President’s Message
Amy Lyons

Hello Members and Friends,

It is hard to believe it is already November, where did the year go? I always enjoy this time of the year: Fall, changing leaf colors, cooler temperatures, bonfires and everything pumpkin. It is a time to be thankful for all of our blessings.

I think of our Chapter and all of the wonderful people who help us achieve our mission, without you we would not be able to provide such a service to our members and our industry. We are very lucky to have such an active Chapter, THANK YOU!!

As the end of the year approaches, it is a good time to review the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) requirements. Many of our certified members are required to report their CPEs by December 31 each year. CPE reporting by IIA members is free; non-members will be subject to a processing fee for the CIA and specialty certifications. IIA-certified professionals who fail to meet their CPE requirements by the reporting deadline will automatically be placed in inactive status and may not use their designation.

If you are seeking additional hours, please consider attending the November seminar “The Impact of SAS 115” or viewing a webinar available through the IIA website. If you are unaware of the specific requirements of your designation, please check www.theiia.org to get the details. Look forward to seeing all of you at the November seminar!!

Training Seminar
The Impact of SAS 115
Jay Wagner, CIA, CISA

This month’s seminar is our annual student day, and the topic will be the Impact of SAS 115 – Communication of Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit.

Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) 115, effective for audits of financial statements for periods ending on or after December 15, 2009, superseded SAS 112 (of the same name). This seminar will include a discussion of the impact of SAS 115 on governmental financial audits.

Further, this seminar will be our annual “student day,” as it is a topic that will provide information that will be useful to accounting students’ careers, whether or not they choose auditing or accounting in the public or private sectors.

For this seminar, we are welcoming back an instructor who was very highly rated by our chapter during a prior course, Mr. Rob Cameron, CPA. Rob has helped hundreds of people achieve their personal and business financial goals. As a small-business owner, he has experienced the challenges of keeping up and getting ahead. A long-time coach and referee of youth sports, Rob demonstrates consistency, discipline, and honesty in his personal life. Rob’s commitment to those values has guided his professional work as a certified public accountant for more than 20 years.

We hope you will join us as we learn about an important topic, and welcome local students who may be inspired to choose a profession in auditing.

If you plan to attend, please register by November 15, 2013 by emailing springfield.iaa@comcast.net or by calling Chapter Secretary Emily Durbin at 558-7216.

Robert Cameron
Principal
Cameron, Smith & Company, P.C.
5 Years Ago: 2008

Jay Wagner, CIA, CISA, served as Chapter President.

- **TRAINING.** Leita Hart spoke on the revisions to the 2007 Yellow Book (Government Auditing Standards).
- **MEMBER PROFILE.** This month’s profile was on ISBE Chief Internal Auditor Lisa LaBonte, CPA, CISA.
- **THE IIA.** The IIA challenged all North American chapters to increase CIA counts.

10 Years Ago: 2003

Cary Franks, MS MIS, served as the Chapter President.

- **TRAINING.** John Hall presented two training courses: “High Impact Auditing” in the morning and “Selling Ideas, the Art of Establishing Rapport and Influencing Behavior” after lunch.
- **MEMBER NEWS.** Several individuals left internal auditing to stay with their agency as all the auditors were consolidated under DCMS:
  - Ray Piiparinen joined the Budget and Finance Office of DCFS.
  - Allen Griffy joined the Budget and Fiscal Unit within the Office of Public Health Preparedness at the Illinois Department of Public Health.
  - Darrel Balmer became the Financial Officer for the Office of Health Protection at Public Health.

15 Years Ago: 1998

Lesslie D. Morgan, CIA, CPA, CGFM, CISA, served as the Chapter President.

- **TRAINING.** The pre-dinner seminar was presented by Elizabeth Bilotta of IT Corporation (Chicago Office) who spoke on “Environmental Auditing.” The after-dinner speaker was Rebecca Hood, Director of Training for Horace Mann, who spoke on “Time Management.” Meeting was at Northfield Center.
- **CIA EXAM.** Four members passed the CIA exam:
  - Lyndel Emrick, Dept. of Financial Institutions; and
  - Barb Minton, Franklin Life Insurance Company (later joined our chapter);
  - John Nosari, U of I at Springfield; and
  - Marty Paul, Department of Revenue.
- **MEMBER NEWS.** Several new members joined:
  - James L. Jun, Dept. of Professional Regulation
  - Brian Chumley, Dept. of Professional Reg.
  - Jeffery D. Derrick, Guardianship & Advocacy;
  - Jayne Markus, Southern Illinois University; and
  - Thomas J. Sestak, DCMS.

20 Years Ago: 1993

Bill Coons, CFE, served as Chapter President.

- **TRAINING.** Connie Klutnick presented a full-day seminar on “Coping With Change and Conflict Resolution.” The dinner speaker was Robert Makowski who spoke on PC-Based Audit Software.
- **CIA EXAM.** Don Thannon, CIA, proctored the two-day CIA exam offered in Springfield.

25 Years Ago: 1988

Kevin Carhill, CIA, served as the Chapter President.

- **TRAINING.** Tom Flanning, IIA Field Representative for the Midwest and Southern Regions, presented “Creativity and the Internal Auditor” to a joint meeting with the Central Illinois Chapter.
  - Reservations were made by Brenda Vost, Hospitality Chairperson, for the Decatur dinner.
  - A two-day Operational Auditing seminar was hosted by Bob Schwarz and Jim Donkin.
    - Richard Ziegler, CPA, was the guest speaker.
- **CIA EXAM.** The two-day CIA exam was administered by Ed Schofield, Dave Oehmke, Dan Bedell, and Frank Phillips.

30 Years Ago: 1983

Jim Donkin, CIA, served as the Chapter President.

- **TRAINING.** Malcom Parker, Vice Chairman of The IIA Board of Directors, was our guest speaker at the joint IIA meeting with the Central Illinois Chapter.
  - Eighty-one people attended.
- **MEMBER NEWS.** Mr. Parker gave a CIA certificate to Charles Phibus.
- **CIA EXAM.** Rudy Davenport, CIA, and Dan Bedell, CIA, monitored the CIA exam.

35 Years Ago: 1978

Lisa Hall Huckaby, CISA, served as the Chapter President.

- **TRAINING.** The November meeting was held at the Top of the Arch in Springfield.
- **PROGRAM DIRECTOR.** Bob Schwarz, CISA, Vice-President, was program, training, and speakers director.
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Cancellations should be made at least 24 hours before the meeting to avoid a charge. Meetings will be held at the Northfield Center, unless noted differently.
Author PG Wodehouse was born in England and died in the U.S. but in between he lived for several years in France. Plum – as he was known – began living in France in 1934. He chose Le Touquet, on the north coast, because it was a fashionable resort with golf, casino, and a beach for dogs. He had visited the country many times before, and French places and characters were already featuring regularly in his books. Cannes was also a favorite.

Among other books, he wrote Jeeves and Wooster which went on to become a TV show. In the story Noblesse Oblige, Drones Club member Freddie Widgeon is invited to be the judge in a sea-front “pretty mother-and-baby” competition. But it is too late before he realizes that he also has to supply the award money of 500 francs to the winner!

PG Wodehouse always said his own French was rudimentary. But his brilliant ear – combined with solid schooling – meant that his renderings on the page were hilarious.

Nowhere is this truer than in depictions of his most famous French character, that gift of God to the gastric juices, the temperamental chef Anatole. In Right Ho Jeeves, Anatole is described as a tubby little man with a moustache of the outsize or soup-strainer type, which turns up or droops down depending on his mood.

Anatole’s English is fluent but mixed. To add to his inevitable Frenchisms, he also once worked for an American family in Nice, where he studied under their chauffeur, one of the Malones of Brooklyn, and this gives a certain rough color.

I know he must have loved it in France. They are a minor theme of course, but in his hands, France and the French radiate optimism, gaiety, and sheer fun.
1. Chapter VP Jay Wagner has created a Facebook page for chapter members. Take a look and leave a comment at: www.facebook.com/groups/SpringfieldIIA/

2. Congratulations to Chapter Treasurer Paula Sorensen who welcomed her first grandchild! Makenzie Kay Sorensen was born on October 15, 2013 weighing 8 lbs, 14.5 oz.

3. I understand that a few State programs were affected by the federal shutdown. I am happy that the debt limit has been increased for the moment although the extension is only for a few months.

Our federal debt is over $17.1 trillion (www.usdebtclock.org). I googled our debt compared to the rest of the world and found it is 1/3 of the total debt by all governments in the world ($17 trillion ÷ $52 trillion = 33%).

Our population is 300 million, or 4% of the world’s population of 7.2 billion, yet we have borrowed and owe 33% of the world’s government debt. Each US taxpayer owes $150,000 to cover this debt.

Inflation could remain low but new things will be coming to the market that won’t be included in how inflation is calculated, like Google glasses, wrist computers, robotics, space travel, and even brain implants (inflation is calculated based on items purchased by a typical user: food, clothing, shelter).

Greece, Ireland, Italy, Portugal, and Spain have found that too much debt can haunt you. In Illinois, we are learning that our pension may be reduced due to the accumulated debt because we used tomorrow’s earnings to pay for today’s expenses. Let’s hope for higher economic growth to take care of the any future shortfalls.
Many Americans Feel Overwhelmed by Technology
Dennis McCafferty; www.Baseline.com

1. Positive Returns
71% of survey respondents believe tech has improved the overall quality of their lives, down from 78% in 2012.

2. Social Tool
52% say IT enhances their social lives, down from 56% last year.

3. Time Drain
34% say it improves work productivity, down from 42% in 2012.

4. Family Ties
39% say it enhances their relationships with their family, down from 43% last year.

5. Getaway Vehicle
47% say they use tech as a means to "escape" their lives, down from 53% in 2012.

6. What They Cannot Live Without
Internet Access: 28%, A mobile phone: 26%, A computer: 24%. Television: 23%

7. Generation Gap: Failsafe
25% of Echo Boomers say tech has had a negative impact on their safety/security, compared with 17% of Baby Boomers.

15% of Echo Boomers say tech negatively affects their personal happiness, compared with just 5% of Baby Boomers.

9. Generation Gap: Task Challenged
17% of Echo Boomers say tech negatively affects their work productivity, compared with only 3% of Baby Boomers.

10. Generation Gap: Must-Have
33% of Echo Boomers say they could not live without their mobile phones, compared with 22% of Baby Boomers.

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