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Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, February 19, 2003

Pre-Dinner Topic: "CISA/CISM International Update"

After-Dinner Topic: "Virus Protection"

Location: Big Fish Seafood Bistro
1111 W. 14 Mile, Madison Heights
Corner of 14 Mile/ Stephenson Hwy.
248-585-9533

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2003

Time: 4:30-5:00 Registration/Networking
5:00-6:00 Before-Dinner Presentation
6:00-7:00 Dinner
7:00-8:00 After-Dinner Presentation

Cost: \$30.00 Members
\$35.00 Others
\$20.00 Students and Retirees

Reservations will be taken by John Hoppesch. If possible, please make reservations by 4:00 pm Friday, February 14, 2003. You can make your reservation online at isaca-det.org or e-mail your reservation to John Hoppesch at jhoppesch@yahoo.com. If you do not have access to the Internet, call John Hoppesch at 248-672-4076. Please include your name, company, telephone number, and whether you are a Member, Non-member, Student or Retiree. Walk-ins are welcome, but the food selection may be limited.

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Letter from the President

Dear Members,

For those of you that had the opportunity to join us for the January meeting, I hope you enjoyed Mr. Megerian's informative presentation on the Privacy Act - Government vs. Private. Mr. Megerian provided all of us information on the importance of properly acquiring digital evidence for use in Due Diligence Audits. I would like to thank Mr. Megerian for his wonderful presentation and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners for the success of the joint meeting.

This month we will be back at Big Fish Seafood Bistro on February 19th. We have two great presentations lined up. First Mr. Terry Trsar from ISACA International will be providing us with an update on ISACA International's activities, as well as, information on the CISA exam and the new CISM certification and exam. For our after dinner presentation, Mr. John Duke from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan will be speaking to us on virus protection. I hope to see all of you at the meeting. As a reminder, you can register through our website by selecting "Register for Next Meeting" from the home page.

As promised in the first issue, I would like to take a moment to give you some background on one of our committees. This month I would like to focus on the Newsletter committee. The chairperson for this committee is Mike Mullens. He and his committee work to keep our membership informed of the interests, the activities and the special programs of ISACA International and of the local Chapter.

The committee is specifically responsible for:

- Reviewing the present "Newsletter" format and implement any format changes
- Reviewing advertising policies and soliciting advertising.
- Contacting other local organizations with which ISACA and the local chapter exchange information to formalize procedures.
- Determining a publishing schedule for the year.
- Sending a copy of each monthly "Newsletter" to each member.

- Periodically determining if the Chapter is obtaining the appropriate service level for printing services. Assessing whether a bid process should be completed.
 - Coordinating the printing and mailing of the "Newsletter."
 - Exploring alternative newsletter delivery options.
- If you would like to become involved with the Newsletter committee, either now or in the future, I encourage you to contact Mike or myself for further information.

As always, the board is here to serve the membership, if you have any suggestions on how to improve any of the programs that we offer or to provide a new program, please contact Mike Stolarczyk, myself, or any of the board members listed on the front page of this newsletter. We would be happy to help and look forward to hearing from you.

Carrie Schrader
Chapter President

CISM, the Certified Information Security Manager is ISACA's new certification and is specifically geared toward experienced information security professionals. CISM is business-oriented and focused on information risk management while addressing management, design and technical security issues at the conceptual level. It is for the individual who must maintain a view of the "big picture" by managing, designing, overseeing and assessing an enterprise's information security. The Detroit Chapter ISACA board will bring you more information as it becomes available; however, you may access the ISACA International website at www.isaca.org/cert1.htm for the information that is currently available.

Spring Conference

The 4th Annual Spring Conference, co-sponsored by the Detroit Chapter of the IIA and the Detroit Chapter of ISACA, will be held March 24, 25, and 26, 2003. Find out more about the conference and register online .

<http://www.isaca-det.org/spring%20conference/Spring%20Conference.htm>

“CISA/CISM International Update”

Terry Trsar, CPA, CBA, CFSA

Terry currently serves as the Chief Professional Development Officer at the Information Systems Audit and Control Association® (ISACA™). He is responsible for ISACA’s worldwide educational and knowledge development and delivery efforts. As such he works with numerous entities, volunteer boards, committees and task forces to create worldwide technical and managerial conferences, training weeks, seminars, study programs and a global knowledge network (K-NET). Terry also oversees the development of the Certified Information Systems Auditor™ (CISA®) and the Certified Information Security Manager™ (CISM™) certification programs. He has been a featured speaker on certification topics at ISACA leadership meetings, conferences and chapter events, as well as industry events conducted by other organizations. Terry joined ISACA in 1995.

Prior to joining ISACA, Terry served as the Director of Education and Certification at Bank Administration Institute where for 13 years he managed the development of certification and technical training programs for the financial services industry. This included the Certified Bank Auditor (CBA) certification program.

Terry has served in industry in audit positions at First Chicago Corporation and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. During his audit tenure he achieved certification as a Certified Public Accountant, Certified Bank Auditor and Certified Financial Services Auditor.

“Virus Protection”

John Duke

John Duke’s career spans over 42 years with Blue Cross Blue Shield of MI, General Motors (GM), Electronic Data Systems (EDS), and a tour in the United States Air Force. His experience in information technology includes systems operations, application programming, data center administration, disaster recovery, audit and controls, and compliance administration, in both operational and management roles.

He earned a CISA certification in 1992 while an IT

Auditor for EDS, responsible for coordinating audits of the EDS processing facilities nationwide. Subsequently, he assumed the role of Regional Audit Compliance Coordinator, responsible at various times for audit preparedness for EDS Information Processing Centers and datacenters in the US and Canada, Australia and New Zealand, as well as EDS’ Disaster Recovery sites worldwide. He jokingly describes the primary goal of this audit compliance role as ‘slaying auditors for a living’.

John earned degrees from Detroit College of Business and Wayne State University.

ISACA announces the 2003 Certified Information Systems Auditor Examination on June 14th 2003.

The only globally recognized certification program for information systems audit, control and security professionals announces it’s next examination. For the 22nd consecutive year ISACA will administer the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) Examination. The 2003 CISA Examination will be conducted on Saturday, June 14, 2003, and will be offered at more than 180 international test centers in 58 countries. The exam, composed of 200 multiple choice questions, will be held in one four-hour session. The 2003 CISA Examination will be offered in ten languages.

The exam covers the following process and content areas: 1) The IS Audit Process; 2) Management, Planning and Organization of IS; 3) Technical Infrastructure and Operational Practices; 4) Protection of Information Assets; 5) Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity; 6) Business Application System Development, Acquisition, Implementation and Maintenance; 7) Business Process Evaluation and Risk Management.

This international certification program grants the title of Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) to candidates who achieve a passing score on the

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DETROIT CHAPTER MEMBERS!

**Enter to win one of four
Seminar Reimbursement Certificates Valued Up to \$500!**

**At each monthly meeting you attend through April,
submit an entry to win!**

**The drawing will be held at the
April 2003 meeting.**

Contest Rules

- **Entries:** To enter, submit your name, company, telephone number and email address on the official dated entry forms, located at the registration table at each monthly meeting.
- **Eligibility:** The contest is open only to current Detroit Area Chapter ISACA members (must be a member at the time of entry submission and at the time of drawing). Chapter Directors and non-members are not eligible to participate. The Chapter can only accept those entries that are completed on the official dated entry forms and submitted at the respective monthly meeting. Members may only submit one entry per meeting attended.
- **Contest Period:** The contest will begin at the meeting on November 20th, 2002 and will end at the meeting on April 16th, 2003. All entries must be received during the Contest Period to be eligible to win.
- **Prize:** Four (4) prize winners will each receive a Seminar Reimbursement Certificate valued up to \$500 for reimbursement of any 2003-2004 ISACA International sponsored conference or Detroit Area Chapter sponsored seminar. A Seminar Reimbursement Certificate may only be applied towards the conference/seminar fee portion of the Member's related expenses. Proof of conference or seminar payment and attendance must be submitted at the time of certificate redemption to receive reimbursement from the Chapter. Seminar Reimbursement Certificate expires December 31, 2004.
- **Winner Selection:** The prize winners will be selected at random from all eligible entries received during the Contest Period. Eligible participants may only win one certificate. Certificates are non-transferable. Participants need not be present to win. The drawing will be held at the April Chapter meeting. Questions regarding contest rules may be directed to Brenda Karl, Membership Director, or one of the Board Officers.

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examination and demonstrate five or more years experience in the information systems auditing, security, or control professions.

The CISA designation is widely recognized as a professional standard of excellence. More than 23,000 specialists in Information Systems Auditing Security and Control have earned the designation worldwide.

A Candidates Guide to the CISA Examination, the 2003 CISA Review Technical Information Manual, the 2003 CISA Review Questions, Answers and Explanations Manual, the CISA Review Questions, Answers and Explanations 2003 Supplement and the CISA Review Questions, Answers and Explanations CD_ROM are available from ISACA to help candidates prepare for the exam. Detailed information can be obtained from ISACA by phone at 1.847.253.1545, Certification Department, by fax at 1.847.253.1443, or by e-mail at certification@isaca.org.

The Detroit Chapter will once again offer a CISA Examination Review Course. Please watch future issues of the Databyte and website, www.isaca-det.org for further details.

GAIN WORLDWIDE RECOGNITION WITH CISA

The mark of excellence for a professional certification program is the value and recognition it bestows on the individual who achieves it. Since 1978, the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) program, sponsored by the Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) has been globally accepted standard among information systems (IS) audit, control and security professionals.

In April, the chapter will be offering a free review course for those individuals who are sitting for the CISA exam this year. For more information, please contact David Thompson at dthompsn@BCBSM.com or any Board member.

REGISTRATION FOR THE CISA EXAM

For the ninth consecutive year registration for the CISA exam has reached a new high. In 2002 more than 11,300 candidates registered for the exam in an effort to take an important step toward achieving the prestigious CISA

designation. Such continual growth demonstrates the interest and importance of this global certification that is popular among IS auditors, accountants, security practitioners and others playing roles in IT governance and assurance.

For registration information or for the latest on the Detroit Chapter review course contact Dave Thompson at dthompsn@bcbsm.com.

10 Tips for Beating Virus Threats

By DAN VERTON - JANUARY 27, 2003

Source: Computerworld

In light of the ever-changing methods virus and worm writers use to propagate their malicious creations, security professionals can't rely on antivirus software alone. Although no company can ever be totally secure from future threats, there are practical, common-sense things that security administrators can do today that will go a long way toward lessening their organizations' susceptibility to viruses and worms.

The following is what professionals at the nation's largest antivirus and security firms recommend:

- Install patches for all known vulnerabilities.
- Ensure that end users haven't disabled antivirus software at the desktop.
- At the network administrator level, ensure that the gateway shuts off certain file types, such as .exe or .vbp files. Associate .vbs extensions to open the Windows Notepad editor rather than launch a script.
- Close any unused ports at the firewall.
- Install antivirus software at all entry points and ensure that it's kept up to date across the enterprise.
- Employ a Layer 7, full-inspection firewall. This may seem obvious, but many organizations don't do so.
- Lock down wireless networks. These offer perfect openings for virus and worm writers to spread their creations.
- Shut off unnecessary network services.
- Beware of open shares and Web traversal vulnerabilities. Use strong passwords.

Know where mobile devices connect to your network. Even if they aren't targeted, they can carry infected files.

The Year At A Glance

February 19, 2003	CISA/CISM International Update	Virus Protection
March 19, 2003	Distributed Change Control	Controlling the Wireless Network
April 16, 2003	Risk Analysis/Audit Planning	Single Sign-on Solution
May 21, 2003	Auditing Windows 2000	E-Business System Development

The 4th Annual Spring Conference dates for 2003 have been set. They are March 24, 25 and 26, 2003.
(Co-sponsored by the Detroit Chapter of the IIA and Detroit Area Chapter of ISACA)

Menu - February 19, 2003

When making your reservation, please indicate which entree you prefer. Attendees not specifying a choice will be served entree #2.

The following entrees will be served:

Entree #1 N.Y. Strip Steak
Entree #2 Raspberry Chicken
Entree #3 Broiled Whitefish

A vegetarian plate is available for those on special diets.



All meals include:

- Specialty Bread
- Rice or Potato of the Day
- Tossed Salad with Raspberry Dressing
- Fresh Seasonal Vegetable
- Dessert: White Chocolate Mouse Swirl
- Coffee or Tea
- Cash Bar Available

The Chapter must provide the number of reservations by the Monday before the meeting. To ensure that we can accommodate those who wish to attend and the restaurant can provide the best service possible, please make your reservations early. If you have made a reservation and cannot attend, please call John Hoppesch at (248) 672-4076. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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