



Hudson Valley Chapter November/December 2004 Newsletter

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President's Message

Hi all.

A couple of days ago, I saw my first holiday commercial. That's right. Welcome to November, the Holiday Season has begun.

What a great time of year this is. It's filled with opportunities for getting together with family and friends. It's a time to reflect on things we are thankful for and to help those that are less fortunate. It's a time to celebrate important traditions – like getting together with old high school pals to play touch football or with family and friends to make crafts and goodies or help feed those in need at Thanksgiving. Whatever the traditions, they bring good feelings to our hearts and minds.

So from the entire Chapter Board, we hope you are able to seize these opportunities and wish you a safe holiday season filled with joy and happiness.

I *Bernie McHugh*

Chapter President

Holiday Luncheon

On December 15th, the Hudson Valley Chapter of ISACA, along with the Albany area chapters of the Association of Government Accountants, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, and the Institute of Internal Auditors will sponsor a holiday luncheon at the Wolfert's Roost Country Club in Albany. The luncheon will feature the ever-popular John Gray from FOX 23 News. John serves as the main anchor on the 5:00 and 10:00 pm newscasts. A Troy native, he graduated with honors from LaSalle Institute, Hudson Valley Community College and SUNY Oswego.

After spending several years as radio news anchor John made the jump to TV where he has become a familiar face to Capital Region viewers since 1988. Over the past 16 Years he has covered many big stories including the terrorist attacks of September 11th and the Miami hurricane. Additionally, he covered the Pope's visit to America and has reported on a number of Presidential campaigns and political conventions. However, his favorite stories involve helping people right here at home. John volunteers with a dozen local charities including, ALS, M.S., Special Olympics, Juvenile Diabetes, Hospice, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters to name a few.

He has won numerous awards including "Best Investigative Series" from the New York State Broadcasters. He was also selected by the Capital District Business Review to receive the prestigious 40 Under 40 Award.

John's passion is writing and for the past five years his Wednesday column in The Record newspaper has become a local favorite. He has just recently signed on to write a monthly column for Capital Region Living magazine. John loves working with young people and is proud to be on the faculty of H.V.C.C. teaching journalism.

DATE:

- **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2004**

TIMES:

- **11:30 AM – 12:00 AM – REGISTRATION**

- **12:00 AM – 1:30 PM – LUNCH AND PRESENTATION**

LOCATION:

- **Wolfert's Roost Country Club**

- **Van Rensselaer Blvd., Albany, NY**

COST:

- **\$10 FOR AGA/ACFE/IIA/ISACA**

- **\$20 FOR OTHERS**

Registration: Online at www.aganycap.org or contact Cathy Prescott at cprescott@kpmg.com - (518) 427-4750

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.

From the Desk of Membership

By Lisa LeBlanc, CISA

We would like to introduce the newest member of the Hudson Valley Chapter, Kaushal Dhruv from Clifton Park. Please join me in a warm welcome to Kaushal. The Hudson Valley Chapter now stands at 133 members strong!

Treasurer's Report

By Dave Fleming, CISA

We've passed with flying colors! The Board recently engaged the services of a non-board member independent to the chapter organization to conduct a financial review. The review covered the three fiscal years July 2001 to June 2002, July 2002 to June 2003, and July 2003 to June 2004. The reviewer determined that there was no material misstatements in the statement of revenue collected, expenses paid and arising cash balance from cash transactions.

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.

[Please follow this link to this month's survey.](#)

CISA and CISM[®]

"There are only a couple of security certifications that holders are sure to attach to their names on a business card. One of them is Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA)." -- Edward Hurley, November 27, 2002, [SearchSecurity.com](#)

More than 14,000 candidates internationally registered for the CISA exam in 2004, representing a nearly 20 percent increase over registrations in 2003, and in only its second year, the CISM exam generated 700 registrants, representing a 160 percent increase over registrations in 2003.

2005 CISA and CISM Exam Information:

Early registration deadline: February 2, 2005

Final registration deadline: March 30, 2005

Exam date: June 11, 2005

[Register online today](#) and save \$35.

CISA and CISM exam results were mailed to candidates in mid-August. In addition to the mailed results, you may access your exam score by logging into MyISACA (www.isaca.org) using your personalized login credentials. To do so, you must navigate to Certification Profile, located in the left navigation menu. The current exam score, as well as any previous exam history, will be displayed. If you do not know your login credentials, please contact membership@isaca.org or feedback@isaca.org to obtain this information.

CISA Job Practice Analysis

Work continues on a CISA job analysis study to update the areas, task statements and knowledge statements used to certify and examine CISA candidates. This past month, several subject expert reviews were conducted and the ISACA Practice Analysis Task Force met to review the results. Later in the year, approximately 3,000 CISAs will be surveyed. Work is expected to be complete by year-end and the final results will be used for exams beginning in 2006.

ISACA International News

Bookstore Update

Did you know that the ISACA Bookstore offers selected books for sale at special reduced prices? A few of the books offered are:

- Achieving the Promise of Information Technology
- Activity Based Information Systems
- Brink's Modern Internal Auditing
- The Soul at Work
- The Clickable Corporation
- Fighting Computer Crime: A New Framework for Protecting Information
- Netspionage
- E-business 2.0: Roadmap to Success
- E-commerce Security: Weak Links, Best Defenses
- Strategic Internet Commerce
- Surviving the Digital Jungle
- How to Turn Computer Problems into Competitive Advantage

Complete descriptions of these books are available on the ISACA web site at www.isaca.org/salebooks. For more

information, or to place an order, please contact bookstore@isaca.org or telephone +1.847.253.1545, ext. 401.

ISACA Research Projects in Progress with Target Release Dates

- Managing Enterprise Information Integrity: Security, Control and Audit Issues—third quarter 2004
- Linux Security and Control Features—third quarter 2004
- Managing Risk in the Wireless LAN Environment: Security, Audit and Control Issues—fourth quarter 2004
- Cybercrime: Incident Response and Digital Forensics Services—fourth quarter 2004