

FRV IMA PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Did you realize that a few weeks ago there was snow in either 49 or 50 of the states? Some of us naively thought that going south would save us from the “mess”; but oh my were we soon to be corrected. □

I drove (yes, drove!) to Myrtle Beach to attend the IMA Board of Directors meeting a few weeks ago. Would you believe that it SNOWED in Myrtle Beach???? But as sick as I am of this white fluffy wet gross stuff (LOL!) it was way cool to see the expressions on faces where they don’t get the pleasure of seeing it all of the time. How many of you recall the name Pam Prinz Stewart? She was the IMA Chair when we had our Chapter’s 50th Anniversary celebration. Pam was in Myrtle Beach, and her expression was just cool. It was that look of a child when the 1st snowfall of the year occurs. She mentioned on the ride back from dinner that three of her grandchildren had NEVER seen snow. Okay...for as SICK as I am of it, I have to admit that I am truly glad that we get to see it each year. And it was totally cool seeing snow on sand.

Okay, on to other non-snowy topics. Congratulations go out to the Calumet Chapter. They are celebrating their 65th Anniversary this year, and March 16th is going to be their chapter celebration event. WAY to go! With the knowledge that more & more chapters (and two regional councils) are folding due to lack of interest, we need to continue to celebrate the successes. (By the way, we’re on our 60th year!)

One of the ways to keep the chapters going is with continued support and involvement from members. That support/involvement can be attending meetings, serving on the chapter board, both... The chapter is here for you, the member. If you have any interest at all in getting more involved (and I am NOT saying MAJOR commitment of time) why don’t you give it a try? You can contact either Pam Voorhees or me and we would be more than happy to answer any questions that you might have regarding various board positions. It really, truly, can be fun...and a great way to meet other people!

The Mid-America Council’s yearly LTS (Leadership Training Session) will be on Friday, April 23rd at the NIU facility in Rockford. Further information regarding speakers will be out soon. But the day will provide the opportunity for 6-8 hours of CPE for those in attendance. You need not be a board member to attend. So, be watching for further information.

The Mid-America Council is also sponsoring an 8-hour CPE event: Surviving & Thriving in Today’s Economy – Business & Personal Strategies for Success. The event will be held at Carroll University in Waukesha, WI on 3/19/10. You can register on-line at www.regonline.com/survivingandthriving Speakers/Topics include: Ethics as a Way of Life - Leading with your Soul - Kasthuri Henry , Building Customer Loyalty from the Inside Out - Debra Schmidt – The Loyalty Leader, Innovation and Creative Thinking - Darin Eich, Ph.D. of BrainReactions, Inc. & The World in Chaos - What You Need to Know To Survive the Next 12 Months - Christine McMahon - Business Strategist.

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P.S. Don't forget to visit with a "stranger" when you attend your next FRV IMA function!

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2009 - 2010 BOARD MEETINGS

March 18th – following Technical Meeting

April 8th (6:30 PM)– Panera Bread, 154 W. Wilson, Batavia (630-761-1835)

May 5th (6:30 PM) – Pal Joey's, 440 E. Roosevelt Rd, West Chicago (630-231-9393)

2009-2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

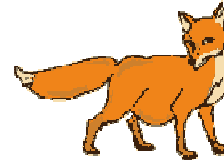
Meeting Type	Date/Time	CPE	Location	Topic	Speaker
Technical (Dinner)	(Th) 03/18/2010 6:15 PM	1.5	Connie's Pizza 1170 E. Iroquois Ave Naperville, IL 630-357-8807	Back to Basics in Decision Making <i>ELA/ELM/Retired Member</i>	George A. Heyman, CPA, Professor Emeritus, Accounting and Economics, Oakton Community College
Professional Development	(Wed) 04/21/2010 5:00 PM	1.0	Arrowhead Golf Club 26W151 Butterfield Road (Route 56) Wheaton, IL 630-653-5802	CMA Exam Preparation	Tim West, Northern Illinois University
Technical (Dinner)	(Wed) 04/21/2010 6:30 PM	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)	(Wed) 05/19/2010 6:30 PM	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

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MID AMERICA COUNCIL LEADERSHIP TRAINING SESSION

WHEN: Friday, April 23rd, 2010

WHERE: NIU Outreach Center Rockford - 8500 E. State Street Rockford, IL 61108

COST: No charge for FRV IMA members. The Chapter will cover the \$20 fee!

CPE: The day's events qualify for 7 hours of CPE.

Registration INFO: Go to http://www.ima-gmc.org/meetings_09-10/Council_Conference.asp

Contact Mary Strautmann at 414-763-7967 or mary.strautmann@gmail.com for further information.

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 March. Congratulations to all!

50+ Years

56 Years - Grover Edwards

53 Years - Robert Roth

30 - 35 Years

35 Years - Joseph Stoffel

33 Years - Lawrence McCure

30 Years - George Lang

20 - 29 Years

29 Years - Robert Bierman

29 Years - Stan Hilty

29 Years - Elmer Schelling

28 Years - Fred King

27 Years - R Seidelmann

25 Years - John Hepp

21 Years - David Thurber

10 - 19 Years

18 Years - Randall Tavierne

17 Years - Robert Ferris

16 Years - Uma Sriram

15 Years - Samuel Ballas

15 Years - Justin VanVooren

13 Years - Christopher Jacobsen

1 - 9 Years

9 Years - Barbara Wood

9 Years - Craig Williams

4 Years - Brian Berg

4 Years - Mark Cooney

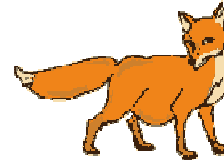
3 Years - Christopher Dunsheath

3 Years - Michael Sullivan

3 Years - Wei Zhou

2 Years - Charles Crookshank

1 Years - Daniel Rudden



IMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION REGISTRATION OPEN

Register Now for IMA's 91st Annual Conference & Exposition in Baltimore, Maryland on June 5-9!!

In Baltimore, IMA will showcase three days of exciting and informative sessions delivered by some of the most renowned thought leaders in accounting and finance. Attendees will be able to choose from nearly 40 sessions and earn over 20 NASBA approved CPE credits while gaining practical knowledge and skills you can use immediately.

At the Conference, you will also be able to connect with your peers and colleagues by taking advantage of exciting networking events in addition to our educational sessions. You will have the opportunity to discuss hot topics and best practices in between enhancing your knowledge at the sessions.

For complete Conference details, please visit www.imaconference.org.

CMA EXAM REVIEW COURSES

Northern Illinois University Certified Management Accountant (CMA) Learning System

Course	Location	Dates
<i>CMA New Part 1</i>	NIU Hoffman Estates	Fridays & Saturdays April 9-May 8, 2010 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
<i>CMA New Part 2</i>	TBD	TBD

For more information or to register, go to www.cma.niu.edu or call 800-345-9472.

UPCOMING IMA INSIDE TALK WEBINAR – 1 HOUR FREE CPE

Date: March 25, 2010

Time: 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm EDT

Speakers: Jerry Kaiser, Ph.D., Engagement Executive, Ajilon Solutions
Andrew Reina, Regional Director, Ajilon Finance

Topic: Finance and IT: Understanding Each Other's Value

For more information, and to register, visit https://www.imanet.org/development_webinar_inside.asp

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THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010
TECHNICAL MEETING (1.5 Hour CPE)
5:30 PM Networking, 6:15 PM Dinner

Theme: ELA/ELM/Retired Member
Connie's Pizza, 1170 E. Iroquois Ave, Naperville, IL 630-357-8807

“Back to Basics in Decision Making”
George A. Heyman, CPA
Professor Emeritus – Accounting and Economics, Oakton Community College

This presentation will explore how we make budgeting and capital budgeting decisions and how the conceptual framework of managerial accounting can be applied to everyday situations. The choices are not always between right and wrong. Sometimes they are between right and right or long run vs. short run. The question of how do you know you are making the right decision will be discussed.

George A. Heyman is an accounting professional who began his financial career in 1976, having served in Public Accounting, Industry and Education. He retired as a Professor of Accounting and Economics from Oakton Community College in 2008. He has served in the capacity of Internal Auditor, Senior Assistant Auditor, Comprehensive Business Services Consultant and Professor in Accounting and Economics. He teaches Auditing, Ethics, Economics, and Finance.

George is often a frequent speaker on the work place environment, ethics, auditing, economics and accounting issues. He presents for the NACM (National Association of Credit Managers) and for the Treasury Management Association of Chicago, the Chicago Tax Club as well as the AICPA and ICPAS.

He is a member of the AICPA and the ILCPAS where he is chair of the subcommittee on Ethical Technical Standards.

CHAPTER CERTIFICATION PROMOTION

To increase CMAs in the marketplace, the Fox River Valley Chapter Board of Directors has approved for this year to pay 25% of the examination fee upon registration and 25% of examination fee upon passing the examination. Please submit your name, examination date and a copy of your application to our CMA/CFM Program Director, Mercie Woolfolk.

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