Hello Everyone!

Spring has sprung and that can mean only one thing...May will be right around the corner. May will be a very exciting month for our Chapter for a number of reasons. First, it marks the end of our Chapter’s fiscal year and our Board and volunteers begin planning for next year’s activities and programs. Second, it is the official International Internal Audit Awareness month when members of the profession have an opportunity to raise awareness and advocate for the importance of Internal Audit. And lastly, but most important, our Membership Committee will again be hosting another fun and exciting Membership Appreciation Event on May 5th - A Night at the Springfield Cardinals - see additional details on page 3.

With the fiscal year ending in May, we will begin working on the 2015-2016 programs calendar and would really like our membership’s input as we begin this process. On the bottom of this page you will find a link to our annual membership survey which allows us to solicit your input. This survey provides our Chapter leadership team with insight on our membership’s preferences and on programming topics our members consider most beneficial. I would ask everyone to please take the time to complete the survey so we can better develop programming opportunities that best fit your needs. In addition, we are always looking for volunteers so please include your contact information if you are interested in serving a role within our Chapter.

In April, Sharon Eagleburger, our Membership Chair, attended the IIA Leadership Academy. This event provides training, collaboration and networking for hundreds of IIA Chapter Leaders from across the United States. We are excited to learn about all the new ideas and resources she will bring back to our Chapter.

Please take time to browse through this latest edition of the Ozarks IIA Chapter newsletter. We have some great luncheons planned for this summer and other great educational opportunities you will definitely want to get on your calendar.

As always, if you have ideas you would like to share, questions about the Chapter or interest in volunteering, please contact me or any of our Chapter officers. We welcome the feedback and value your opinion. Once again, I extend my thanks to all of you for your membership and your continued support of the Chapter.

Cindy Bennett
IIA Ozarks Chapter President

Please see the below link for annual membership survey. This survey allows your input and allows our leaders to have insight into our members preferences. Please click link below and complete the survey.

March’s Luncheon titled “Time to get Real - Refocusing Controls to Fight Modern Threats” touched base on the reality of modern attacks and some tactics to protect your organization. Our presenters, John McHenry and Vinny Troia, discussed why modern threats are able to bypass so many of the preventative controls that are currently considered best practice. It is a common misconception that hackers are only focusing on financial organizations, retailers, and military organizations; hackers are invading all types of businesses and individual computers. External attacks have become the large source of data loss; however, attacks by rogue employees, mistakes, and fraud do occur occasionally. Modern attacks bypass many preventative controls organizations have implemented to protect their networks; therefore, audits should be adjusted to also look at detective and corrective controls. Every hoop an organization forces an attacker to jump through is a chance for them to be detected, but the organization has to be watching.

Kelly McCurdy—Mercy

The topic was very relevant and of great importance to every entity. I learned several key items I did not know before, such as there are websites where hackers can check what viruses will be detected by each major anti-virus software package and I learned about the concept of social engineering and how it is important to educate employees to prevent social engineering from causing their entity any damages. Both speakers had excellent knowledge of the subjects they discussed. I think perhaps a future seminar that goes in depth on the topic of social engineering should be considered.

Paul Ashcroft—Missouri State

April: Root Cause Analysis & Report Writing

‘Enjoyed the speaker and made the day fly by. Very engaging.’

‘Raven was/is great. Learned multiple tools to use in our audit shop.’

‘Very engaging. Very informative. Loved the topic.’

‘Raven is awesome & really able to convey relevant info in a fun way.’

‘Speaker was very entertaining.’

‘Excellent presentation. Best one we’ve had. Enjoyed Raven using real life examples to apply to the material.’
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Membership Points
As we reach the end of a quarter, membership points are adding up. In random order, with a tie for fifth, here are our top five membership point leaders!

Chris Jackson
Stephanie Joplin
Kerri Dalaviras
John Walraven
Kelly McCurdy
Sapphire Fitzgerald

Member Spotlight

Sapphire Fitzgerald

Sapphire went to Evangel University and graduated in 2013. She got her interest in audit from a professor who referred her to a Staff Auditor position with the Assemblies of God. She has now worked there for one and half years. She is currently studying for the CIA exam and in her spare time enjoys exercising and fitness, church activities, coffee shops, and traveling. In the future she hopes to continue to gain more knowledge in the internal audit and accounting fields and further her career.

Peer Forum

We want to hear from you!
Want to help with the next newsletter? Do you have a great article you would like to submit? Do you have a review or opinion of our last seminar/luncheon? Submit it to the Newsletter Committee (see email address below for submission) and it could show up in our next newsletter.

We’d love to hear from you!

Contact Heather Sartin at heather.sartin@jqh.com

2015 Ozarks IIA Membership Appreciation

Springfield Cardinals vs. Arkansas Naturals
Hammons Field

5:45-6:15pm—Networking
6:15-6:30pm—Membership Recognition & Service Awards
6:30pm—Game time!!!

Various DOOR PRIZE drawings throughout the night!
ANNIVERSARIES

One Year

Sapphire Fitzgerald  Assemblies of God
Stephanie Joplin  The General Council of the Assemblies of God
William Mickey  American National
Katelyn Crosson  Missouri State Auditor’s Office
John Bussman  AECI

NEW MEMBERS

Joining us as of February 2015:
Kevin Curtis  Leggett & Platt, Inc.
Kaycia Fry  Leggett & Platt, Inc.

Joining us as of April 2015:
Robert Scraper  Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

Joining us as of March 2015:
Charla Berry  Great Southern Bank
Garry Avery  Great Southern Bank

CERTIFICATIONS

Mojia Jiang—CIA
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Free CPEs
Finding the time and money to get all the CPEs needed to maintain accreditations can be difficult. As members of the IIA we are lucky to have access to 3 free CPEs in every issue of the IIA Magazine. Just take a few moments out of your day to read the magazine then go online and take a quiz about the reading.

Furthermore, if you have a smartphone or tablet you can download the app. Just search “Internal Auditor Magazine”. This will provide you with a free digital version so you’re never without a copy.

IIA Members Only Webinars
The IIA offers webinars each month to members at no cost. Speakers and topics vary, but participants receive 1 NASBA CPE for each webinar. Registration is required, see The IIA website for registration details. Additionally, previous members only webinars are archived and accessible to members at no cost from The IIA website.

Upcoming Members Only Webinars:
- May 19, 2015 - Driving an Effective ERM Culture
- June 16, 2015 - Guide to Managing the Work-Life Balance of an Audit Team
- July 21, 2015 - Data Privacy: A High-Stakes Issue
- August 18, 2015 - Emerging Technology Audit Hot Topic
- October 20, 2015 - Financial Statement Fraud
- November 17, 2015 - Measuring IA Value & Performance

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Ozarks Chapter is GOLD Again!
For the 8th consecutive year the Ozarks IIA Chapter has achieved GOLD status! This is The IIA’s methodology used to measure chapter performance. This is the direct result of both dedicated chapter leaders and active, supportive chapter members. Way to go Ozarks IIA Chapter!
Top Internal Audit courses offered in Chicago/Dallas

Developed and facilitated by seasoned internal audit professionals, IIA Seminars will provide you with the skills you need to drive results. Join us in **Chicago, May 11–14** or in **Dallas, May 18–21** and earn up to 32 CPEs while you polish your internal auditing skills. For more information and registration on the courses offered, visit: [https://na.theiia.org/training/seminars/Pages/Chicago-May-Seminar.aspx](https://na.theiia.org/training/seminars/Pages/Chicago-May-Seminar.aspx) or [https://na.theiia.org/training/seminars/Pages/Dallas-Seminar.aspx](https://na.theiia.org/training/seminars/Pages/Dallas-Seminar.aspx)

**Chicago**
**When:** May 18–21, 2015  
**Where:** Chicago, Illinois. MicroTek Training Facility

**Dallas**
**When:** May 11–14, 2015  
**Where:** Dallas, Texas. MicroTek Training Facility

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May Is International Internal Audit Awareness Month!

As an internal audit professional, you play an important role in raising awareness and elevating the profession. Whether you are an active IIA member or new to internal auditing, there’s something you can do to raise awareness.

For example, you can customize your email signature and social media accounts with the International Internal Audit Awareness Month digital icon (depicted at right). You can hold a lunch-and-learn in your workplace to dispel myths about internal auditing and explain the value that a well-resourced, independent internal audit function can provide. You can also distribute sweet treats or tokens to coworkers with an educational flier about the profession.

Don’t let the opportunity pass to advocate the importance of internal auditing to your coworkers and other stakeholders. For additional ideas, sample programs, tips, and templates, download the free [Building Awareness Toolkit](https://www.theiia.org) from The IIA’s website.