

# IIA-Los Angeles Chapter Newsletter

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## President's Message

Dear Chapter Members,

The Los Angeles Chapter Institute of Internal Auditors FY11 is coming to an end at the end of May. However, the Los Angeles Chapter has some interesting meetings scheduled throughout the summer into the fall session. In May, we will be holding the annual election of Chapter Officers and Governors; and the President of the IIA International will be a guest speaker at the LA Chapter conference on May 19<sup>th</sup>. In June we have an IT Audit Workshop scheduled and in July another International Financial Reporting Standards workshop.

Many of you may know, Peter Dinaur, the former IIA LA President, decided to continue his career outside of the United States and resigned from his position as President earlier this year. We wish him well in his new endeavors. As the Interim President, I would like to continue Peter's vision for the Los Angeles chapter workshops and conferences, with the caveat that some of the workshops and conferences may be shortened to half-day or lunch only sessions. In order to provide our membership with all day workshops and conferences that offer high CPE credit we need additional volunteers to support our activities. We continually look for members who are interested in volunteering their time to help put on these events. If you think you would be interested in helping us, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via my email address **President @theiia-la.org**. I'm sure we can find a place for you to help out.

The Los Angeles Chapter is in its eighth year of being designated an IIA Gold Chapter. We would like to continue the tradition and ask if you would to be part of an organization could eventually become a

Platinum (10 consecutive years of being recognized as a Gold Chapter) Chapter. Join us!

Sincerely,  
Kurtesa S. Clarke-Silke  
President

## Executive Summary

We have many exciting things for you in this issue. On a high note, we are preparing to celebrate our 8th consecutive year of gold status. Thank you to everybody for helping to make that a reality!

The April newsletter is packed with information for you. In this issue you will find out more about:

- Our new IIA-LA President;
- The May Risk Conference Series - Session Three with Richard Chambers, President and CEO of the IIA;
- Nominations for the FY12 IIA-IA chapter officers;
- CIA Learning System;
- Celebration our members who recently passed the CIA; and
- Employment Opportunities around Southern California.

## President-in-Chief

As many of you might be aware Peter Dinauer had to step down as President earlier this year due to a move. We wish him the best of luck.

We also welcome **Kurtesa Clarke-Silke** as our **new President** for the remainder of FY11! Please see below for a bio on Kurtesa:

Kurtesa Clarke-Silke is a native Chicagoan with over 25 years' experience in the banking industry. She began her career as an accountant for McDonald's Corporation, then moved to a Comptroller's position at a bank in the Midwest (now Chase) where she stayed for eight years. As a result of downsizing, she then took a junior position as an associate at the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) in Chicago, where she was commissioned as a National Bank Examiner. Kurtesa continued with the OCC when she moved to the Los Angeles area in September 1997. Then in 2000 she was offered a position as a Chief Audit Executive (CAE) at a small community bank in Beverly Hills, where she stayed until the bank was sold. In 2002, she took a senior audit position at City National Bank and in 2006 was promoted to Vice-President/Compliance Audit Manager.

Subsequent to taking the CAE position, Kurtesa joined the SFV Institute of Internal Auditors and adopted the IIA Code of Ethics and Standards for performing internal audits. As a member of the SFV IIA Kurtesa served in various capacities until she was approached by SFV Board members to serve as President in 2006/2007. The chapter struggled with attendance at meetings and seminars and only had a few dedicated members that participated with the Chapter administration functions. Under her leadership the SFV Chapter increased member attendance at the various meetings, events and seminars as well as increased member participation in chapter operations. As a result of Kurtesa's accomplishments the Chapter achieved Gold Status that was maintained for several years after her term was completed.

## IIA-LA Conference: The Risk Conference Series - Session Three (The 2nd Annual)

What: IIA-LA Conference: The Risk Conference Series - Session Three (The 2nd Annual)

When: Thursday, May 19, 2011

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Schedule: Breakfast Buffet 7:30 AM  
Morning Session 8:00 AM  
Lunch Program 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM  
Afternoon Session 1:15 PM

Where: **The Los Angeles Athletic Club**  
431 West Seventh Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90014  
(213) 625-2211

**Note: Parking will be validated.**  
Click [here](#) for directions.

CPE: Total Available CPE (9.5 Hours CPE)

### [More Information](#)

#### **IIA-LA FY12 Officer Nominations**

Listed below are the nominations for Officer Positions for the coming year. The Officers will be elected at the upcoming Chapter Meeting scheduled for May 19, 2011. Most of the candidates have worked in an Internal Audit or an Internal Audit related capacity. The officers are:

Kurtesa S. Clarke-Silke - President IIA LA Chapter

Norma LaDevaia, First Vice President, Internal Audit Legacy/Professional Development  
Raymond Lam, First Vice President, Internal Audit Legacy/Professional Development (Certifications)

Annette Christiansen, First Vice-President, Conference Series

Mindy Chiang, Second Vice-President, Administration

Stephen Germain, Second Vice-President, Finance

Donald Baddorf, Third Vice President Communications

Ellen Fassler, Third Vice-President, Membership  
Arnold Blanchard, Third Vice- President, Membership co-chair

#### **The IIA -LA Chapter Wants You!! We need Additional Volunteers.**

Some of the officers listed above are looking for additional volunteers (IIA members) to fill positions within their designated committees. If you are interested or know another IIA member that would like to be involved with an organization that promotes the profession of Internal Auditing, please contact the appropriate Vice President. Click [here](#) for officer email addresses.

What you do today, will help to develop or enhance your skills to further your growth in the audit profession.

#### **UCLA Extension CIA Review Program**

Offered in collaboration with The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), this review program is designed to help fully prepare students for the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) examination. The instructor-led review courses utilize The IIA CIA Learning System , a premier-quality exam preparation program developed by The IIA.

#### Key Features and Benefits

- IIA CIA Learning System course materials, which are included in the course fee, are designed by

- CIA-certified subject matter experts to help candidates pass all four parts of the CIA Examination.
- Participants review key CIA exam topics and learn helpful test-taking strategies, all while interacting with experienced instructors who keep students on track to meet their learning objectives.
  - Participants may enroll in individual parts of the review program or a comprehensive section.
  - Discounted fees are available to students officially enrolled in UCLA Extension's Certificate in Accounting, members of The IIA, and employers who have three or more employees participating in the program.

Click [here](#) for more information.

### Celebrating New CIAs

We'd like to take the opportunity to congratulate all our newly passed CIAs. Congratulations on making an investment in your career and achieving such a milestone!

- Meg Tsukasa Zayasu
- Charles Lee
- Joanne Yuenying Louie
- Jennifer C Chen
- Gerrico Ojeda

### Employment Opportunities Around Southern California

There's a number of Internal Audit related job opportunities around Southern California. Click [here](#) for additional details about any of the opportunities listed below.

- Southern California Edison: Transmission and Distribution Unit Analyst
- Grant Thornton Business Advisory Services-Governance, Risk and Compliance Internal Audit Manager
- Grant Thornton Business Advisory Services-Governance, Risk and Compliance Senior Associate
- Grant Thornton Business Advisory Services-IT Strategy Manager
- Grant Thornton Business Advisory Services - IT Audit Senior Manager
- Union Bank Senior Audit Consultant - Bank Operations
- Kaiser Permanente Staff Auditor, Senior Auditor, and IT Senior Auditor
- LAACO Operations Auditor

Thank you for reading this month's edition of the IIA - Los Angeles Chapter Newsletter! We hoped you enjoyed it and if you have any suggestions for improvement or would like to include material in subsequent issues (news articles, Internal Auditor in the Spotlight, career opportunities, etc.), please reach out the Institute of Internal Audit - Los Angeles Chapter.

