



Hudson Valley Chapter October 2004 Newsletter

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President's Message

And we're off!!

The Hudson Valley Chapter held its first event of the new program year. Representatives from Dell Corporation joined us for a rather nice discussion about computer security and how security features are helping track down stolen computers. The friendly folks from Dell also told us about the latest technology that will make our PCs even faster. (Please notice that I didn't once attempt to impersonate the kid from the commercials!)

If you weren't able to join us, don't worry, it was only the first of many fun-filled opportunities to network with your colleagues. Case in point, mark your calendar for the October 19th luncheon. We'll be learning about "Building a Self-Maintaining Security Organization." Details about the lunch are below. If the title alone wasn't enough to convince you, guess what? You can now register online for upcoming events! Lunch AND online registration - what a fabulous world we live in, eh?

On a more serious note, did you see that our profession is being challenged yet again? The recent article in the Times Union "Worm burrows way into state computers" was just the latest attack on the very things we are trying to protect - our valuable computer resources. The worm shut down hundreds of computers, idling scores of workers. It was thought the virus possibly entered via a vulnerability exploited by computer hackers. This is yet another example of why it is so important that we keep our skills sharp and our focus on protecting the resources that have become such an important part of our everyday lives.

That's all for now. Enjoy the rest of the articles.

Bernie McHugh

Chapter President

October Luncheon

Our [second luncheon](#)

of the year is scheduled for Tuesday October 19th on "Building a Self-Maintaining Security Organization." The presentation will be given by Michael Santarcangelo - CISSP, President of Tech Valley ISSA & lead instructor for the (ISC2) Common Body of Knowledge CISSP.

Michael J. Santarcangelo, II, is the founder and president of The Michaelangelo Group (TMAG), a professional services and training company that focuses on solving information security business problems and applying the appropriate technology. Mr. Santarcangelo's primary expertise and experience are in the areas of policy development, privacy and compliance issues, wireless technologies, and security awareness. Additionally, as a lead instructor for the (ISC2)

Common Body of Knowledge CISSP review seminar, Mr. Santarcangelo also works to maintain a good understanding of the broad spectrum of security issues.

Mr. Santarcangelo frequently speaks at public seminars and meetings about a variety of important security issues. He brings a candid approach that demystifies the technologies and concepts while debunking common misconceptions, allowing participants to better understand the role the technology can play in business.

Michael will provide a practical, experienced based approach to determine the needs of your organization by defining a process to hire, train, recruit or adapt the best people. The program will touch on budget, the hiring process, what to include in job descriptions, how to balance between the technical and business needs of the organization and ways to build or improve an effective security organization.

Technology Conference

Mark your calendars! The January 2005 Technology Conference, which we co-host with the IIA and AGA, will be held January 25, 2005 at the Polish Community Center. The theme this year is Enhancing Productivity with Technology, focusing on using search engines, and anti spam and anti virus tools. The session will run from 8:30 to 4:30 and include lunch and breaks. The event will cost \$75 for members and \$125 for others. Early payment by January 19, 2005 will save an additional \$25.

Technology should help auditors be more productive. Are you being slowed down by unwanted/unsolicited advertisements?

How bothersome is it when you're in the midst of a great thought and all of the sudden a spam pops up on your screen. This conference will have information on how to prevent such troubles.

Speaking of troubles – who's watching what the staff are doing? What tools are out there to monitor employees' e-mail and website activities? Hey – this might even help with your children at home.

In addition, the seminar will provide excellent guidance on how to use various search engines and provide information on outstanding research software, including Lexus/Nexus and Accurint. Where would we be today without them?

Member Survey

As a way to better serve the needs and interests of our members, the Chapter's Board will be using the monthly newsletter to solicit feedback on a variety of topics. To accomplish this, each month we will have a survey question and request each of you to submit a reply to the question. To help encourage feedback, a random response will be selected each month, and that individual will receive a free admission to one of this year's monthly luncheons. Please take a few seconds to provide your views.

[October 2004 survey](#)

From the Desk of Membership

By Lisa LeBlanc, CISA

We would like to introduce three new members of the Hudson Valley Chapter:

- Gail Weiss joins us from Empire State Development Corporation in Ballston Spa,
- Sigrid Tompkins, CISSP joins us from Empire Corporate Federal Credit Union in Albany, and
- Deborah Tabacco, CISA, CISM of Latham rejoins the chapter

Please join me in a warm welcome to our newest members.

CISA and CISM®

The early registration deadline for the June 11, 2005 CISA and CISM exams is February 2, 2005. The final registration deadline is March 30, 2005. To have detailed information mailed to you, complete the [Information Request Form](#), or [Register online today](#). Please email your questions to the Certification Department at certification@isaca.org.

ISACA International News

Audit Programs and Internal Control Questionnaires

Among the many educational resources ISACA makes available to its members are [Audit Programs and Internal Control Questionnaires \(ICQ\)](#).

These documents can be used as guidance by members in the performance of their duties on specific topics. This material was either developed by ISACA, the IT Governance Institute or contributed by fellow members and is provided free of charge as a benefit of membership in the Association. If you own material that you would like to share with fellow members through this resource, please forward it to education@isaca.org. Recent additions include Audit Programs and ICQ's covering Peoplesoft applications, Virtual Private Networking, Oracle Applications, and Incident Handling.

E-Commerce Guidance

Two volumes of the e-Commerce Security series are now available for complimentary download by ISACA members for a limited time, [Business Continuity Planning](#) and [Securing the Network Perimeter](#).