



FRV IMA PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I’d like to welcome our four new members: Susan Bly, Betty Grover, Raymond Godbout, and Shan Lao.

Just a reminder about the April Mid-America Council LTS (Leadership Training Session) that will be held on Friday, April 23rd at the NIU facility in Rockford. The day offers 7 hours of CPE and there is no charge for FRV IMA members as the chapter will cover the \$20 registration fee. Registration info and sessions can be found at:

http://www.ima-gmc.org/meetings_09-10/Council_Conference.asp

I happen to know that Pam Voorhees is looking for volunteers to assist with the 2010-2011 chapter board. Would you be willing to commit a few hours? Many hands makes for less work. 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!

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2009 - 2010 BOARD MEETINGS

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
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 CMA / CFM Recognition	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 Guest / Boss’ Night	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 April. Congratulations to all!

Keith Shedd - 51 Years	A L Harris - 18 Years
David Streit - 42 Years	Kathy Horton - 16 Years
Raymond Slattery - 36 Years	Michael Palmatier - 14 Years
Melvin Djerf - 31 Years	Brian Burzynski - 14 Years
Jerry Smith - 25 Years	Thomas Heindl - 11 Years
Wesley Tredup - 23 Years	John Becerril - 10 Years
Barbara Epperly - 20 Years	William Eagan - 3 Years
Mark Mondrala - 19 Years	

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.



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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	Currently in progress – Check for new dates soon
<i>CMA New Part 2</i>	TBD	TBD – Coming Soon

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: April 21, 2010 **Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm EDT

Speaker: Raymond Chip Lambert, Owner, LinkedIn Trainer, Network 2 Network, LLC

Topic: LinkedIn – A Lifeline for More Than Just a Job

Increasingly, people are moving online to find whatever they need. By understanding the LinkedIn platform and its full functionality, members can increase their effectiveness in Career Management, recruiting efforts, sales and marketing results, and overall quality of life.

LinkedIn.com’s powerful platform can help you, your team, and your organization leverage your relationships and make the key connections that can keep you thriving, even in this economy.

This session will cover...

- How to set up LinkedIn correctly - so you can really leverage it.
 - Using LinkedIn's advanced features to work your network to accomplish your goals.
 - Etiquette: Understanding the culture of LinkedIn so you don't make mistakes that can hurt your reputation.
 - Why it's more important than ever that use a resource like LinkedIn to connect with the people you already know, like, and trust.
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (1.0 Hour CPE)
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Arrowhead Golf Club, 26W151 Butterfield Road (Route 56), Wheaton, IL 630-653-5802

“CMA Exam Preparation” - Tim West, Northern Illinois University

The Certified Management Accountant (CMA) is the advanced professional certification specifically designed to measure the accounting and financial measurement skills that drive business performance. Achieving the CMA credential demonstrates your mastery of financial planning, analysis, control, and decision support, as well as professional ethics. Attend this session to find out more about the exam and preparation for it.

Professor West received his undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri – Columbia in 1976 and joined the Kansas City office of Touche Ross & Company as a staff auditor. He received his CPA in 1977 and his license to practice in 1978. He left Touche Ross as an audit manager in 1983 to become director of finance at a manufacturing firm in Northwest Missouri. In 1989, Professor West entered the PhD program at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville and graduated in 1993 with a PhD in accounting and a support area of industrial engineering. He has been on the faculty of Iowa State University, Washington University – St. Louis, University of Arkansas – Fayetteville, and currently he is an Associate Professor and the Grant Thornton Faculty Fellow at Northern Illinois University. At NIU, he teaches intermediate cost accounting and recently has developed a graduate course entitled Leadership, Ethics and Accountability. He also has taught executive education and CMA review courses.

He has won numerous teaching and research awards. Most recently, he and his co-authors received the 2009 Best Paper Award from the Management Accounting Section of the American Accounting Association for their paper *Spending Patterns with Lapsing Budgets: Evidence from U.S. Army Hospitals*. Professor West’s research involving academic dishonesty in the classroom has been featured in the *New York Times*, *USA Today* and *BusinessWeek*. Primarily, however, his research focuses on cost prediction and performance measurement in the health care industry. For the past ten years, Professor West has worked closely with the U.S. Army Medical Command to assess the operational efficiency of Army medicine. He has authored a variety of research papers including publications in *Journal of Government Financial Management (JGFM)*, *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, *Journal of Accounting and Public Policy*, *Journal of Business Ethics*, *Journal of Healthcare Finance*, *The American Journal of Managed Care*, *Advances in Management Accounting*, and *Business and Professional Ethics Journal*.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010
TECHNICAL MEETING (1.0 Hour CPE)
5:30 PM Networking, 6:30 PM Dinner

Theme: CMA / CFM Recognition

Arrowhead Golf Club, 26W151 Butterfield Road (Route 56), Wheaton, IL 630-653-5802

“County Tax Topics” - Gwen Henry, CPA, DuPage County Treasurer

Topics to be discussed include: the Treasurer’s office, real estate taxes now and in the future as well as financial issues facing the County and government in general.

Gwen Henry is an accounting professional with extensive government experience. She has held numerous positions including: DuPage County Forest Preserve Commissioner (2002-2006) and Treasurer (2002-2004), DuPage County Board and Forest Preserve (1992-1994; 1996-2002), Mayor - City of Wheaton, Wheaton City Council Member, DuComm Board, Mayors and Managers Board of Directors, DuPage County Water Commissioner. She has been the DuPage County Treasurer since 2006.

She is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Public Funds Investment Manager (CPFIM), and is a member of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Illinois Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Association of Public Treasurers - U.S. & Canada, Illinois County Treasurers Association, and National Association of County Collectors, Treasurers and Finance Officers. She is also extensively involved in the community.

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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