Since I began my time with the Monthly Reporter over a year ago, I’ve written twice about Junior Achievement (JA) and, more specifically, about Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan (JASM), which is the largest of twelve JA offices in Michigan. Prior to writing the first article, I had little knowledge of Junior Achievement’s mission, their goals or their values. So naturally, I researched the organization, I spoke with local JA representatives, I Googled. The more I learned about Junior Achievement, the more I respected their mission - to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy - and the more I understood the need for programs that help prepare young people for the real world.

When I read that, in 2005, the IIA partnered with JA to foster strong ethics and good governance in the global business community, I was proud to be affiliated with an organization that also recognized the tremendous impact JA could have on students around the world. Yet I was quickly disenchanted to learn that the local Junior Achievement branch, JASM, was continually in critical need of volunteers.

Shortly after writing the second article, I realized what the organization needed was volunteers, not an editorial in a local publication. So, I undertook to volunteer at the Rock Financial JA Finance Park, where students participate in a one-day budgeting simulation in which they apply the financial concepts and budget techniques they have learned throughout the semester. The students are given a “life scenario” and they must make proper budgeting decisions depending on the “life scenario” they are given.

Arriving at the Finance Park in downtown Detroit, the Finance Park Manager, Joni, informed me that I’d be helping her lead a class of fifth graders from the Colin Powell Academy. After a quick tour of the state-of-the-art facility and a brief walkthrough of my job for the day, the students and teachers arrived. Immediately, it was clear that the students were excited about the trip and eager to experience the Park. It was also immediately clear that Joni knew what she was doing and, with the help of the Colin Powell teachers, would be in full control of the enthusiastic students.

As the activities progressed and the students chose their houses and cars and planned their vacations, it was my role as a volunteer to help with basic questions and check their answers. While the students worked, it was great to see them being exposed to concepts such as budgeting and financial responsibility for the first time. These are concepts that everyone must deal with throughout their lives and are currently troubling so many Americans.

Walking away from the experience, I was left with a renewed belief in the benefits of Junior Achievement. Seeing the impact you can have on young peoples’ lives first-hand is a remarkable experience and can be as life changing for volunteers as it is for the students. There are still many opportunities to volunteer with JASM throughout the year so if you have a half day to volunteer, I have no doubt that you will believe, as I do, that your few hours spent can open a lifetime of opportunities for the students you help.

For registration and further information, please visit http://southeasternmichigan.ja.org or The IIA’s Junior Achievement page.

Jon Fritsch, Newsletter Editor
PRESIDENTIAL

Dear Colleagues,

I am extremely excited to share that over 300 people attended our 11th Annual Spring Conference. Our sponsors and vendors also made great contributions to our success. As a result of that participation, we have achieved Gold and Platinum status for the 6th year in a row! On behalf of the Board of Governors of the Detroit Chapter and ISACA, I would like to thank you, our members, for contributing to our success. The revenues generated from the Spring Conference will allow us to continue to provide quality programming in the coming year and complete the funding of the Detroit Chapter IIA Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The April meeting is Student Night. Members, I encourage you to network with the students and share your perspective of the profession, your company and work experience. We will award six scholarships, four funded by the Detroit Chapter IIA Scholarship Endowment Fund, one funded by Global Recruiters and one funded by the Okopny Family IIA Scholarship. We will also acknowledge Wayne State University’s participation in the Internal Auditing Educational Partnership program. Finally, we also plan to recognize new CIA’s.

At our May meeting, we will ask the membership to vote on the candidates for our board that were submitted by our Governance and Nominating Committee. Information on the nominees can be found in this newsletter and is available at www.detroitiia.org.

Sadly, the Chapter will lose six of our current board members this year. All but one has reached the end of their terms. Athena Avgousti, 1st Vice President has indicated her intention to not seek succession to President. She also chaired and served on the Social and Membership Committees. Matt Burgess is relocating out-of-state for employment purposes. He served as Chapter President in 2007 – 2008. Mike Ross served as chapter Secretary for at least eight years and provided photography for the monthly newsletter since 1990. Bruce Ring, a former Chapter President also served as our IIA District Representative. Cornel Ivascu served for many years as a Governor and Membership Committee Chair. Finally, Bob Okopny, PhD served as a Governor and Academic Relations Chair. We extend our sincere thanks to you all for your many years of dedicated service.

At the last chapter meeting, Mark Miles spoke about a Detroit Chapter IIA LinkedIn site to network and post resumes. Mike Ross our Chapter Secretary has offered his photographic services for member headshots to post with resumes. Please be sure to see him during the chapter meeting.

Much research is taking place in the profession. Miami University has reached out to our chapter for assistance in a research project examining the factors of financial and IT audit quality as well as differences between financial and IT audit quality. An e-mail providing a link to the survey was sent by our Chapter Administrator. Please take the time to respond and participate in this internal audit research.

The IIA’s Global Internal Audit Survey opened March 15, 2010. The purpose is to find out the latest information on the status of the internal audit profession around the world. The results will provide insight into emerging issues arising worldwide as well as developments and changes within the profession since the last survey was conducted in 2006. Your participation may contribute to the development of new standards and guidance. The survey is open until May 17, 2010 to all internal auditors around the world, including partners and staff at service provider organizations and academic professionals who teach or research topics related to the profession. Members and nonmembers may take the survey by going to www.theiia.org/global-survey.

I look forward to seeing you at the April chapter meeting.

Sincerely,

Sharon L. Gipson, CPA
President, Detroit Chapter IIA

ATTENTION MEMBERS!

The Membership Committee is asking all Detroit members to notify the Chapter of changes or career milestones they want recognized such as contact information changes, professional certification achievements, CAP contributions, and other career milestones. A Membership Update Form is available on the Detroit Chapter’s website at the following address: http://www.detroitiia.org/Member_Update.htm

Please fill in your updated information and click submit. The form only needs to be submitted when changes occur and will be made available at monthly Detroit Chapter meetings.

It is also important to update your profile with IIA Global. This can be done by logging on at www.theiia.org and clicking Update Your Profile.
UPCOMING IIA EVENTS:

- **San Francisco Seminar**  
  April 13-15, 2010  
  San Francisco, CA
- **2010 Gaming Conference**  
  April 19-21, 2010  
  Las Vegas, NV
- **Chicago Seminar**  
  May 4-7, 2010  
  Chicago, IL
- **Orlando Seminar**  
  May 24-27, 2010  
  Orlando, FL
- **2010 Atlanta International Conference**  
  June 6-9, 2010  
  Atlanta, GA

WEB-BASED TRAINING:

- **Treading into International Waters - What Fraud Risks Lurk Beneath the Surface of your Foreign Affiliates**  
  April 8, 2010
- **Ethics in an Organization: Considerations for Internal Audit**  
  April 15, 2010
- **Value-Added Business Controls: The Right Way to Manage Risk**  
  April 19, 2010
- **The New SEC Proxy Disclosure Rules**  
  April 29, 2010
- **Enterprise Risk Management: An Introduction**  
  May 3, 2010

For event and registration details, click the links above or visit http://www.theiia.org/iia-training/ for all IIA sponsored training events.

APRIL DETROIT CHAPTER MEETING - STUDENT NIGHT

April 13, 2010 - 4:00 PM to 7:30 PM

The Detroit Chapter Meeting resumes this month with the Chapter’s Annual Student Night. Student Night is a great way for students to gain exposure to the profession of internal audit and is also a great place for employers to meet new talent from the Metro Detroit area. Current students can attend the meeting free of charge. Chapter Secretary and Photographer Mike Ross will be available from 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm before the chapter meeting to take headshots for members who would like a professional quality photograph for resumes, LinkedIn, etc. Pictures will be e-mailed to the members after the meeting. Please see page 6 for the meeting’s speakers and discussion topics.

The meeting will take place at the VisTaTech Conference Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. To register*, please click the following link Apr Il Chapter Meeting Registration or for group registration, please contact the Chapter Administrator at 1-866-895-1851 or at ChapterAdmin@detroitiia.org.

BEGINNER AND ADVANCED ACL TRAINING

Beginner - April 12-14, 2010 - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
Advanced - May 17-19, 2010 - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Back by popular demand, the Detroit Chapter IIA is proud to present Beginner and Advanced ACL Training courses available to IIA members only. These courses uses hands-on training and examples, and participants are encouraged to bring a laptop with ACL installed. A limited number of rental laptops with ACL installed are available for an additional $50 fee. Contact Nichole at chapteradmin@detroitiia.org for additional information. Please visit our chapter website at www.detroitiia.org for course descriptions, instructor information, and event directions. Both sessions will be held at VisTa Tech Center on the Campus of Schoolcraft College in Livonia, MI. Registration will close at close of business on Friday, April 9, 2010. Class sizes are limited so register early!

16th ANNUAL SEMCACFE FRAUD CONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 27, 2010 - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

The Southeast Michigan Chapter of the ACFE will be presenting their 16th Annual Fraud Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Livonia. The event, entitled “Internal Controls and Fraud - Understanding Employee Embezzlement in the Workplace” will cover general fraud principles, as well as several types of fraud schemes and how to detect and deter them. The event fee is $175, which includes continental breakfast, a buffet lunch and 8 hours of NASBA CPE credit. Furthermore, if an organization registers five attendees - the sixth is free! For more information and to register, visit www.SEMCACFE.org.

2010 ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

June 6-9, 2010

The IIA’s annual International Conference moves to Atlanta, GA at the Georgia World Congress Center for the 2010 edition of this much anticipated conference. The Conference will feature world-class keynote speakers from around the world and will offer first-rate programs for auditors of all expertise and background. Conference amenities vary between the offered packages with some offering three days of breakfast, printed conference materials, a welcome reception and gala evening - not to mention up to 18 CPE credits. For more information and registration, visit the IIA International Conference website.

*Cost for Chapter Meetings: $35 Members; $45 Non-Members; $20 Retirees & Students attend free of charge. Additional $5 fee will be levied for attendees who do not pre-register by Noon on Friday, April 9, 2010.

An Annual Calendar of Chapter Events can be viewed at the following link:
http://www.detroitiia.org/Events.htm
On March 8-10, 2010, the Detroit Chapters of the IIA and ISACA continued their successful partnership by co-hosting the 11th Annual Spring Conference at the University of Michigan – Dearborn Campus. This year’s sell-out event continued to build on momentum from past years’, attracting over 350 attendees, instructors and vendors. The twelve offered courses - ranging from Internal Audit University to IDEA Data Analytics - were said to be highly engaging and well received.

We would like to thank all new and returning attendees for their participation and continued support of the Detroit Chapters IIA and ISACA. We would also like to thank the exceptional instructors and our Platinum and Gold sponsors for making this event a success.

We look forward to seeing you all again at next year’s conference!

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**SPRING CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE:**
- IIA Members - 261
- Non-Members - 68
- Vendors/Instructors - 41
- Students - 12
- Total - 382

**Help the Chapter Earn CAP Points!**

Please let us know by sending information regarding your recent internal auditing articles, speaking engagements, summer interns, or any other CAP activities to CAP Committee Chair Marty Wood. Marty can be reached at martin.wood@flintgrp.com or at 734-233-7849.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

IIA’S GLOBAL INTERNAL AUDIT SURVEY

The 2010 Global Internal Audit Survey will be available to all members March 15, 2010 through May 17, 2010. The Survey will aggregate responses from professionals worldwide to help the Internal Audit profession stay relevant and vibrant, as well as document the history of Internal Audit for years to come. This year’s confidential survey has been designed to be completed in 20 – 40 minutes, allowing users to stop and resume as needed, and is available in 22 languages. For more information on the study, please visit www.theiia.org/global-survey.

2010 MIDWEST CFO FORUM

June 16, 2010

The Midwest CFO Forum is an exclusive annual gathering of Chief Financial Officers (CFOs) and senior-level executives in finance to address current issues and challenges, explore emerging trends and network with peers. The success of the Midwest has a significant impact on the nation’s economic health and well-being. It is this interdependent relationship that has propelled the 2010 Midwest CFO Forum to dedicate itself to educating its top CFOs and senior-level financial executives with tips on how to weather the economic storm and come out on top. The event will be held at the Ford Motor Company Conference and Event Center in Dearborn, MI on June 16, 2010. For more information including the delegate application form, please visit www.midwestcfoforum.com.

WMIIA 2010 SPRING SEMINAR

April 27-28, 2010 - 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

The Western Michigan Chapter of the IIA is hosting their Annual Spring Seminar in Allegan, MI. The seminar features two courses over the two day event; Effective Audit Interviewing and Increasing Personal and Professional Effectiveness. Effective Audit Interviewing combines participative lecture with discussion exercises and role-plays, which provide participants the opportunity to practice techniques learned. Increasing Personal & Professional Effectiveness explores practical approaches individuals can use to accomplish more in their work and in their personal lives. Each course is $250 for members and $275 for non-members which includes lunch and 8 CPEs. A $50.00 discount applies when registering for both days. To register for the two courses, click the links provided above or go to the Western Michigan IIA Chapter’s website.

IIA BRIDGE MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

The Detroit Chapter continues to participate in the IIA’s Bridge Membership Program which provides a one-time, one-year complimentary individual membership to the IIA including online access to Internal Auditor Magazine. The program is designed to provide IIA membership to former members who are recently unemployed. To qualify for Bridge Membership, you must be an active member of The IIA for the past two or more years and actively seeking employment. To take advantage of this opportunity, download the application form and submit a written request certifying you are unemployed and meet the qualifications of the program. All questions and documents should be sent to membershipdevelopment@theiia.org. Be sure to include your IIA membership number on all documents submitted.

April Chapter Meeting Dinner Menu:

Meat lasagna
Grilled portobello ravioli with chardonnay butter sauce
Stir fried vegetables with fresh ginger and garlic
Sweet potato gratin with maple syrup and candied walnuts
Greek salad
Fresh seasonal fruit boat
Spicy pea and peanut salad
Fresh fruit cobbler with vanilla ice cream
In keeping with the spirit of Student Night, the April Chapter Meeting topics are both focused on building and sustaining a successful career in internal audit. To begin the evening, Chapter Board of Governor Dr. Robert Okopny will moderate a panel discussion entitled “Ways to Stand Out at Your Company”. Our panelists, who are experienced leaders in the Internal Audit profession, will discuss their insights into effective communication, ethics, skill sets, leadership skills, and personal presentation.

Panelists:

Maria Bowles, CPA, is a Finance Executive with a broad range of experiences including Public Accounting, Corporate and Technical Accounting, Product Development Finance and Internal Auditing. Maria has been employed at General Motors for over 10 years and is currently the Audit Director for North America Automotive. Prior to joining GM, Maria was employed at Deloitte & Touche where she performed all aspects of SEC and Employee Benefit Plan audits.

Christine Dobrovich is a Director in Risk Advisory Services at the Great Lakes Office of Jefferson Wells. Christine has over 20 years of diverse auditing experience in both the public and private sectors including 11 years with the U.S. Government Accountability Office and nine years with Jefferson Wells. As a Director, Christine helps guide and manage a team of experienced internal auditors and ensures service quality and client satisfaction to clients in varied industries including financial institutions, manufacturing, health, and government. Christine is certified in Internal Quality Assessment/Validation and is a member of the IIA International Board of Research and Education Advisors (BREA).

David T. Flynn, CPA, CISA, is the Managing Director for the Michigan region of Resources Global Professionals. Prior to taking this role, Dave helped start up two professional services practices that have grown into large players in the internal audit and accounting fields. Dave started his career in 1991 as an IT auditor with Deloitte and moved on to manage several internal audit groups for a regional bank during the mid 1990s. He is a past President of the Detroit Chapter of the IIA and continues to serve the Board as part of the Scholarship Awards Committee.

David Shears is the Audit Director of Affinia Group which is a leading supplier of filters and brakes for the automotive aftermarket. Prior to his current role as Chief Audit Executive, he was the Internal Audit Director for Metaldyne, and he has created and managed audit functions at both Lear and Federal-Mogul. During his 30 years in business, he has worked in manufacturing, banking, utilities, consulting, and insurance industries. In addition, David holds various certifications in fraud examination, information security, accounting, and internal auditing, and was an adjunct professor at Walsh College.

Post-Dinner Discussion:

Following the panel discussion will be Daniel and Carolyn Saint, who are both leaders in the internal audit profession. Although each has taken a slightly different path: Carolyn as Chief Audit Executive at a large retail corporation; and Dan as Managing Director at a large professional services firm, both have succeeded in their careers. Carolyn and Dan will discuss their success stories, and offer their insights to succeeding in the internal audit profession. Whether you are starting your career in internal audit or are a seasoned professional, this presentation is for you. Join us and hear some perspectives on succeeding in your career.

Carolyn Saint is Lowe’s Vice President of Internal Audit, responsible for the company’s risk-based audit plan, leading a department of more than 50 auditors. Saint joined Lowe’s in 2006. In addition to Lowe’s, her retail experience includes leading the audit functions of Sears Holdings Corporation and Kmart. Saint spent 9 years at Deloitte & Touche where she served both attest and internal audit clients in the manufacturing industry. Saint is a CIA and CPA; she holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Pittsburgh and a master’s degree in professional accountancy from Walsh College.

Daniel K. Saint, Ph.D., is the Managing Director of the Great Lakes Region for Jefferson Wells. Since joining the firm in 2005, his office has twice been Office of the Year, has received the Manpower Global Power Award for Operational Excellence and was named on the Detroit Free Press Best Places to Work. He has served as a partner at Deloitte and has held executive positions in finance and operations for Chrysler, Federal Mogul and Xuma. Dan began his career as an infantry officer in the US Army 82nd Airborne Division. Dan is a faculty member of the University Detroit Mercy and Lawrence Technological University where he serves on the boards of advisors of both business schools. He is a member of the Taos Institute, NTL, Academy of Management, Gestalt International Study Center, Society for Organizational Learning and the boards of directors of AiConsulting and Positive Change Core.
MEMBERSHIP VOICE

Member Benefits: The Student Perspective
By: Chapter Member Arta Ivezaj

Arta is an active chapter member who first experienced the IIA through the Detroit Chapter monthly meetings as a student. Arta is currently an auditor with PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP and a member of the Detroit Chapter IIA Membership Committee.

Students can often focus on their studies during school and fail to recognize the importance of membership to professional organizations such as the IIA. Association with the IIA can provide students with a distinctive advantage over their peers offering benefits such as network building, scholarships, and training opportunities with experienced industry professionals.

Becoming involved in the IIA offers students interested in the internal auditing profession the unique opportunity to build a network of leaders in the profession. Beyond the opportunities to dine with industry professionals at the monthly Detroit Chapter IIA meetings, the IIA’s new networking tool - Member Exchange, featured in the February 2010 chapter newsletter - offers members the ability to connect with local and global colleagues. Building a network of internal audit professionals can provide a solid foundation for the start of a successful career in the profession.

The Detroit Chapter IIA also offers scholarships to qualified candidates. This not only provides students with a monetary award to help cover the costs of tuition but also recognizes the award recipients at one of the monthly Detroit Chapter dinners. This type of recognition in the professional community can be a great way to get your foot in the door during job searching. Finally, membership to the IIA can provide students training opportunities with experienced, industry professionals, putting into real-world context what students have studied from textbooks. Often times, learning in the classroom can involve studying from several year old textbooks that are outdated. The type of training members of the IIA enjoy includes presentations from experts on current topics at the Detroit Chapter IIA dinners, along with IIA conferences and seminars for more extensive training sessions from real-world professionals.

Personally, the transition from being an accounting student to being employed with a public accounting firm was made easier with my involvement in the IIA because I was able to realize these valuable benefits. Participating in IIA dinners where current topics are discussed provided me with another facet to my education. Furthermore, the IIA dinners provided me a unique networking opportunity to meet real world professionals and discuss emerging issues impacting the industry. Attending IIA meetings during school also provided me a forum to reconnect with former colleagues I had met during an internship. I would encourage all accounting students interested in the profession to become involved with the IIA to not only reap the benefits of networking, scholarships and training opportunities, but also to gain a better understanding of the type of work they might do in this profession, as there are an array of options.

Membership to the IIA can distinguish students from their peers and offer opportunities to meet industry professionals, be recognized with scholarship awards, inform them on different career avenues within the industry, and gain knowledge on the latest topics affecting the internal audit profession.

Look Who’s Hiring!
Detroit Chapter Website Job Posting Board

The Detroit Chapter IIA is now listing open, audit-related positions in the surrounding Metro Detroit area on the Job Posting Board section of the Chapter Website. Bookmark the website for exciting new positions!

The Chapter is currently developing a process and pricing structure to accept posting applications from businesses looking to post their open positions on our website and in the newsletter. Once the process has been approved, it will be communicated on the Chapter Website and in the newsletter. Stay tuned for more information!
CHAPTER NOMINATIONS

Earlier this year, our Board accepted nominations for qualified individuals to fill the open Board of Governors and Officer positions for the 2010 - 2011 program year. Below are the nominated individuals who will be considered during voting in May. Please visit the Chapter Website for each nominee’s complete biography.

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2010 IIA & ISACA Detroit Chapters Social Event
Please Join Us for the Social Event of the Season on Friday, May 21, 2010!

- Private Chartered Dinner Cruise on the Detroit River with Diamond Cruises
- Non-Refundable Cost for Members and their Non-Member Friends is $27.00 per person!
- 3 Hour Cruise – Boarding 6:15pm, Launch from Dock 6:30pm, Return to Dock 9:30pm
- Entertainment & Cash Bar

More information and a link to Event Registration will be provided via email to all members in the very near future, please watch for it!

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