Dear IIA Miami Chapter Valued Members and the IIA South Florida Community,

Our fiscal year has just begun on June 1st and we are bigger and stronger than we have ever been! We entered the new year as "the most innovative chapter in the country", and this is a true representation of how dedicated and excited the Miami Chapter is to serving our Internal Audit members and community. A strong team of officers have been nominated to serve you in this upcoming year and below we share some fun facts about each officer. We also have our incredible sponsors to thank for their continued support of our Chapter: Siegfried Group and 24by7 Security.

We have accomplished a tremendous amount since last year, and we have laid a great foundation for this upcoming year. Here are some new initiatives that we are working towards:

- IIA Miami Chapter Assistance Grant Program: Many IIA chapters throughout the country with smaller markets may not have the budget to attract high quality speakers or hold other events to connect with the internal audit professionals in their community. The Miami Chapter is happy to support other IIA Chapters in need and Chapters will be able to submit an application to request a grant from the Miami Chapter to sponsor a specific event, initiative, or goal they are trying to achieve.
- Formation of the IA Training Grant Program: The program will focus on South Florida IA departments that wish to organize specific audit skills training facilitated by a professional trainer.

- Annual Student Scholarship Fund Increase: We are increasing our annual scholarships amount. The additional amount may encourage more young candidates to become interested in the profession and we can make a difference in their career.
- Student Scholarship Expansion at Various College/Universities in SFL. We are extending our scholarships to include additional schools. This is considered to be a great way to expose accounting students in SFL colleges and universities to the internal audit profession.
- IIA Membership Coverage for Students: We are sponsoring IIA memberships for students at various universities in SFL (UM, Nova, & FIU). Furthermore, we are sponsoring annual subscriptions to the Internal Auditor magazine for each college’s Accounting Department.
- Increased Member Appreciation Events: We plan on organizing additional appreciation and networking events for our valued members.
- Increased Quality Conferences: We’ve surveyed you and we are working on increasing our quality in our conferences including speakers, food, presentations and more.
- Increased Quality Programs for Audit Executives: We are working on increasing the value in our upcoming Audit Executive initiatives.
- Miami International Conference: See below for more details!

We are ready for a great year ahead! Thank you to all of you for all your participation, support, enthusiasm and knowledge. Cheers!

Hadas Mizrahi
President - IIA Miami Chapter
HADAS MIZRAHI - PRESIDENT
RSM
Fun Fact(s): Hadas made partnership this year at RSM. was born in Israel and Hebrew is her first language.

JANINE WOLMAN - VP PROGRAMS
ADT
Fun Fact(s): Janine used to be a Salsa and Merengue teacher to 13-15 year old children, and is a certified bartender.

ADLITH MONDEJAR - VP COMMUNICATION
Focal Point Data Risk
Fun Fact(s): Adlith is obsessed with all things British and has been singing since the age of 2.

BLANCA MALAGON - VP ACADEMICS
University of Miami
Fun Fact(s): Blanca loves British murder mystery TV series. She is currently binge watching ‘Midsomer Murders’.

AMANDA ROBERTS - VP CERTIFICATIONS
BankUnited
Fun Fact(s): Amanda cut her hair into a mohawk in high school and has gone volcano sledding in Nicaragua.

NICK FALQUEZ - VP CERTIFICATIONS
RSM
Fun Fact(s): Nick’s taste in music is as varied as it gets, from heavy metal, alternative, hip hop, house, salsa, punk rock to reggaeton, he enjoys it all.

JESSICA PARIENTE - VP MEMBERSHIP
Carnival Corporation
Fun Fact(s): Jessica has traveled to 29 different countries over the last 7 years.

LINDSAY MCEWEN - VP SPECIALTY CENTERS
JM Family Enterprises
Fun Fact(s): Lindsay is not afraid of heights, having climbed to the top of the Great Wall of China and the Sydney Harbor Bridge; she is also obsessed with French Bulldogs.

PATRICIA VICTORES - VP ADMINISTRATION
Farmers Insurance
Fun Fact(s): Patricia enjoys spending time making home improvements. While working at a fast food restaurant in North Miami during the height of the Saturday Night Fever craze, she met and prepared lunch for Barry Gibb.

VALERIA VERA - TREASURER
Life Extension
Fun Fact(s): Valeria has been lucky to travel the world as an Internal Auditor, just missing 2 continents: Africa and Antarctica.

ALICIA JONES - ASSISTANT TREASURER
AJ’s Accounting Solutions
Fun Fact(s): Alicia is the proud parent of a son who survived falling out of a second floor window and hitting concrete.

SARAH ANTONELLI - SECRETARY
Jackson Health System
Fun Fact(s): Sarah appears in an Academy Award Winning Film, but you have to pause the movie in order to see her.

HEATHER ROSADO - ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Southern Glazer’s Wine & Spirits
Fun Fact(s): Heather’s childhood nickname was ‘Pinky’ because of her last name. She is passionate about real estate and has held a Sales Associate license since 2005.

STEVE ROTH - BOARD MEMBER
Norwegian Cruise Lines
Fun Fact(s): Steve is an avid poker player and plays both local and national tournaments during his free time.

JUSTIN GWIN - BOARD MEMBER
Kauffman Rossin
Fun Fact(s): Justin was born in Honolulu, HI during halftime of a Super Bowl.

SCOTT NORTON - BOARD MEMBER
Bayview Asset Management
Fun Fact(s): Scott learned to water ski when he was four years old and later had two top ten finishes at the US National water ski tournament as an adult.

CLAY MOEGENBURG - BOARD MEMBER
Synectus Advisory Group
Fun Fact(s): Most weekends, Clay can be spotted with family and friends on kayaks and paddleboards.

JONATHAN WOLFE - BOARD MEMBER
Autowation
Fun Fact(s): Jonathan was the mascot for a day for Lehigh University and has dressed up like Santa Claus to hand out presents.
MEMBERSHIP SPOTLIGHT
Did you know? As of July 2019, IIA Miami has approximately 800 members.

Carnival, Miami Dade County, and Protiviti are the top three South Florida companies with the most IIA Miami Members. Thank you for your support!

During Q2 2019, IIA Miami welcomed 17 new members from various South Florida companies.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS HIGHLIGHT
Each newsletter, we will highlight one of the many benefits of being an IIA member. Did you know your membership includes member discounts for our Miami quarterly conferences? Each year we host four conferences each worth ~8 CPEs. That is a value of $200 per year in discounts for each member!

Click here to visit the Career site of your local Miami chapter

DID YOU KNOW?
You can update your email address, and personal information, directly in your IIA account?

Click here for instructions on how to update your profile

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- Click here to become a new member
- Click here to renew your membership
- For questions, or to inquire about joining the membership committee, please email Membership@iiamiami.org

Want to volunteer on one of our committees?  
Email president@iiamiami.org for more information

IIA INT’L CONFERENCE
CRUISE INTO INTERNAL AUDIT

The IIA Miami Chapter will serve as the host for the IIA International Conference in July 2020!

This amazing event is expected to draw over 2,500 internal audit professionals from around the globe! Miami Chapter Board Members Justin Gwin (Associate Principal, Kaufman Rossin) and Steve Roth (VP of Internal Audit, Norwegian Cruise Lines) have been named Co-Chairs of the event.

The 2020 International Conference will be held in Miami, Florida, 19–22 July 2020. The process of building the program has already begun, and The IIA is seeking presenters who can delve into current issues impacting the profession, offer new perspectives, and share insights and best practices.

Click here to submit your proposal by August 25, 2019
CAE SPOTLIGHT

JOHN HILLIN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL AUDIT
LENNAR CORPORATION

John Hillin grew up in West Texas and got his Bachelor's in Accounting from the University of Texas at San Antonio. He has been a CPA and CIA since 1993. With a career spanning over 30 years John, who has always worked in homebuilding or related industries, started his internal audit career in Houston, TX with US Home Corporation in 1986. In 2000, Lennar acquired US Home and he was tapped to take over a merger of two departments as the CAE. John is a family man, partnered to a retired nurse anesthetist and is the father of three sons and grandfather of two boys.

With his mantras of being reliable, accountable, and optimistic, he sets an example for young people to follow. Many of them still work with him to this day. As part of his life's work, he desires to leave a legacy of younger people who are making a positive impact in the world. The IIA Miami Chapter had the opportunity of conversing with John to talk about his life and get some excellent career advice.

What’s the most interesting thing you've read lately?
Jordan B. Peterson’s - 12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos. The book presents life lessons related to being accountable and taking responsibility. It spoke to John particularly through the ideals of being responsible for one’s success and never compromising one's integrity. These were both lessons taught to him by his parents. John believes that he has to take responsibility for himself, his team, and even what his company does. In all situations, he chooses to take responsibility and step up.

What is the biggest risk you’ve ever taken?
When John was 26, he had two job offers before him: one to go into internal audit as staff auditor with homebuilder US Home in 1986 and travel about 75% of the time and the other was an assistant controller position for a local newspaper. John took the internal audit job, moved to Houston and started traveling. It has paid off – he found he was good at auditing!

When have you been the most happy in your career?
John looks back at the year of 2000, when he first joined Lennar and they had gone through big acquisition. This acquisition was the largest in the industry at the time, and the CEO had asked if he would take on the whole audit function. The role required him to do a complete revamp and redo of the internal audit function. It was amazing to start rebuilding an entire department, creating a new approach, a revised philosophy and role within the company.

How have your priorities in your career changed since you were younger?
In some ways, his priorities haven’t changed. John has always wanted to do the best he could, do a good quality job, and do something he is proud of. Early in his career, he did not think so much about a future and a legacy, but this has become much more important over the years.

What is the most memorable lesson you learned from a previous job experience?
John’s three answers intertwine with each other:
1. Always clean up after yourself
2. Do the best job that you can
3. Remember we live in SMALL world – and karma DOES exist

What does success mean to you?
John believes success is defined by what you are leaving behind. Because of the teaching and legacy approach he has taken, he hires people with little to no experience. This enables John to find and develop leaders.

When John first started, internal audit did not have a good reputation, and a lot of “accounting types” don’t understand auditors. Now business has evolved to promote and encourage an internal audit perspective in decision-making, risk identification and analysis. John believes he and internal audit, overall, can contribute quite a bit of knowledge in this current environment.
PAST EVENTS REVIEW

IIA MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENTS
We had two membership networking events in June. June 6th at Doral City Place and June 13th at YOLO in Ft Lauderdale. 25+ members attended each event. We thank all our members for the great turn out, and we look forward to hosting more during our next chapter year!

IIA ANNUAL TECH CONFERENCE
On May 17, 2019, the IIA hosted its annual joint Tech Conference with ISACA and the IIA Palm Beach Chapter, which was a huge success!

CLICK HERE TO SEE A VIDEO RECAP OF THE EVENT

A MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:
Adding value continues to be a top priority for the IIA Miami Leadership Team, but we highly rely on your continuous feedback, make sure you fill out our survey.

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS SURVEY

UPCOMING EVENTS
IIA MIAMI CHAPTER INVITES ALL

AUDIT EXECUTIVES
FOR A NETWORKING EVENT
AUGUST 15TH, 2019
6:00PM
LOBSTER BAR SEA GRILLE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

First IIA Miami Conference of the 2019-2020 year:

I GOT SOFT SKILLS, THEY'RE MULTIPLYING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2019

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
Friday, September 13th, 2019
FIU Kovens Conference Center
3000 NE 151 Street, North Miami, FL 33181

AUDIT EXECUTIVE LUNCH
YOU ARE INVITED TO A PRIVATE, INVITE-ONLY LUNCH FOR AUDIT EXECUTIVES AT THE IIA MIAMI CHAPTER’S SOFT SKILLS CONFERENCE

ARE YOU AN AUDIT EXECUTIVE?
Please continue to watch for future chapter events that support the Audit Executive Specialty Center. If you have any questions regarding these exclusive events, please reach out to:
Lindsay McEwen: vpspecialtycenters@iiamiami.org
Hadas Mizrahi: president@iiamiami.org

2019 GRC CONFERENCE
The IIA and ISACA are pleased to collaborate once again to bring you the 2019 Governance, Risk, and Control (GRC) Conference, “Where Governance and Risk Management Align for Impact.”

August 12-14, 2019
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
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NASBA

We have recently been approved as a CPE sponsor through the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA). That means our CPE programs are developed in accordance with national standards and are recognized by many boards and associations if you hold a CPA license in states throughout the nation. We hope to see you at our upcoming September Soft Skills Conference!

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