

Institute of Internal Auditors New Orleans Chapter

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Dear New Orleans IIA Chapter Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. It has been awhile since I have updated you on what's going on with our chapter. Due to the loss of several of our chapter officers, I have not been successful in planning and organizing spring chapter events. For these same reasons, I do not believe we will have further chapter activities until this fall.

In the interim, we have received an invitation from the Greater New Orleans ISACA Chapter to join them at their May 11th chapter lunch meeting. They have organized an excellent speaker and topic at a great place to eat. I have placed information about this event at the bottom of this message. You will need to go to their chapter website to register for this event. If you plan on attending, please do so as soon as possible to assist the chapter in their coordination of the lunch with the restaurant.

It is important that we better understand how our members and their employers have been impacted by Hurricane Katrina. Michelle Lucas, a University of New Orleans student in the IIA's Endorsed Internal Auditing Program has prepared a survey ([click here to access the survey](#)) that I am asking each of you to fill out and return to her for compilation. She will be working with Dr. Lambert to compile the data and I will provide summary results of this survey to the chapter in the near future.

Congratulations to LeaRae Webb, recipient of our chapter's 2006 \$500 scholarship award. Dr. Lambert presented the award to LeaRae on our chapter's behalf at UNO's Accounting Awards ceremony April 7th. LeaRae is a student in the IIA's Endorsed Internal Auditing Program at UNO and has already passed the Certified Internal Auditor's examination.

Finally, I would ask each of you consider volunteering for a leadership role in the chapter. We have several vacancies open for the next programming year starting in August. I have provided a listing of these positions - please let me know if you are interested by contacting me at wjohnson@ochsner.org or 504.842.3526.

Best Wishes,
Charlie Johnson

Greater New Orleans ISACA Chapter
May Meeting
Bourbon House
144 Bourbon St
New Orleans, LA 70130
(504) 522-0111
Time : 11:30am - 1:00 pm
Speaker : Maurice Rieffle, Entergy Corporation

Speaker Background : Mr. Rieffle have been in Business Continuity (BC) planning and Disaster Recovery (IT DR) Planning since 1994. He is a certified business continuity professional (CBCP), CISA, and CIA. Mr. Rieffel have been involved in both Entergy's BC program since 2004 and IT DR program since 2000. Currently he is on Entergy's BC Team that has been in place since Hurricane Katrina and is responsible for redeploying approximately 1,500 corporate headquarter employees to various cities across five states. This

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includes having to find suitable housing and office facilities.
Topic : Business Continuity Planning - Entergy's Perspective

http://www.isaca-nola.org/Events_Services/events.htm

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I hope this message finds all our chapter members safe. Hurricane Katrina has dealt a huge blow to the New Orleans area and I know it has personally impacted each and every one of you on a personal as well as a professional basis. The hurricane has temporarily set aside our normal chapter activities but I wanted to put out a brief newsletter with a few thoughts.

First, we have received several queries as to what other chapters and the IIA can do to help our members. To date, the New York and Los Angeles IIA Chapters have made donations to the American Red Cross on our behalf. The Austin, Texas IIA chapter has also inquired how they might be of assistance to our members and the people of New Orleans.

Second, I am afraid that we probably have had some if not a significant portion of our members who have either lost their job or have to go an extended period of time without income. I am asking any members who are in this situation or know of a fellow IIA member in this situation to notify me by e-mail. I have been forwarded several current, local, open audit positions and have included them in this newsletter. Once I know the extent of our member's employment status, we will be in a better position to offer further assistance.

Third, we have suspended chapter meetings until January 2006 at the earliest. We were in the process of transitioning in new officers when both our 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents took opportunities outside of the city in August. I will continue as the Chapter President until we are able to recruit new executive officers and obviously I would be interested in hearing from you if you would like to serve.

Please forward me any suggestions or thoughts for next steps for our chapter and how we can help each other out during this difficult time.

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