



## Hudson Valley Chapter

### October 2005 Newsletter

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## President's Message

The new program year got off to a great start with the September Luncheon. We had over 50 attendees, and our speaker; Zach Delecki from the FBI did a great job of alerting us to some of the types of Internet fraud. He also provided some excellent advice on how to avoid becoming a victim of Internet fraud, and ways to help protect our identities from being stolen. One thing to keep in mind is that if you are not expecting an email from someone, then be extremely suspicious of email.

That link to the fake PayPal site was very professionally done, but a little healthy skepticism would have helped determine that it was a scam.

Also, with the start of our luncheons, came the announcement of our incentive program for attending our monthly luncheons and educational programs.

We will be giving away an iPod at the end of the program year to one lucky individual. There is more detail on this incentive elsewhere in the newsletter and our website, but suffice it to say that the more of our luncheons and educational programs that you attend, the better your odds of winning!

Speaking of luncheons, our next luncheon meeting is set for October 25, and Anthony Reyes of the High Technology Crime Investigation Association (HTCIA) is scheduled to present. I was fortunate enough to attend a monthly meeting of HTCIA last spring, and the topics and issues covered by this group are definitely on the interesting side. Hopefully, you'll be able to attend.

Recently, The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has awarded accreditation under ISO/IEC 17024 to Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) certification programs.

Accreditation by ANSI signifies that ISACA's procedures meet ANSI's essential requirements for openness, balance, consensus and due process. Achieving ANSI accreditation is a major undertaking and professionals holding or planning to achieve CISA and CISM can be sure these certifications meet ANSI's requirements. This recognition is vital in today's environment, and helps to signify the importance of achieving certification. To help in this environment, we are looking to hold a CISM review course in the spring of 2006. If interested, please contact Mark Ren.

And lastly, just to remind you all: it's still a good year to be a Chiefs' fan!! J



*Mike Farrar*



## Chapter President

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## Membership Reminder

To celebrate a successful program year, the Hudson Valley Chapter is giving a folding chair to each current member of the Chapter. The chair is burgundy and is imprinted with the ISACA logo. It is a lightweight-folding chair featuring a steel frame, two drink holders and its own carrying case with a drawstring and shoulder strap. You can view a similar chair at <http://www.4imprint.com/Folding-Chair-wCarrying-Bag/EXEC/DETAIL/~SKU005648/~CA5648.htm>

If you are interested in making arrangements to receive your chair, please contact Kathy Whitsett at (518) 257-4517 or [KWhitsett @osc.state.ny.us](mailto:KWhitsett@osc.state.ny.us). If you would like to decline this offer, also please let us know.

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## Chapter Promotions

### iPod Promotion

#### Official Rules

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

The ISACA Hudson Valley Chapter's iPod promotion is open to all attendees (members and non-members) of events sponsored by the Chapter. Attendance at the Holiday Luncheon, Technology Conference, and the TCTC are excluded. Also, ISACA Hudson Valley Board members are not eligible for this promotion. By entering, you agree to these Official Rules.

#### **PROMOTIONAL PERIOD**

The promotional period begins with the Chapter's first event scheduled for September 13, 2005, and ends prior to the June 2006 general membership meeting. ISACA Hudson Valley reserves the right to terminate the promotion at any time by giving notice during any calendar month, as deemed appropriate by the Chapter. The prize will nevertheless be awarded as stated below in the event of any early termination based upon all entries received prior to the moment of termination.

#### **ENTRY**

Each participant of an ISACA Hudson Valley Chapter event will be automatically entered in the promotion. One promotional entry will be earned for each event attended. Attendance at multiple events will increase a participant's chances of winning the prize.

Attendance at multiple-day events such as the November training will entitle the participant to a single promotional entry.

Official entry will be determined based on registration and confirmation of attendance by a designated Chapter Officer.

#### **DRAWING**

One Grand Prize Winner will be selected by random drawing from all eligible entries. The Drawing for the Grand Prize will take place in June 2006 at the general membership meeting. The Drawing will be conducted under the supervision of the Chapter's Board.

If a potential winner does not claim the prize within 60 days, the prize will be forfeited and an alternate winner will be selected.

#### **PRIZE/ODDS**

There will be one Grand Prize awarded for the entire promotional period. The Grand Prize winner will receive a 60 GB iPod worth approximately \$400. No cash value or substitution of the award for cash is allowed. Odds of winning

depend on the number of eligible entries received.

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## 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 [survey questions](#) (Paul, please link this to the survey) 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.

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## From the Membership Desk:

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Hudson Valley Chapter:

- Mary Ellen Abrams
- Neil Bouriver
- Keri Calagna
- Sharhriar Chowdhury
- Paul Fort
- Anuj Goel
- Balassubramanian Kartigayan
- Lewis Marsicano
- Simon Prazak
- Madhavi Rangavajjula
- Gerald Riso
- Charmaine Russo
- Nitin Shelar
- Richard Soccia
- Bafna Sumit
- Theresa Vottis
- Huiling Wang

We are currently 166 members strong!

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## CISA and CISM®

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The deadline to file for the December CISA and CISM exams in New York City has passed. Good luck to anyone who is sitting for either exam this December.

### 2006 CISA Study Materials

The 2006 CISA Review Materials are available at [www.isaca.org/cisabooks](http://www.isaca.org/cisabooks). These study materials are based on the new 2006 CISA job practice analysis and have been significantly enhanced with current IS audit practitioner issues. The study materials include: *CISA Review Manual 2006*; *CISA Questions, Answers & Explanations Manual 2006*; *CISA Questions, Answers & Explanations Manual 2006 Supplement*, and the CISA Questions, Answers & Explanations CD-ROM 2006.

The new CISA job practice analysis areas include:

- The IS audit process
- IT governance
- Systems and infrastructure life cycle management
- IT delivery and support
- Protection of information assets
- Business continuity and disaster recovery

## 2006 CISM Study Materials

The 2006 CISM study materials are based on the tasks performed by information security managers and the knowledge necessary to manage, design and oversee an enterprise's information security program. The CISM job practice areas are:

- Information security governance
- Risk management
- Information security program management
- Information security management
- Response management

The study materials include: *CISM Review Manual 2006*; *CISM Questions, Answers & Explanations Manual 2006*; and *CISM Questions, Answers & Explanations Manual 2006 Supplement*.

These publications are available at [www.isaca.org/cismbooks](http://www.isaca.org/cismbooks).

# ISACA International News

## IT Governance Institute Identifies Top Actions for Security Managers:

Complimentary Presentation Available at [www.isaca.org/topactions](http://www.isaca.org/topactions)

**Rolling Meadows, IL, USA (20 September 2005)**—The IT Governance Institute recommends top actions for security managers and chief information security officers (CISOs) in its latest research deliverable, *Information Security Governance—Top Actions for Security Managers*.

Available as a complimentary slide presentation at [www.isaca.org/topactions](http://www.isaca.org/topactions), *Top Actions* is an extension of earlier ITGI research published in *Information Security Governance: Guidance for Boards of Directors and Executive Management*. The presentation identifies actions for security managers and CISOs to take to address 18 questions posed by senior management in the book.

Each slide represents one of the 18 questions designed to uncover information security issues and determine how to successfully implement information security governance. The slides contain considerations for security managers regarding the question, sources to assist the security manager in determining the appropriate response, evaluation and performance criteria to determine how effectively the enterprise addresses the security considerations, and security program initiatives detailing steps the enterprise should take.

*Top Actions* specifically focuses on:

- Uncovering the information security issues in an enterprise from a business and management perspective
- Addressing management's perception of information security and security risk management issues
- Positioning information security as a component of IT and business governance
- Establishing what is required to ensure that information security governance is successfully implemented within the enterprise

"In today's business environment, information security is critical to enterprises," said Everett Johnson, CPA, international president of the IT Governance Institute and a partner (retired) at Deloitte & Touche. "Too often, information security is considered a technology issue, when it is actually a business management responsibility. The advice in *Top Actions* helps information security managers address the priorities and requirements of the organization as a whole."

