

Take Me Out to the Ballgame.... **Member Awards and Recognition Night**

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Time: 5:00 pm Pre-Game Picnic
6:30 pm Ballgame: Cedar Rapids Kernels vs. the Quad City River Bandits

Location: Veterans Memorial Stadium
950 Rockford Rd SW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Cost: \$22.00 Adults
\$16.00 Kids 12 and under

Menu: Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, potato chips, baked beans, potato salad, soda, water, and beer

Please contact Laurie Moe at (319) 447-0673 or lauriemoe@mchsi.com by Monday, May 8th to make your reservation.

Milestone Membership Anniversaries: Burton Robinson, 50 yrs; Dwight Hargreaves, Edgar Holstrom, and Ron Neil, 40 yrs; Dennis Murdock and Michael Stallman, 35 yrs; Leonard Chadima and Duane Hinrichs, 30 yrs; Ted Bainbridge and Carol Painter, 25 yrs; Marian Dorothy and Mary Hensley, 20 yrs; Gary Fisher, John Fosdick, Lori Frost, Alan Opheim, Dan Seward, and Curtis Yoder, 15 yrs; Norbert Hawes, James Moriarty, and Michelle Soyer, 10 yrs.

2005/2006 Chapter Board of Directors: Andy Bargerstock, Stephen Butler, Linda Jasudowicz, Denise Langhoff, Vickie Kindl, Spencer Mieras, Laurie Moe, Robin Palumbo, Rachel Rabe, Rohit Talwani, and Patricia Vorhies

President's Message

Dear IMA Members,

Now that the 2005/2006 year is winding down, it's time to begin preparations for 2006/2007. The Board of Directors encourages any comments and recommendations so we can provide each of you with the CPE desired and needed. Board member e-mail addresses and phone numbers are located on page 7 of this newsletter.

Michael Steele of Steelworks Financial presented "Personal Financial Planning" at our April Technical Meeting. Jack Park presented "The Leadership Secrets of Football's Master Coaches: Leadership and Coaching Essentials for Accountants" on April 27th. The seminar was worth 8 CPE and very well attended. For those of you who attended, I will send out the quotes via e-mail as soon as I receive them.

Greg Van Gorp and I visited with 40+ students at Maharishi University of Management in Fairfield during April. We are looking forward to more visits next year. If your company or college would like to have a presentation to hear more about the IMA, please contact either Spencer Mieras at smieras@msn.com or Robin Palumbo at rpalumbo@aegonusa.com for more information.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing each of you at the ballgame!

Rachel Murphy, CMA
Chapter President

May Membership Anniversaries:

Harold Santon	48 years	Paul Heath	19 years
Ronald Neil	40 years	Mary Halford	17 years
David VanGorp	36 years	Jerry Burns	16 years
Alan Fletcher	31 years	Tammy Heitt	11 years
Russell Thompson	31 years	Greta Redmon	8 years
Leo Burger	27 years		

Thank you for your continued participation with the Cedar Rapids Chapter!

IMA Customer Service Information

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00-6:30 Eastern Time

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

Regular	\$185	Academic	\$93
International	\$185	Retired	\$93
Associate Year 1	\$61	Student	\$37
Associate Year 2	\$122	ELM	\$46

EXAMINATION FEES

Domestic Exam Fee (U.S., Canada, and Mexico)	\$130.00
International Exam Fee (outside U.S., Canada, and Mexico excluding Japan*)	\$165.00
*Japan Exam Fee	\$235.00
Student Exam Fee - U.S., Canadian, and Mexican (50% off Domestic Exam Fee)	\$65.00
Faculty Exam Fee - U.S., Canadian, and Mexican (First 5 Parts)	Free
Faculty Retakes Exam Fee - U.S., Canadian, and Mexican (50% off Domestic Exam Fee)	\$57.50
Waiver Fee per part	\$115.00
Certification entrance fee	\$125.00

*Please note prices are for each exam part. - Fees Subject to Change
The waiver fee and the certification entrance fee are nonrefundable*

Students - There is a reduced examination fee program to encourage students attending accredited U.S., Canadian, and Mexican universities to take the exams. Eligible students may take five examination parts at a discount of 50% from the regular fee. **These discounts must be used within the year following application or they will be forfeited.** To qualify for the student discount, you must be an IMA student member.

Faculty - Full-time faculty members teaching at accredited U.S., Canadian, and Mexican universities are permitted to take the exam one time at no charge. To qualify, faculty must submit a letter on school stationery affirming full-time status. For any examination parts that must be retaken, the fee is 50% of the regular part fee.

To Certify or Not to Certify, That is the Question

(The Answer – YES!)

Corporate governance reforms, an increasingly global business environment and rapidly changing technologies have fueled the need for finance professionals with specific technical accounting skills and a high degree of business acumen. These factors also have heightened demand for individuals who have demonstrated their expertise and commitment to ongoing education by earning professional designations. By obtaining advanced certifications, individuals can gain the skills and experience needed to help their organizations capitalize on changes and trends affecting the industry -- and enhance their career prospects in the process.

Earning professional designations can provide numerous benefits, including improved marketability and earning power. In a Robert Half International survey of CFOs, a large majority said earning a certification is valuable for an accounting professional's career advancement. In addition, the 2006 *Salary Guide* from Robert Half International cites that possessing an industry-recognized credential can raise a job candidate's starting salary by as much as 10 percent.

Certain credentials have become particularly desirable since the passage of recent accounting reforms. These designations include the certified management accountant (CMA) and the certified financial manager (CFM), both offered by the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA). A master's in business administration (MBA) also can be valuable for those aspiring to leadership positions.

Certification requirements are continually changing. Credential seekers should verify these, along with exam and application costs, with the sponsoring organization before making a decision to pursue an accreditation. Bear in mind that continuing education is almost always necessary to maintain credentials, and fees may sometimes be charged to renew designations.

The need for ongoing professional development cannot be overemphasized as a means of increasing your experience and maximizing your potential in the accounting field. Whether you're looking for an immediate promotion or want to prepare yourself for future opportunities, obtaining an industry-recognized certification can give you the edge you need to move your career forward.

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You could nominate the next **Financial Executive of the Year!**

Dear IMA Member,

Robert Half Finance & Accounting is proud to partner with the Institute of Management Accountants to present the prestigious 2006 Financial Executive of the Year Award. This annual award recognizes the outstanding performance and dynamic accomplishments of financial executives throughout the country.

New for 2006: The nomination period has been changed. Nominations will be accepted February 15 - May 31, 2006, via the online nomination form only.

Nominate an outstanding financial executive today! This opportunity is yours for the next 15 weeks – and it's easy using our online nomination form.

We're not just looking for the best – we're looking for the *very* best. The Financial Executive of the Year:

- Exhibits exceptional leadership qualities
- Is a responsible and ethical role model
- Positively influences his/her company's profits and operational efficiency
- Has a history of leading organizations to produce results and improve financial performance
- Fosters growth of the accounting and finance profession through student involvement, mentoring and continuing professional education

For more information, visit our website at www.financialexecaward.org. Don't delay – great achievements deserve to be recognized!

NOMINATE SOMEONE TODAY!

<http://www.financialexecaward.org/form.htm>

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Note: June Newsletter job posting and website link submissions are due to Rachel Murphy at rmurphy@fmtcs.com by Tuesday, May 23.



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The Cedar Rapids chapter of the IMA provides an employment service to its members and their employers. It is our goal to encourage all of our member corporations to use this service as job openings become available within their corporations. Please pass the word along to your supervisors and/or HR department to make them aware of this service. If you have a job that you want posted, please contact our President at rmurphy@fmtcs.com.

We will maintain a file of all open positions and post them here and on the chapter website. In addition, we will accept resumes from interested job seekers for consideration of upcoming job openings. All information submitted in conjunction with this service will remain confidential. Any nonmembers or 3rd party members can place employment ads on the website for a fee of \$50 per ad for 30 days provided that the position meets IMA criteria. Any blind ads need the approval of the President or designated person before placement on the web site.

Unless we are notified that the job is filled, postings will be removed from the website after 30 days.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May, 2006		
11 th	ELA/ELM Monthly Meeting	Coopers Mill Restaurant 12:00 pm
16 th	Awards and Recognition Night End of Year Picnic & Ballgame	Cedar Rapids Kernels Ballpark 5:00 pm Pre-Game Dinner 6:30 pm Game time ***Board Meeting TBD
June, 2006		
8 th	ELA/ELM Monthly Meeting	Elmcrest Country Club 12:00 pm Spouses Welcome
17-21	87th Annual IMA Conference & Exposition	Rio All-Suites Las Vegas, NV
July, 2006		
13 th	ELA/ELM Monthly Meeting	Coopers Mill Restaurant 12:00 pm
August, 2006		
10 th	ELA/ELM Monthly Meeting	Coopers Mill Restaurant 12:00 pm
10 th	Cedar Rapids Chapter Annual Golf Outing	Indian Creek Country Club Marion, IA
September, 2006		
14 th	ELA/ELM Monthly Meeting	Coopers Mill Restaurant 12:00 pm
19 th	Chapter Technical Meeting	TBA

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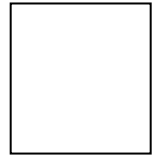
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