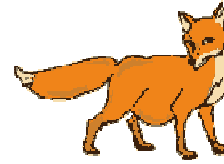


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**FRV IMA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Is it spring yet? Sure...SOMEWHERE. Based on the last few calls, I have a feeling that during the winter, a weekly production scheduling meeting conference call with our customer in Houston might get sort of depressing. Sunshine & warmth versus the cold and snow that is yet to come. But don't we just love the change of seasons? We have to, otherwise we wouldn't be living here, right?

We had students from North Central College, Robert Morris, & University of St. Francis at our October student night meeting. The pre-dinner session was on LinkedIn and the after-dinner session was on FASB Codification. I, for one, took something away from both sessions. Student members from Robert Morris introduced the speakers for both sessions.

Our November meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup>, and will be our 2-hour Ethics session. Our speaker is 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". Our chapter, along with the Heart of Wisconsin Chapter (in Stevens Point, WI) will be sharing Karen's travel expenses; Karen has graciously offered both chapters to not charge a speaker's fee. I have had the opportunity to hear Karen on various topics at the IMA Conference in past years.

Also during the November meeting we will be honoring our chapter's veterans. This year we have chosen to participate in the Honor Flight program. (See information in this newsletter for more information.) For those of you who were at the October meeting, you got a chance to get a preview of what the program includes. We will have a representative from the Ladies Auxiliary at our November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to accept personal and chapter donations. The chapter will be matching member's personal donations dollar for dollar up to a specified amount. The chapter would like to be able to support sending, at a minimum, one veteran on their trip.

I hope to see you in a few weeks!

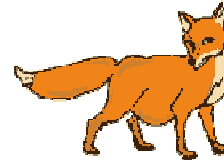
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**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009**  
**TECHNICAL MEETING (2 Hours CPE)**  
**5:30 PM Networking, 6:00 PM Dinner**

*Theme: Veteran's Recognition*

St. Andrews Golf & Country Club, 2241 Route 59, West Chicago 630-231-3100

**“Questioning Ethics: Meeting Today’s Ethical Challenges”**

Karen Jett, Jett Excellence

*Additional details and presenter bio can be found in the October newsletter, or on the FRV IMA website ([http://frvima.org/?page\\_id=89](http://frvima.org/?page_id=89))*

Cost: Members \$25 / Guests \$35 / Students \$5 payable via cash or check at arrival.

Dinner Menu: Butternut Squash Bisque, Roast Turkey w/Stuffing, Gravy w/Fresh Mashed Potatoes, Herbed Green Beans, Ice Cream

RSVP to Sheryl Elliott by 1:00 PM on November 10th.  
[sheryl.elliott@vfflc.com](mailto:sheryl.elliott@vfflc.com) or 630-801-4688

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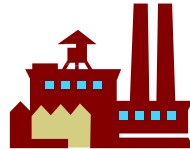
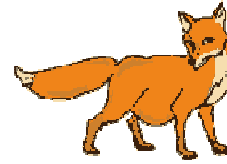
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**REMINDER - HONOR FLIGHT DONATIONS**

Jo Lynn Altvatter (Ladies Auxiliary Illinois President) will be accepting donations in person at our November meeting. Members can bring donations to the meeting, or mail them to: **Department of Illinois Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Department Treasurer – Ruth Ann Smit, P.O. Box 76, Monee, IL 60449.** Donations should be marked as “Honor Flight”.

**The FRV IMA chapter has set a goal of sending at least one veteran on an honor flight.** The FRV IMA Board has committed to matching member donations - dollar for dollar - with a maximum chapter contribution of \$250.

Additional information can be found in the October newsletter, as well as on the following websites:  
<http://www.honorflight.org> or <http://www.honorflightchicago.org>



## PLANT TOUR ANYONE?

After a successful Oberweis Dairy tour this spring, the IMA/Fox Valley Chapter may organize another plant tour if there is sufficient interest next year. Some ideas already submitted are:

- Kane County Cougars, Geneva, IL
- Grand Victoria Casino, Elgin, IL
- Chicago Board of Trade / Federal Reserve Bank, Chicago, IL

Would you attend a tour? Do you know of any other existing company or plant tours? Please send your suggestions and comments to Ann Pedersen at [peda419@aol.com](mailto:peda419@aol.com).

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## 2009 - 2010 BOARD MEETINGS

November 18<sup>th</sup> – following Technical Meeting

December 9<sup>th</sup> (6:30 PM) at Pal Joey's, 440 E. Roosevelt Road, West Chicago (630-231-9393)

January 13<sup>th</sup> (6:30 PM) – location TBD

February 18<sup>th</sup> – following Technical Meeting

March 18<sup>th</sup> – following Technical Meeting

April 7<sup>th</sup> (6:30 PM) – location TBD

May 5<sup>th</sup> (6:30 PM) – location TBD

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**2009-2010 MEETING SCHEDULE**

**\*\*\*\*\* Save the date for upcoming 2010 meetings! \*\*\*\*\***  
**(Subject to change, so watch newsletter & website for any changes!)**

Meeting Type	Date/Time	CPE	Location	Topic	Speaker
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
Technical (Dinner)	<b>(Wed)</b> <b>01/20/2010</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	1.0	Connie's Pizza 1170 E. Iroquois Ave Naperville, IL 630-357-8807	Tax Law Update  <i>New Member Recognition</i>	Rosemarie Santiago Senior Stakeholder Liaison, IRS
Technical (Dinner)	<b>(Th)</b> <b>02/18/2010</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	1.0	Gaslite Manor Courtyard West 2485 Church Road Aurora, IL 630-851-2300	TBD	TBD
Professional Development	<b>(Sat)</b> <b>03/06/2010</b> <b>8:00 AM</b>	4.0	Naperville Employee University 400 S. Eagle St. Naperville, IL	Workday Control Using Outlook	Amy Igou, Deere & Co.
Technical (Dinner)	<b>(Th)</b> <b>03/18/2010</b> <b>6:15 PM</b>	1.5	Connie's Pizza 1170 E. Iroquois Ave Naperville, IL 630-357-8807	TBD  <i>ELA/ELM/Retired Member</i>	George A. Heyman, Professor Emeritus, Leif Jensen & Assoc.
Professional Development	<b>(Wed)</b> <b>04/21/2010</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	1.0	Arrowhead Golf Club 26W151 Butterfield Road (Route 56) Wheaton, IL 630-653-5802	CMA Exam Preparation	Doug Clinton, Northern Illinois University
Technical (Dinner)	<b>(Wed)</b> <b>04/21/2010</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	1.0	Arrowhead Golf Club 26W151 Butterfield Road (Route 56) Wheaton, IL 630-653-5802	County Tax Topic  <i>CMA / CFM Recognition</i>	Gwen Henry, CPA DuPage County Treasurer
Technical (Dinner)	<b>(Wed)</b> <b>05/19/2010</b> <b>6:30 PM</b>	1.0	Gaslite Manor Courtyard West 2485 Church Road Aurora, IL 630-851-2300	Keeping Health Insurance Costs Down  <i>Guest / Boss' Night</i>	Gary Wilberg, Financial Rep, Northwestern Mutual

**ILLINOIS CPA SOCIETY CORNER**

The Illinois CPA Society offers numerous networking and professional development events in the Chicagoland area each month. You do not need to be a member to attend – all are welcome!

For a calendar of upcoming events, visit <http://www.icpas.org/calendar/eventscalendar.aspx>



**NEW MEMBERS**

Please join us in welcoming our newest chapter members! Rachel Gibson has transferred to our chapter. We also have two new student members this month. Jessica Siebold is a student at University of St. Francis in Joliet, and LaToya Neal is a student at North Central College. Welcome to Rachel, Jessica, and LaToya!

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**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 November. Congratulations to all!

<b><u>40 + Years</u></b>	<b><u>10 -19 Years</u></b>	
45 Years – Raymond Weeks	18 Years – Allen Drafke	
44 Years – James Bolerjack	16 Years – David Mahoney	
	11 Years – Michael Savickas	
<b><u>30 -39 Years</u></b>		
35 Years – Ronald Johnson	<b><u>1 -9 Years</u></b>	
	2 Years – Leanne Ray	
<b><u>20 -29 Years</u></b>	1 Year – Robert Meinig	
29 Years – Lita Jimenez		
22 Years – Greg Schindler		

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**CPE OPPORTUNITIES**

Did you know that the IMA offers a variety of free webinars throughout the year? CMAs can earn CPE credits by attending these sessions, provided they meet the participation requirements.

Upcoming sessions

November 12, 2009 – Inside Talk  
November 19, 2009 – Inside IFRS

SOX 404: June 2010 – Last Chance for Changes
IFRS Financial Reporting Liabilities Section

For additional information, and to register, visit [http://www.imanet.org/development\\_webinar.asp](http://www.imanet.org/development_webinar.asp)

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