President’s Letter

Fellow Members,

I watched the Summer Olympic Games in awe of the abilities of the athletes. What a sense of accomplishment those athletes must feel when they’ve reached their goals! I know that certifications is certainly a goal for some of you. Sometimes it just takes a little incentive. Gleim Publications provides some of that in their article on page 4.

One benefit of being a member of the North Central Florida Chapter is that you are eligible to apply for our CIA exam scholarship. In addition, we have membership and CIA exam scholarships specifically for students who are not IIA members.

The CIA exam scholarship will reimburse you for the exam application fee and registration fees for each exam part passed. The student membership scholarship allows students to attend our meetings (excluding conferences) for free.

Please contact our Advocacy Committee Chair, Michael Wright, at mcwright@ufl.edu for information on how to apply for the scholarships.

In case you were not aware, the IIA is offering a 1/3 off discount for some of its seminars. That’s a great deal if you ask me. Just remember that you must register for the seminar by October 31, 2012 to take advantage of the discount. Check out the following link for more information: https://na.theiia.org/landing-pages/Pages/Third-Off-Seminar-Traditional-Advertising.aspx

The Programs Committee has been working hard and has lined up some great programs. See page 2 for the details. Hope to see you at the September meeting!

Lily Reinhart
President, NCF IIA
Upcoming Events

September 20, 2012 Quarterly Meeting
Topics: The Data Mining Challenge: A User’s Perspective
Speaker: Alison Bogart, CIA, CISA, CFE
Bogart Risk Auditing, LLC
Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm (4 CPE); lunch provided at noon
Location: UF Human Resource Building, 903 W. University Avenue, Room 120, Gainesville, FL 32611
Cost: $50 Members, $60 Non-member

December 4, 2012 Quarterly Meeting and Holiday Social
Topics: TBA
Speaker: Kevin Mayeux
IIA Senior Vice President, Chief Officer for North American Operations and General Counsel
Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm (2 CPE); dinner to follow 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Location: Paramount Plaza Hotel, 2900 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608
Cost: $25 Members, $35 Non-member

March 13-14, 2013 FraudFest Conference
Topics/Speakers:
Lie to Me: Secrets of Linguistic Lie Detection
Nejolla Korris, Interveritas International LTD.

Mortgage Fraud: Convicted Felon Speaks Out & Making the Right Choice
Kevin Barnes, Mortgage Fraud Awareness Consulting Group LLC

...and more topics to be announced!

Time: 8:00 am - 4:45 pm (16 CPE), Registration begins at 7:30 am
Location: Paramount Plaza Hotel, 2900 SW 13th Street, Gainesville, FL 32608

Register for meetings at
http://www.theiia.org/NorthCentralFL
June Quarterly Meeting Photos

Ted Griswold, Program Committee Member, introduces our speaker, Dr. Dave Denslow.

Dr. Dave Denslow presents an update on the economy.

Teresa Kelly (left) accepts her Certified Internal Auditor certificate from Lily Reinhart (right).
Why Pursue the CIA Certification?
By Melissa Leonard, Gleim, Chapter Coordinator

Summer is over, and the new IIA Chapter year is starting. All the excuses for why you don't have time to study have now gone back to school. No more summer vacations, family gatherings, or beautiful summer days to distract you from your professional goals.

As this new chapter year gets started, I want to remind everyone why they need to pass the CIA exam.

First, passing the CIA exam will be a huge personal achievement. It is not easy to study after work and sit through an examination, but once finished, you will feel on top of the world. This positive attitude will be reflected in both your job and your home life. Once you’ve conquered the first part of the exam, your momentum will carry you through the remaining ones.

Second, it can open professional doors. What if you don't have any experience in internal auditing? Attaining a professional certification shows to potential employers your willingness and determination to succeed. With the high demand for auditors, employers may be willing to hire employees who have no experience if they have the proper educational training and certification. Passing the CIA exam is the best way to open doors to the auditing world.

Third, showing managers your commitment and drive can advance your current job. Being motivated to master a certification, while balancing professional and personal responsibilities, will demonstrate to your supervisors the drive and determination that you possess, not to mention the new skills attained and refined. Even if your employer does not acknowledge your certification directly, they will notice your hard work and effort.

Remember, as a North Central Florida Chapter member, you will receive a 20% discount on the Gleim CIA Review materials. Gleim has been the trusted name in CIA exam preparation for over 30 years.

Contact Melissa at 800.874.5346, ext. 131, or melissa.leonard@gleim.com to take advantage of this offer or if you have any questions.

Do you have feedback on what you have read or suggestions on future topics? Maybe you are studying for the exam or have recently passed and want to share tactics you used. Email Gleim at iiachapters@gleim.com with your comments.
You can follow Chapter activities on Facebook and Twitter. Go to our website at www.theiia.org/NorthCentralFL and click on the icons.

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I hope everyone enjoyed this issue of the NCFIIA Chapter Newsletter, *Audit Tales*. If anyone has suggestions or would like to submit an article for the next issue, please let me know. Feel free to e-mail newsletter article contributions to me at lreinhrt@ufl.edu. Please visit the Chapter website at www.theiia.org/NorthCentralFL which is updated often. I hope to see everyone at the next meeting.

*Lily Reinhart, Editor*