



The Motivator

North Carolina Triangle Area Chapter #406

Institute of Management Accountants February 2005

February 17, 2005 Dinner Seminar

"Medical Insurance Cost Savings"

Our speaker is Beth Donner.

Place: Marriott (off Miami Blvd), RTP, NC
Prerequisites: None
Level: Basic
Recommended CPE: 1 Hour

Advanced Preparation: None
Teaching Method: Lecture / Discussion
Field of Study: Personal Development

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From our Chapter President:

Dear Fellow IMA'ers:

I hope that the new year is going well for each of you so far. Our IMA chapter started off a bit slowly as we had to cancel our January meeting due to icy road conditions and the threat of more bad weather. We are obligated to make a minimum payment to the Marriott for each meeting, so we cancelled the meeting to avoid a financial loss to the chapter. Hopefully, our local leaders can enact some improvements so we can avoid the 'big traffic jam' like we had in Raleigh on January 19. We will try to schedule a Six Sigma/Lean Manufacturing session later in the year since we were unable to meet in January.

Our next dinner meeting will be held February 17 at the RTP Marriott. The speaker will be Beth Donner, a benefits consultant with Diversified Planning in Cary. Beth will be speaking about medical insurance costs and how employers can save money.

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With medical costs continuing to rise at an ever-increasing pace, I am sure that many of our members will benefit from this presentation. We're also planning a new member orientation at 6:00 before the dinner meeting so that anyone who wants to learn more about the chapter can come and ask questions. As always, you can register for the meeting at www.imanctriangle.org

I also would like to put in a plug for some upcoming Carolinas Council meetings. As you may know, our chapter is a member of the Carolinas Council of the IMA, encompassing chapters from the Carolinas and Augusta, GA.

The council meetings are open to all members and are an excellent way to obtain quality CPE and meet fellow IMA members from the region. The winter meeting will be held Feb. 25/26 in Florence, SC. The spring conference will be held April 28/30 in Myrtle Beach. You can find more information at www.imacarolinascouncil.org

I hope to see each of you at our next meeting. Please call me at 773-5189 if you have any questions about our chapter.

Chris Johnson
Chapter President

Volunteer Opportunities:

Your IMA Chapter has engaged with the RBC Center to provide volunteer opportunities for our members to assist our IMA Chapter:

- Feb. 16 NCSU vs. Maryland men's basketball
- Feb. 22 NCSU vs. North Carolina men's basketball

Contact Teresa Muncer-Shimp, 859-5550 ext. 206, tshimp@nc.rr.com

Plan on our next meetings:

Meetings are held at the Marriott on the third Thursday of each month. Social at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 6:30 pm. as follows:

| Date | Topic | Speaker |
|-------------|---|----------------|
| March 17 | Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity <i>Student Night</i> | TBD |
| April 21 | Ethics <i>CMA/CFM Night</i> | Greg Jenkins |
| May 19 | Business Intelligence <i>Past Presidents Night</i> | TBD |

CMA/CFM Review Courses

Our chapter is also the co-sponsor of an effective preparation tool—PREPanywhere. PREPanywhere is a webbased review course for the CMA and CFM exams that delivers regularly scheduled, live instruction via the internet. For information, go to www.PREPanywhere.com

Employment Opportunities – From the Chapter’s Employment Director

The Chapter serves its members by connecting those seeking positions with employers that have positions available. The Chapter's Director of Employment is Chris McKittrick. For further information or to submit a resume please e-mail Chris McKittrick at ctm1999@hotmail.com. Check our chapter website for current opportunities.

Visit the IMA Carolinas Council website @ <http://www.imacarolinascouncil.org>

The Winter Meeting in Florence, SC from February 25– 26, 2005. The theme for the program is :

“Looking Within – Internal Controls Post Enron”

EIGHT hours of professional education on Friday, February 25th with four outstanding speakers.

- ? “Deterring Fraud in the Business Place” by Patrice Viton, CPA, CVA, CFE with Websters Rogers, LLP
- ? “Lessons Learned since the Implementation of Section 404” by Elwyn Wood, VP of Audit Services with Progress Energy
- ? “NASA Accounting Problems with Internal Controls” by Eric Smith, Nanya Plastics
- ? “PCAOB – Who are they? What do they do?” Phil Wedemeyer, Deputy Director of Inspections with the PCAOB.

These past few years have seen the most intense and comprehensive set of changes in the fields of accounting and auditing in many years. Internal Control is more important than ever, now that senior executives must attest to the effectiveness of their companies' Internal Control systems.

Starting at 8:00 AM, before the Carolinas Council meeting, there will be a one-hour CPE session on “Sarbanes Oxley Section 404- Internal Control Documentation & Testing – Year One” presented by Gloria M. Bell, Director of Internal Audit with Sonoco Products, Hartsville, SC.

COME ON THURSDAY!!!

To begin this weekend of “Looking Within– Internal Controls Post Enron,” The Florence Area Chapter

meeting will feature a dynamic speaker from the FBI. Special Agent Vincent Flamini is a CPA who has been with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for approximately fifteen years. If you don't have sufficient knowledge of the various scams and schemes that are current in the business environment, you won't be able to prevent or detect fraud. He'll tell us what to watch out for.

Make it a three day event. Come early to the CAROLINAS COUNCIL WINTER PROGRAM and attend the Florence Area chapter meeting on Thursday. The CPE is included with the cost of your dinner. The meeting is at the same hotel as the Friday session. It couldn't be easier to get CPE than to come to FLORENCE in February.

Announcing the 2005 Carolinas Council Spring Conference

The Spring Conference is at Ocean Creek Resort, N. Myrtle Beach, SC from April 28– 30, 2005 April 2005, Ocean Creek Resort and Conference Center, Myrtle Beach, SC

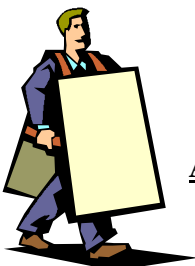
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