

*Institute of Management Accountants - Fox River Valley Chapter*

**FOX TALES**

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**FRV IMA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the year will be on Wednesday evening, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Meeting announcements will be going out separately, but here's your heads up as to the date. Yes, this is earlier in the month than normal. We have the opportunity to have a speaker that I have met & heard at previous IMA Conferences. Ron Fory of The Fory Group (a management consulting company) will be in Illinois (he's from Texas) doing a full-day seminar in the Chicagoland area on September 10<sup>th</sup> and we have been able to get into his schedule without the cost of airfare and travel. It will be a 1.5 hour CPE presentation on Leadership Development.

CMA's (and non-CMA's as well!) – the Fox River Valley IMA Chapter will be providing your 2-hour Ethics requirement on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Our featured speaker will be Karen Jett, CMA. Karen is a consultant and the owner of a privately held business, Jett Excellence. Karen will be doing a 2-hour ethics presentation titled Questioning Ethics: Meeting Today's Ethical Challenges. This presentation includes the use of Karen's ethics training system "Questioning Ethics" which she presented at the IMA Conference a few years ago. Karen has authored "Grow your People, Grow your Business" and co-authored "Transformational Leadership". In addition Karen has created an ethics training system titled "Questioning Ethics".

Change is something that we can't ignore, whether at work, at home, or in IMA. I'm challenging both you **AND** myself to try to embrace change as it happens versus butting heads with it. We don't know if something will work until we try it, and if we tried something 5 or 10 years ago and it didn't work, it doesn't automatically mean that it won't work now. Times change, needs change and we all need to be open minded yet not change just for the sake of change.

The Fox River Valley Chapter board has decided that for the 2009-2010 year we will not be producing an annual program roster via CD or print. The meeting dates/topics will be posted on the chapter's website and will also be in the monthly newsletters. Advertising over the past years has dwindled; and is almost non-existent. I know that it was a change when we went from the printed/bound "roster book" that fit into the gentlemen's suit pocket to duplex 8½ x 11 and stapled in the corner; it was even more of a change when we went to a CD.

Several of our members remember the days of inexpensive steak dinner meetings at Marmion; sadly that is a day gone by. I know that a lot of you would prefer a beef dinner versus a chicken dinner. The same prices increases that you are seeing at the grocery store, at the gas station, at Wal-Mart or Target, we are seeing at meeting venues. I'd love to tell you that we're making money on dinner meetings, but we're not. IF we're lucky, we break even. The chapter board has agreed that we can no longer subsidize the dinner costs of guests in attendance. Thus the non-member meeting price will be increased \$10 from the member price (thus \$35 versus your \$25).

These changes are not decisions that came about lightly, I assure you. I hope to see many of you at an upcoming meeting.

Sheryl Elliott, President 2009-2010, Fox River Valley Chapter

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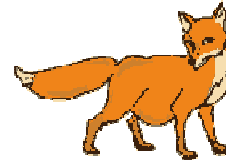
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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009**

**TECHNICAL MEETING**

**5:30 PM Networking, 6:15 PM Dinner**

**(1.5 Hours CPE)**

*Theme: Past Presidents Night*

Courtyard Banquets, 3 South 200 Route 59, Warrenville 630-393-3130

**“Management and Leadership”**

**RON FORY**

**FORY GROUP LLC**

Ron Fory is the founder of Fory Group LLC, a management consulting firm. Ron’s experience has been exclusively in senior management positions in which he has supervised, trained and developed a variety of staff and management. He is also a retired Army officer, having served 21 years on active duty, primarily in combat arms assignments, including two tours in Viet Nam and approximately 5 years with Special Forces.

The Fory Group is devoted to working with businesses to make them better. Headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas, The Fory Group provides custom corporate training and consultation at a company’s location, getting face-to-face with the issues companies need to have addressed.

Ron’s presentation to the Fox River Valley IMA Chapter will be on Leadership Development, looking at how new technology fits, how “the more things change, the more they stay the same”.

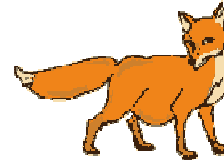
As much as we'd like to think we're just wired to be leaders, leadership is a learned skill. In this discussion, we will address what leadership is, what we need to do to get it, to improve it, and how we can pass it along (without losing the power of it). We will talk about specific examples, and the discussion will be enriched if everyone comes prepared to talk about both the positive and negative leadership lessons they have experienced. We will leave with tools sharpened to make our leadership jobs easier, more productive, and more enjoyable. I guarantee it!

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**2009 BOARD MEETINGS**

- ✓ September 17<sup>th</sup> (6:30 PM) at Panera Bread, 154 West Wilson Street, Batavia, Illinois 60510 (630-761-1835)

**2009-2010 MEETING SCHEDULE**

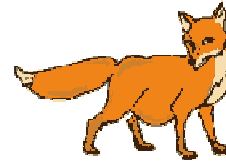
(Subject to change, so watch newsletter & website for any changes!)

Meeting Type	Date/Time	CPE	Location	Topic	Speaker
Technical (Dinner)	<b>(Wed)</b> <b>9/9/2009</b> <b>6:15 PM</b>	1.5	Courtyard Banquets 3 South 200, Route 59 Warrenville, IL 630-393-3130	Management and Leadership <i>Past Presidents Night</i>	Ron Fory Fory Group
Professional Development	<b>(Wed)</b> <b>10/21/2009</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	1.0	Gaslite Manor Courtyard West 2485 Church Road Aurora, IL 630-851-2300	LinkedIn	David Rahn / Larry New IT Professionals, "What's That Noise?"
Technical (Dinner)	<b>(Wed)</b> <b>10/21/2009</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	1.0	Gaslite Manor Courtyard West 2485 Church Road Aurora, IL 630-851-2300	FASB Codification <i>Student / Chapter Celebration</i>	Kevin Mullane and Pritesh Thakrar DLC
Technical (Dinner)	<b>(Wed)</b> <b>11/18/2009</b> <b>6:00 PM</b>	2.0	St. Andrews Golf & Country Club 2241 Route 59 West Chicago, IL 630-231-3100	Questioning Ethics: Meeting Today's Ethical Challenges <i>Veterans Recognition</i>	Karen Jett Jett Excellence

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

The following Fox River Valley Chapter members are celebrating an IMA anniversary (IMA anniversary is based on IMA's join date of record) in August. Congratulations to all!

<b>15 + Years</b>	<b>1-15 Years</b>
18 Years – John Hepp	13 Years – Patricia Owens
16 Years – Elizabeth Brookman	



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CERTIFIED MEMBERS!**

The following Fox River Valley Chapter members recently obtained their CMA certification:

James M. Gebhardt	2/20/2009
Raghavendra Shripathi	4/13/2009

Congratulations on this accomplishment!



**OBERWEIS DAIRY PLANT TOUR**

On May 28<sup>th</sup>, 28 Fox Valley Chapter members and guests attended the Oberweis Dairy plant tour in North Aurora. All attendees learned a great deal about Oberweis Dairy and its operations. Oberweis employee Dawn Nila presented an overview of the company, its history, farms, and the production cycle for milk and ice cream. Later CFO Jeff Wilhelm talked about his finance organization, along with its responsibilities, challenges, and opportunities. He also provided a timeline for his career and how he got to his present position at Oberweis. Both Dawn and Jeff answered many questions from attendees. Alongside the training room and corporate dairy store, attendees also viewed the production and chemistry lab areas. At the end of the tour, everyone enjoyed vanilla ice cream in the dairy store. A good time was had by all!

*Oberweis Dairy Trivia Question*

*Q: According to Oberweis, what are the four most popular ice cream flavors?*

*(See Page 5 for answer.)*

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*Answer to Oberweis Dairy Trivia Question*

*A: Vanilla, chocolate, butter pecan, chocolate-peanut butter.*