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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow chapter members and friends,

February's meeting snuck up on yours truly and the entire chapter's board! With that said, I'd like to thank Amy Deer and John Agostinelli for giving it the old college try in securing a speaker at the last minute. However, with such little time remaining in needing to get this newsletter out and RSVP's rolling in for this Tuesday's meeting, I am breaking my long-time rule of NOT make a presentation in front of friends. I've been asked for a few years to do presentations for the chapter but I've held true to that rule. So why break it now? Is it desperation to have a chapter meeting Tuesday instead of canceling it and postponing it a month? Nope. It is simply out of gratitude for the hard work our board does for this chapter. So... I'm not sure whether to warn you skip the meeting or beg you to come so I'm not talking to an empty room. Either way, I'm sure you'll make the right decision. I will say it is weird including my own speaker bio in this newsletter. Yes, indeed!

I hope to see you this Tuesday at River Hills.

~ Barbara

LUNCHEON TOPIC

How To Keep Your Company From Buying The Farmville; If You Can't Beat 'em, Tweet 'em! – Relating Social Media to Internal Auditing

- Pros - why organizations should embrace it #winning #duh
- Cons are everywhere –just look at their badges on Foursquare
- Why traditional auditing won't work – you'll Tumblr if you try
- Sound policies and procedures – there's an app for that
- Case studies – slapped in the Facebook

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MEETING INFORMATION

LOCATION AND TIME

The meeting will be **Tuesday, February 7th** at 11:30am at River Hills Club in Jackson.

RESERVATIONS

Please submit your reservations by contacting [Dana Bynum](#) by email or at 601.981.5332 ext. 1231. If you leave a message, please give your company name, the attendees' names and a contact phone number. All reservations must be received by **noon Monday, February 6th**.

Limited seating. If you show up without a reservation, seating accommodations will be made upon availability.

No-shows will be billed if reservation is not canceled by Monday, this same day.

MENU

The **\$17.00** meal at the River Hills Club includes buffet style lunch with a drink. If you have any special dietary concerns, please call or e-mail [Dana](#) or let her know when arriving at the restaurant.

MEMBER REWARDS

The rules:

We have decided to change up the Cash Pot Attendance Incentive. In celebration of the Central Mississippi Chapter's 35th anniversary, instead of a Cash Pot Attendance Incentive drawing, we are now switching to a Member Rewards Program instead. In addition to the luncheon door prize, we also have a \$35 Member Rewards Program drawing at each luncheon. All current paid member of IIA in our chapter will be placed in a drawing and names will be drawn each luncheon for \$35 until a winner is pulled. Make sure you don't miss the excitement and your chance to win!

The fine print: In order to receive the money, you must not owe any "no-show" dues*. If your name is drawn and you are at that month's meeting, you will receive the cash in the pot. We will draw a name until there is a winner.

**No-show dues are the cost of the luncheon incurred when someone makes a reservation for lunch, but does not show or call to cancel the reservation.*

*Congratulations to
Libby Callegan
for winning December's
Members Reward*

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SPEAKER BIO

BARBARA KELLETT, CIA, CISA, CISM

Barbara Kellett earned her Bachelor of Computer Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. Barbara began her graduate studies at the London School of Economics in Computer Science. Barbara earned a Master of Business Administration from Mississippi College. She holds the designations of Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Information Systems Auditor, and Certified Information Security Manager.

Barbara began her career as a COBOL programmer in banking. After joining a smaller financial institution as a COBOL programmer, Barbara realized the benefit of security and control that she had experienced at the larger bank. Wanting to pursue her interest in security and controls, she joined a large banking institution as an Information Technology (IT) Auditor.

Accepting the challenge of learning the academic healthcare environment after years with financial institutions, Barbara joined the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) as the IT auditor in 1997. In addition to her Internal Auditor duties and responsibilities, she served as the HIPAA Security Officer for 6 years and taught Computer Applications in Health Information Systems at the School of Health Related Professions. She is currently serving as Interim Director of UMMC's Internal Audit Department.

In 2006, she spoke at the IT Security World Conference on social engineering in information security. In 2008, she spoke at that same annual conference on thinking outside of the box in security awareness training. In 2011, she spoke at the IT Audit and Control Conference in Atlanta on security aspects in social media. She will be presenting on that topic in April, at the InfoSec World conference and in June at the Mississippi Health Information Management Association.

Barbara is celebrating her 20th anniversary this month with her husband, Lt. Col. Stephen Kellett. They have a 13 year old son, Alexander. Her favorite football team is any team playing the Florida Gators. Her hobbies include watching her son in the Jackson Academy band, reality TV, Buzztime trivia, playing Words With Friends, and most recently, knitting. Her all-time greatest achievement has been Central Mississippi Chapter of IIA's apparent President For Life.

SPECIAL NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you know the IIA has just launched an iPhone and Android app that allows you to view the "Internal Auditor" magazine on your mobile device? Check it out by searching "Internal Auditor" in the iTunes store or the Android market.

The Jackson Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants will host a 2 hour audio conference presented by the National Office of the Association of Government Accountants on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 from 1:00pm - 2:50pm in the 1st floor conference room of the MS Dept. of Transportation Building on North West Street. The topic is: The New Stewardship Imperative - Federal

Financial Management at the Crossroads. Sharing their knowledge and expertise: Grant Thornton executives: Niles Chudasama, Senior Manager; Tom Coccozza, Director; and James G. Huse, Jr., Senior Advisor. Cost: \$10 Members / \$20 Non-Members. For reservations e-mail Koteshya.Guidry@medicaid.ms.gov or call 601-359-9128.

The Association of Government Accountants will host a Continuing Professional Education meeting on February 9, 2012 from 11:30am - 3:00pm at the Capitol Club in Jackson, MS. Topics covered will include: PERS Update, Tort Claims Update, State Employees' Health Insurance Overview. Cost:

1 Hour - Members \$21 / Non-Members \$31; 3 Hours - Members \$31 / Non-Members \$41. For reservations e-mail Koteshya.Guidry@medicaid.ms.gov or call 601-359-9128.

SPOTLIGHT

Do you want to see a colleague, boss or friend 'In the CMCIIA Spotlight?' All you have to do is email his/her name, position, interests, favorite quotes, recent picture or other interesting facts to Keya for possible inclusion in the newsletter.

CENTRAL MS CHAPTER 35TH ANNIVERSARY: A LOOK INTO OUR PAST

Let's take a look back to September 2000. Barbara Kellett was starting off the new chapter year as President. It was also the last paper edition of "Audit News"; our title for our chapter IIA newsletter at the time. We were about to embark on a greener, cheaper electronic-only newsletter. We announced our new chapter website which was <http://www.crosswinds.net/~centralmsiia> (which is now defunct). This month we announced the new "attendance incentive cash pot" (which is currently the "member rewards" cash drawing). Barbara Kellett wrote a member tribute spotlighting her director at the time, Lora Cox. We announced we bought a ruby brick (memorial) for the new IIA headquarters in honor of Karl Huhner. Karl was a beloved auditor at Southern Farm Bureau when his life was cut way too short. A reminder, over a decade later, that life is a treasure and never take family and friends for granted.



NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR DISTRACTIONS

Undoubtedly, this is one of the hardest times of the year to study. With all of the holiday traveling, merry-making, and relaxing on your plate, how can you possibly think about preparing for the CIA exam?

I know you work hard and deserve a break. However, I thought it was important to provide you with a few reminders as to why you shouldn't become distracted as well as a couple of helpful tips on how you can remain focused.

There are many reasons why you should continue to focus on obtaining your certification, even now during the holiday season. Passing the CIA exam means more money for you because on average, certified professionals make 18% more than non-certified professionals. Additionally, being CIA-certified will open professional doors you may not have otherwise. With the high demand for internal auditors, employers may be willing to hire employees who have little to no experience if they have the proper educational training and certification. Furthermore, if you are looking to improve your standing with your current employer, passing the exam illustrates to your managers the commitment and drive you've taken to master a certification while balancing professional and personal responsibilities.

Stay focused by writing down your study schedule. I can't stress this point enough, especially with all the holiday travels and special events approaching. Consider your study time as an appointment with success, and write it in your calendar. You may have to make small adjustments because of travel times or last-minute invitations that you can't pass up, but if you already have it written in your calendar, you are more likely to reschedule your study appointment rather than just canceling it.

While you are attending your holiday networking events, ask those who are already certified what becoming a CIA has done for them. This will serve as a reminder of the importance of your commitment (even during this busy time of year) to set aside the time and focus on your studies.

Remember, as a Central Mississippi Chapter member, you will receive a 20% discount on the Gleim CIA Review materials. Gleim has been helping CIA candidates pass the CIA exam since 1980.

Contact Melissa at 800.874.5346, ext. 131 or melissa.leonard@gleim.com to take advantage of your chapter discount or if you have any questions.

Are you a chapter member that just became certified? We would love to help you share the tactics you used and/or the benefits you are already experiencing with other chapter members. Email Gleim at iiachapters@gleim.com with your comments.

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