



Hudson Valley Chapter May 2005 Newsletter

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President's Message

A few days ago, we held a lunch meeting to honor our members who recently were certified as Information Security Managers and Information System Auditors. Our Director of Awards, Kathy Whitsett, gave pins to those members. I would like to offer my congratulations to those achieving these certifications. It's a tribute to your dedication to the information systems security and auditing professions. (See pictures below.)

I would like to call your attention to the notice below about this year's charity golf event. This is the third year holding the event and participation grows each year, so sign up early. It's a great way to relax and pal around with people you normally work with and supports a worthwhile charity at the same time.

Well, that's all for now - short and sweet. Enjoy the rest of the articles.

Bernie McHugh

Chapter President

2005 CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



To Benefit:



**July 8, 2005
Van Patten Golf Club
924 Main Street**

Clifton Park, New York

The local chapters of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA), Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and the Information Systems Audit and control Association (ISACA) are co-sponsoring a golf tournament to benefit the Albany Medical Center Children's Hospital and you are invited to participate.

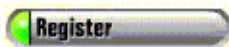
The day will include 18 holes of golf at Van Patten Golf Club in Clifton Park as well as an awards ceremony with lunch after golf. The cost of this event will be \$65.00 per person with proceeds to benefit the Albany Medical Center's Children Hospital.

Please join us for a day of golf and to support the wonderful accomplishments of the Children's Hospital. Don't have a full team? Not a problem! We will round out your team with other participants (we'll contact you about your team prior to the event).

To register for this event, click the register button at the bottom of this page or contact Brian Gee at brian.gee@omr.state.ny.us, or at (518) 474-9294 if you have any questions.

Time: 8:00 A.M. - Start

Awards: 1st Place Team Prize
Longest Drive
Scramble Format
Closest to the Pin



Awards Ceremony

Our chapter now has 13 new Certified Information Security Managers (CISM) and 5 new Certified Information System Auditors (CISA)! On Wednesday, April 27, 2005, we honored the chapter's most recent recipients of these designations.



Pictured from left to right and earning the CISM designation are: Manuel Morales, Wes More, Julie Leeper and Lynn Humiston. Also earning the CISM designation but not pictured were:

Charles Cayot, Donna Ciccarelli, Scott Spencer, Laura Iwan, Deborah Tabacco, Robert Magil, Gary Lyons, Jeffrey Tarte and Susan Gibbons.



Pictured from left to right and earning the CISA designation is Holly Woodworth and Kathy Whitsett. Also earning the CISM designation but not pictured were Kenneth Hughes, Joseph Victor, and Merrill Paul.

Congratulations to all!! And special congratulations to Holly Woodworth who had the # 1 CISA score of all our members who took the last exam.

Joseph Maloney Scholarship

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 2005-2006.

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 2005.

To apply send a completed application to Kathleen Whitsett by e-mail at Kwhitsett@osc.state.ny.us or mail to Hudson Valley ISACA, P.O. Box 1458, Albany, NY 12201 by May 15, 2005. The scholarship award will be presented at the June 2005 luncheon meeting.

[Scholarship application](#)

From the Desk of Membership

By Lisa LeBlanc, CISA

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

- Lennard Boodhoo
- Adam Bratter
- Douglas Calvert
- Joseph Doerrer
- Kathleen Hunt

- William Leo
- Aluca Lindstrom
- Gary Masters
- Sapna Patel
- Marlena Peek
- Michael Porter
- John Reyes
- John Somerville
- Anastasios Stefos
- Robert Stewart
- Tim Stowell
- Ann Marie Szabo
- Bruce Woolley
- Diane Zobre

Please join me in a warm welcome to all of them! The Hudson Valley Chapter now stands at 164 members strong!

CISA and CISM®

CISA and CISM Exams Now Offered Twice a Year

More than 20,000 candidates worldwide have registered for the June 2005 CISA and CISM exams. These unprecedented registration numbers demonstrate the vast demand and interest in the achievement of each credential. Therefore, ISACA will add a second annual administration of each exam in order to accommodate more CISA and CISM candidates, beginning this December. The December exam will be offered in [select locations](#) and languages, based upon demand. For those candidates interested in gaining their CISA credential, the December 2005 exam will be the last exam covering the current CISA job practice areas. CISA exams offered in 2006 will cover new CISA job practice areas as defined in a recent job practice analysis. While the December exam is not being offered in Albany, it will be offered in New York City for those that are interested in taking the exam.

Registration is now closed for the upcoming June 11th exam. Good luck to those of you who are taking the exam!

ISACA International News ISACA Certifications in Demand

Rolling Meadows, IL, USA (21 April 2005)—The rise of legislation and guidelines such as Sarbanes-Oxley and HIPAA is increasing the demand for information technology (IT) security and auditing certifications, including the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) from the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA). Companies fear Enron-like shakeouts and are focused on recruiting talent who can cope with the increased standards and regulations all industries now face, indicating a new IT employment trend.

A quick search of Monster.com alone indicates that many employers prefer or require candidates for IT/IS positions to hold the CISA or CISM designations. KPMG, Deloitte, PricewaterhouseCoopers, other leading consulting/audit firms and government organizations hold certification as an essential tenet for employment consideration.

In addition:

- A recent brochure from Microsoft suggests CISM as one of the certifications to look for when choosing a security partner.
- Matthew Sullivan of Robert Half Technology, the nation's largest recruiter of IT staff, said 2005 is a good year to have the CISA certification on your resume.
- In a recent Foote Partners LLC study, the CISA designation was deemed one of the highest paying technical certifications.
- According to Forrester Research, Inc., security specialists, including those with CISA or CISM certifications, will

be in demand this year.

"The proof of CISA's value is in the numbers," said Richard Brisebois, CISA, CGA, principal of IT audit services at the Office of the Auditor General of Canada and chair of the CISA Certification Board. "More than 18,000 professionals registered for the June 2005 CISA exam. That is a 30 percent increase from 2004 and a record high for the 12th straight year." The CISM exam also broke a registration record when more than 1,500 professionals enrolled for the June 2005 CISM exam, a 125 percent increase from 2004.

"The CISM certification tests for the skills that employers are looking for in security managers," said Leslie Macartney, CISA, CISM, former chief information security officer (CISO) of Reuters Ltd. and chair of the CISM Certification Board. "The registration numbers demonstrate that people are recognizing the outstanding professional and personal rewards the certification offers."