing, they will be awarded 20 hours of CPE for the year following the year in which the certification was earned.

The IIA’s CIA Learning System

Slogan for the IIA’s CIA Learning System is “Prepare to Pass”. With an array of personalized training options this IIA System is the solution to those seeking the best way to prepare for the Certified Internal Auditor exam. Combining printed books and interactive online study tools with optional live and online courses to ensure you are prepared to pass the CIA exam. Your choice determines the training option, study time and place. For additional information, recommendations of those who have used the system or to order your own CIA LEARNING SYSTEM visit: www.LearnCIA.com – or – call: 877.442.2425. You can try a demo of the CIA LEARNING SYSTEM online by accessing the above website. Should you wish to purchase the system for self-study, contact the Long Island Chapter to arrange a member discount.

CIA Test Prep Review Course Offered at Pace University - NYC

Pace University has partnered with the IIA to offer a comprehensive instructor led CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR (CIA) TEST PREP REVIEW COURSE. This program will be held at Pace University’s convenient Midtown Campus, located at 551 Fifth Avenue at 45th, just two blocks from Grand Central.

This Prep Course commences on January 25th, and further information can be found at the ‘PACE’ website www.pace.edu/CIA – and/or in the new Pace ‘Fall 2013 Continuing & Professional Education Brochure’. Additional information may be obtained from DJ Hopson at 212.346.1186 – or – dhopson@pace.edu. Be sure to note you are an IIA Member if deciding to take the course – as IIA members are offered significant discounts by Test-Part and an additional $75 off if enrolled in the full program (all 3 parts).

The IIA’s CRMA Tests

The CRMA (Certification in Risk Management Assurance) testing has begun and materials for study for those preparing to take the test are becoming available. The IIA bookstore is reported to have a book of test preparation materials – with other test preparation materials in development as this is a new credential. Visit the IIA website for more information on the CRMA test and study materials.
7. **IIA LONG ISLAND CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

Thanks to our new members and those returning members we have had outstanding attendance at our fall seminars. We hope you continue to enjoy the benefits of being a member of the institute of internal Auditors Long Island Chapter. Our seminars continue to bring you the latest on hot topics impacting our profession.

Our membership continues to exceed 400 members and is growing. Stay connected with the Chapter through our website: [http://chapters.theiia.org/long-island/](http://chapters.theiia.org/long-island/), where you can find complete information on our upcoming seminars and activities.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact one of our officers or our Vice President, Membership, at [Karen.ammato7@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.ammato7@gmail.com). We welcome your thoughts and appreciate your support.

8. **BIRTHDAY MILESTONE – the CIA DESIGNATION**

A very special birthday announcement was made by our District Representative, Gary Jendras, at the last meeting of the 2013 year – Friday December 13th - - - This celebration was the 40th anniversary of the CIA – (Certified Internal Auditor) designation. Gary noted salient steps in the CIA’s development and history, including a brief video courtesy of IIA – National. A summary statistic of note is that presently there are 115,000 CIA practitioners throughout the world ! Noted was that the ‘100 thousandth’ CIA award was only in 2011 ! The CIA is still the ultimate achievement in internal auditing, it’s 40 years old AND growing - - - The CIA’s slogan is . . . Meeting the challenge of tomorrow !

9. **CHAPTER WEBSITE – A MEMBER RESOURCE -**

Thanks to the hard work of Mindy Kaplan, our Chapter Webmaster, the Long Island Chapter’s website ( [http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/home.page/cid/241](http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/home.page/cid/241) ) and the National IIA website (theiia.org) now work in tandem. Use of a standard template, prepared and maintained by corporate, permits feeding information ( e.g., such as national ‘happenings’, twitters, etc. ) automatically and aids coordination and control of ancillary content and processes in the LI website ( e.g., format, housekeeping, font-size control, etc.) . Most data on the HOME PAGE is “fed” through data input into the NEWS and EVENTS column. However, we can add “New Updates” after our chapter “Mission Statement” thus making it easier for readers to note new items added to events and news. Please visit the site, and we look forward to YOUR feedback !
The Long Island Chapter has a full program of scheduled seminars offering CPE’s throughout the year. Listed below are the seminars, associated CPE’s, presentation dates and registration information thru the end of the chapter year. A full description of each seminar will be Emailed prior to each seminar to Chapter members. For information // questions on Seminars please contact: Chapter President Ron Goldman at <LongIslandIIa@yahoo.com>.

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| January 24, 2014  
Friday  
Melville Marriott | Half Day (Breakfast and Lunch)  
4 CPE/CPDs | - Tax & Accounting Update - | Member - $85  
Non-member - $110  
Student - $30 |
| February 28, 2014  
Friday  
Melville Marriott | Full Day (Breakfast and Lunch)  
8 CPE/CPDs | - Annual Fraud Conference - | Member - $170  
Non-member - $220  
Student - $30 |
| March 21, 2014  
Friday  
Melville Marriott | Full Day (Breakfast and Lunch)  
8 CPE/CPDs | - Annual IT Conference – ( including COBIT ) | Member - $170  
Non-member - $220  
Student - $30 |
| April 11, 2014  
Friday  
Melville Marriott | Full Day (Breakfast and Lunch)  
8 CPE/CPDs | Chapter Annual Conference | Member - $170  
Non-member - $220  
Student - $30 |
| Date / venue to be announced – watch your Email & Newsletter ( Usually in May ) | Cocktails, Networking, Music, Prizes, Full-Dinner ( No CPEs ) | IIA LONG ISLAND CHAPTER YEAR-END DINNER ( date to be announced ) | Details to be announced – watch your Email & Newsletter ! |

MEETINGS of INTEREST : IIA International Conference - July 6 thru 9, 2014  
Join more than 2,000 of your peers in LONDON, England  
(International Conference details visit www.ic.globalia.org )

Anyone attending the above – or in fact any – IIA conferences/events are asked to submit comments on their experience to our Chapter’s newsletter – please note items from conference that may be of interest to chapter membership. Email CHAPTER NEWSLETTER - to Skirkbob@gmail.com.

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