



IIA Lehigh Valley Chapter Newsletter

October 2026 Issue

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President's Message

Welcome to another exciting year with the IIA Lehigh Valley Chapter! We are looking forward to a year filled with learning, networking, and professional growth as we connect with fellow internal audit, risk, compliance, and cybersecurity professionals across our region. Whether you're a long-time member or new to the chapter, there are many opportunities to expand your knowledge, share experiences, and build valuable professional relationships.

IIA membership provides many opportunities to grow professionally, including access to on-demand learning, professional certificates, conferences, technical guidance, and a global network of peers. These resources, along with access to industry guidance, thought leadership, and a global network of professionals, help members stay ahead of emerging risks and strengthen their impact within their organizations. We look forward to learning, growing, and succeeding together throughout the year ahead.

As a member, you can get involved by attending chapter meetings and events, participating in training sessions, earning CPE credits, and networking with fellow audit, risk, compliance, and cybersecurity professionals. Volunteering for chapter committees, helping with event planning, mentoring programs, or serving in future leadership roles are also excellent ways to build relationships, develop new skills, and contribute to the profession. Volunteering not only supports the chapter but also provides opportunities to build leadership experience, expand your network, and earn CPE credit through chapter service. For the IIA Lehigh Valley Chapter, reach out to the chapter leadership team to learn about current volunteer opportunities.

We are busy planning events for IIA LV and details will be shared via email. We hope to see you at an upcoming event!

Sherry Tomaine

President

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Upcoming Events

Check out the chapter website for updated information on events: [Lehigh Valley \(theiia.org\)](http://theiia.org)

October 27th - Fall All-Day IIA/ACFE Event (Hybrid Event)

Registration Link	Summary - 2026 Fall All-Day IIA/ACFE Event
Time	7:30 AM–4:30 PM ET
Location	DeSales University 2755 Station Ave Center Valley, PA 18034
Event Overview	Join the IIA Lehigh Valley Chapter and ACFE for a full-day professional development program focused on practical strategies for identifying, assessing, and responding to fraud and emerging risk.
Learning Objectives	Participants will explore ethics and integrity programs, tone in the middle, creeping normalcy, deterrence and prevention actions, fraud detection steps, incident response strategies, relevant fraud cases, and the roles of belief, skepticism, and cynicism in audits and management actions.

November 17th – Ethics Webinar (Virtual Event)

Registration link	Summary - The Ethical Auditor: Bring the Light
Time	2:00 PM–4:00 PM ET
Location	DeSales University 2755 Station Ave Center Valley, PA 18034
Event Overview	Join us as we explore the auditor's role in ethics, practical strategies to promote strong ethical standards, and what it means to be the ethical light within your organization.
Learning Objectives	This session fulfills your full 2 hours of required ethics CPE for the year, and connects you with internal auditors from across the country for shared learning and discussion.

Chapter News

New Member Welcome

We are pleased to welcome the newest members of the IIA Lehigh Valley Chapter!

New Member	Organization
Calvin Coleman	Ahold Delhaize
Brett Sudell	Baker Tilly
Benjamin VanGalder	Fulton Financial Corporation
Christopher Conte	Lehigh Valley Health Network
Nichole Freeman	Lehigh Valley Health Network
Chris Gaspar	Lehigh Valley Health Network
Tony Petrozino	Donegal Mutual Insurance Company
Blake Crowley	Customers Bank
James Simers	RKL Risk Management, LLC
Vanessa Boulette	County of Northampton Controller's Office
Michael Defelice	Auditing Manager
Anita David	Lehigh Valley Health Network
Matthew Morozzi	Organization to be added
Angelina Picton	RKL Risk Management, LLC
Pamela Bennet	Ahold Delhaize
Kyle Cunningham	West Pharmaceutical Services
Laney Tanis	Victaulic
Kayla Cohen	Customers Bank

Member Milestones

20 Years	10 Years	5 Years
Janene Smith	Joel Camacho	Alexandra Abel
	Jennifer Mecchi	Sherry Tomaine
		Melanie Tooma

Member Spotlight

Each month, we will highlight a chapter member to help our community get to know one another beyond the office and strengthen professional connections across the chapter. If you know a new member or colleague who should be recognized in a future newsletter, please share their information with the chapter leadership team for inclusion in an upcoming issue.

Our member spotlight this month is on Tony Sabino. Tony joined the chapter in 1994 and earned his CIA designation that same year. He has two BA degrees (one is never enough); he graduated from Lehigh University in 1982 (Journalism) and from Moravian College in 1990 (Accounting). He worked for 30 years in the Controller's Office of Northampton County, most of the time as a Lead Auditor, but he ended his career as the Audit Manager in his final four years. He retired in 2023 at the same time as his wife, and (according to Tony) after 2 ½ years retired together, miraculously she still has not killed him.



He has been involved with the IIA from the start of his membership. Initially he put his Journalism degree to work by writing the newsletter for two years. Then in the 1995-1996 Chapter Year, he became the Chapter Secretary; and continued in that role for the next 30 years. (That is not a typo, the man is insane.) Many a chapter member has mentioned that they would take his well-written Meeting Minutes home to read before the fire on a cold winter's night. He also was a leader in data analysis and became proficient in the use of ACL and helped to lead the now defunct ACL Users group. He bored our chapter members many times with his presentation on Health Care Auditing using ACL.

Tony finally stepped down as chapter Secretary in 2025 after everyone finally got tired of his wisecracks. But he still stays active. He became our Membership Officer (now Membership Chair) and he currently serves in that role. In his retirement, he is also a costumed tour guide with Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites. He spends his spare time with his family, and especially his granddaughter, Nellie.

Regional and Surrounding Chapters

Chapter	Website
Central Jersey	https://www.theiia.org/en/chapters/united-states/new-jersey/central-jersey/
Central Penn	https://www.theiia.org/en/chapters/united-states/pennsylvania/central-pennsylvania/
Lehigh Valley	https://www.theiia.org/en/chapters/united-states/pennsylvania/lehigh-valley/
Philadelphia	https://www.theiia.org/en/chapters/united-states/pennsylvania/philadelphia/
New York	https://www.theiia.org/en/chapters/united-states/new-york/new-york/
Northeastern PA	https://www.theiia.org/en/chapters/united-states/pennsylvania/northeastern-pennsylvania/

Certifications

Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

[Certified Internal Auditor | Global Certification in Internal Audit | The IIA](#)

Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA)

[Certification in Risk Management Assurance | Global Certification in Internal Audit | The IIA](#)

Internal Audit Practitioner (IAP)

[Internal Audit Practitioner | Global Certification in Internal Audit | The IIA](#)

Check out the Lehigh Valley Chapters LinkedIn page!!!

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13353471>

Non-Chapter News

Check out upcoming Conferences: [Internal Auditing Conferences & Events | The IIA](#)

Press Release: New Survey from The IIA's Foundation Finds Digital Disruption and Geopolitical Risks Surge as Organizations Face an Increasingly Interconnected Global Risk Landscape [Internal Audit Foundation Survey on Global Risks | The IIA](#)

Chapter Leaders

Officers	Name
President	Sherry Tomaine
Senior VP	Star Gonzalez
Treasurer	Sarah Rossetti
Secretary	Adria Nemeroff
Committee Members (Required)	Name
Audit Committee Member	Timothy Brezinsky
Audit Committee Member	Joseph Buick
Past President/Nominating Committee Chair	Nanton John
Nominating Committee Member	Hilari Rinehart
Nominating Committee Member	Jason Slabikosky
Optional Committee/Other Positions	Name
Certifications Chair	Debra Bealer
Membership Chair	Anthony Sabino
Programming Chair	OPEN
Academic Relations Chair	Carlos Aguilo
CAP Chair	N/A
CVENT Coordinator	Sarah Rossetti
Newsletter	Jodi Hartzell
Board of Governors	Name
BOG1 2027	Nanton John
BOG2 2027	Allan Vavra
BOG3 2027	Hilari Rinehart
BOG4 2027	Jason Slabikosky
BOG5 2027	Carlos Aguilo
BOG6 2027	OPEN
BOG1 2028	Joseph Buick
BOG2 2028	Jodi Hartzell
BOG3 2028	Debra Bealer
BOG4 2028	Anthony Sabino
BOG5 2028	Timothy Brezinsky
BOG6 2028	OPEN
BOG7 2028	OPEN
Non-voting	
	Jim Mahoney
	Shawn Dugan

