



## Hudson Valley Chapter

### April 2004 Newsletter

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## President's Message

Did you go to the TCTC? If so, you were certainly in good company. Despite the ever-cautious predictions, over four hundred people attended this year's conference. As with any event of that size, it's always a challenge to pull off, but I think that we were once again able to offer an unprecedented CPE opportunity. We've received a lot of positive feedback and also a few opportunities for improvement. Several of our members were on the TCTC planning committee including: Ken Kasper, Pam Matthews, Nadine Morrell, Casey O'Connor and myself. Next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and believe it or not, we've already begun planning for it. If you have any suggestions for themes or topics, please let me know and I'll share them with the rest of the committee.

With the passing of the TCTC, springtime has arrived once again. Last year, the local chapters of the Association of Government Accountant (AGA), Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) started a rather nice tradition. You guessed it... it's time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit the Albany Medical Center Children's Hospital. Call your friends, choose your team and join us for this very worthy event. You can find detailed information at: [http://www.aganycap.org/community/charity\\_golf.htm](http://www.aganycap.org/community/charity_golf.htm)

See you on the green!

*Bernie McHugh*

Chapter President

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## Joseph Maloney Scholarship for 2004

By Kathleen Whitsett, Director of Awards

The Hudson Valley Chapter of the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) announces the availability of a \$500 scholarship to support a student in Information Systems related studies during the academic year 2004-2005.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be an ISACA member or a relative of an ISACA member.
- Have received or will receive a high school or GED diploma.
- Be enrolled in an Information Systems, Accounting or IS Auditing certificate or degree program at an accredited college or university during 2004.

To apply send a completed application to Kathleen Whitsett by e-mail at [Kwhitsett@osc.state.ny.us](mailto:Kwhitsett@osc.state.ny.us) or mail to Hudson Valley ISACA, P.O. Box 1458, Albany, NY 12201 by May 31, 2004. The scholarship award will be presented at the June 2004 luncheon meeting.

[Download the scholarship application.](#)

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## From the Desk of Membership

by Lisa LeBlanc, CISA

Please join me in welcoming five new members of the Hudson Valley Chapter!

- Brian Houlihan, CISSP joins us from the National Credit Union Administration in Albany.
- Phillip Lerner is from Melville, NY.
- Rick McGowan is from Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation in Poughkeepsie, NY.
- Keith Pierce, CCP joins us from NY Higher Education Services Corporation in Albany.
- Uzma Qureshi, CPA also joins us from NY Higher education Services Corporation.

Welcome!

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## CISA and CISM®

Our chapter is considering holding another CISA review course this year if we have enough members who are interested. This course has proven valuable in past years to chapter members who sat for the CISA exam. Please contact our CISA Coordinator, Bill O'Toole ([wmotoole@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:wmotoole@gw.dec.state.ny.us) or 402-9147) to let him know if you are interested in our chapter holding a CISA review course this year.

### Maintaining CISA Status

Just a reminder, please remit the annual CISA maintenance fees and report your continuing professional education hours for 2003 if you have not already done so. Failure to comply can result in CISA revocation.

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## ISACA International News

### Sarbanes-Oxley

The IT Governance Institute (ITGI) has issued a discussion document reflecting the latest thinking on this increasingly important topic, which is available as a complimentary PDF download. Based on COBIT control objectives, the authors have designed this publication primarily as an educational resource for IT control professionals, but CIO's, IT management and assurance professionals will find the information vitally important and beneficial as well. Access the PDF at [IT Control Objectives for Sarbanes-Oxley](#).

### Membership Renewal

ISACA® International Headquarters conducts an "annual membership purge" every April. Following the purge, members who have not yet renewed with ISACA will no longer receive member benefits, including the *Information System Control Journal*™, K-NET™ and all member-protected areas of the ISACA web site. Please renew online or by mail to minimize any lapse in member benefits.

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### Reminder to Volunteer

ISACA members interested in volunteering during the next administrative term may apply via the *Call for Volunteers* brochure. The *Call for Volunteers* brochure (for key board/committee service) was mailed with volume 1 of the *ISACA Journal* and is available for download from the ISACA web site at [www.isaca.org/volunteer](http://www.isaca.org/volunteer). Call for Volunteers applications are due by April 15, 2004. The next administrative term is July 2004 through June 2005.



**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual International Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Membership**

*June 27-30, 2004*

*Boston, Massachusetts, USA*

The International Conference will focus on IT governance, IT security, IT assurance and IT business issues, with a track on each. Visit the ISACA web site at [www.isaca.org/international2004](http://www.isaca.org/international2004) for more information.

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