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February Dinner Meeting

- Date:** February 1, 2007
- Speaker:** Stuart Robken
- Topic:** Forensic Accounting
- Times:** 6:00 pm Networking
6:30 pm Dinner
- Cost:** \$25 with reservations
\$30 late reservations, walk-ins
- Location:** Sacramento Hilton Hotel
2200 Harvard, Sacramento
(Capital City Freeway & Arden Way)

Menu

Main Dish and Dessert Unknown at this time
Sourdough Rolls and Butter
Coffee and Tea

**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR
THE FEBRUARY DINNER MEETING.
WE WILL BE MEETING THE FIRST
THURSDAY IN FEBRUARY.**

Reservations: Call the Sacramento Chapter hot line at (916) 969-4462, option #3 by Midnight January 28, 2007, leave your name, a contact phone number and how many in your party with guest name or go to www.sacramento.imanet.org – click on reservations.

Cancellations: If you must cancel please call the above number and leave your name and a contact phone number. Cancellations must be received by Wednesday prior to the meeting. There is a charge for no show.

February Speaker Stuart Robken

Our February dinner is Stuart E. Robken. Mr. Robken is a CPA and Forensic Accountant who has practiced for nearly 30 years. He is also accredited in Business Valuation by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) and is a Certified Valuation Analyst (CVA).

Stuart graduated from California State University, Chico with a B.S. with a major in Accounting in 1973. From there he started his professional background first with Touche Ross & Co, Certified Public Accountants as Director of Audit in 1974. Currently he has his own firm, Robken & Company, Certified Public Accountants.

Stuart's areas of specialty include business valuation, forensic accounting, calculation of monetary damages, spousal support issues, tracings, special accountings and other financial matters. He is qualified as an expert witness in Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, Amador, Napa, Solano, San Joaquin, Sutter, Santa Clara, and You counties. Stuart has been appointed as a Court Expert and/or Special Master in several of the above counties, and in Alameda, Contra Costa and Los Angeles counties.

Stuart is the author of "Tax & Accounting: The Element of Capital Improvements in Allocating Appreciation under Moore/Marsden." Family Law News, Winter 1993. Official Publication of the State Bar of California Family Law Section. He has also done presentations on – Placer County CAMET on Elder Financial Abuse (August 2006) and Financial Literacy at American River College (October 2006).

Stu is a past President of the Sacramento Chapter of the IMA and he and I request all prior Presidents and members to come out and show support for one of our long time members.

Join us in February for an enlightening presentation of Forensic Accounting. The names have been changed to protect the innocent and the guilty. The stories should be captivating because they are real.

Advertising Sponsoring Rates for the Nugget & Web Site

To advertise your business in the monthly newsletter The Nugget, or the Annual Roster, contact Sharon Nichols by phone at (916) 204-0848 or by email at chirpy@comcast.net for more information. Circulation is about 250 IMA professional and student members in the greater Sacramento area.

Advertising in the IMA membership roster and newsletter is a cost-effective way to network your company with hundreds of Sacramento, Placer, Yolo, Solano, and El Dorado County accounting professionals.

Monthly Newsletter Per insertion:

Business Card (3.5" x 2")	\$ 25
¼ Page (2.25 x 4.25")	\$ 50
½ Page (5.5" x 4.25")	\$ 75
Full Page (11" x 8.5")	\$125

Sponsorship – Nugget and/or Web page 30 days \$ 10

Deadline for advertising in The Nugget is the 25th of each month. Contact Sharon Nichols to find out what format the ads should be sent.

IMA National Conference Phoenix Arizona

This year's conference will be held in Phoenix, Arizona. The conference is scheduled for June 16-20, 2007, so please plan on attending. The conference will be held at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge. You will be able to earn up to 30 CPE credits in a variety of Innovative and leading-edge subject areas.

Upcoming Calendar of IMA Dates

Thursday, Feb 1 st	Dinner Meeting – Hilton Hotel Past Presidents Night Speaker – Stuart Robken Topic – Forensic Accounting
Saturday, Feb 3 rd	Golden West Council Meeting San Jose
Thursday, Feb 22-24	REST – Reno Educational Seminar and Training
Thursday, Mar 15 th	IMA Student Night – CSUS Speaker – IMA Representative Topic – Leverage Your IMA Membership Board Meeting
Thursday, Apr 19 th	Dinner Meeting – Hilton Hotel Board Meeting Industry Night Speaker and Topic – TBA

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Employment Opportunities

The Sacramento Chapter of the IMA publishes free of charge employment opportunities in the accounting area to member and member companies, employment agencies excluded. We offer the same service to members looking for employment. Confidentiality is maintained when requested. Contact Sharon Nichols at (916) 204-0848 or by email chirpy@comcast.net.

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Officers and Directors

Table listing officers and directors with their titles, names, phone numbers, and email addresses. Includes roles like President, VP Finance & Admin, Secretary, Treasurer, etc.

Sacramento Website: www.sacramento.imanet.org
Golden West Council Website: www.goldenwestcouncil.imanet.org
National IMA Website: www.imanet.org

Newsletter and Website Contributions Deadlines

Deadline for submitting Newsletter and Website contributions need to be made by the 25th of each month. You can submit your contributions to Sharon Nichols and there are two ways to contact her. You can contact her by phone at (916) 204-0848 or by email at chirpy@comcast.net.

Chapter Sponsorship

We would like to thank Accountemps for its sponsorship at the monthly technical meetings in 2006-07. Accountemps can be contacted nationwide at (800) 803-8367 or locally in Sacramento at (916) 922-4480. We have also placed a link at Accountemps' home page on the Sacramento Chapter web site.

PRESS RELEASE – NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY & INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANTS OFFER FREE FEDERAL & STATE TAX ASSISTANCE ON MARCH 10

Sacramento, CA – For the ninth consecutive year, National University and the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), Sacramento Chapter will jointly sponsor free federal and state income tax assistance to Sacramento County's fixed/low income (\$50,000 and below Adjusted Gross Income), elderly, and physically handicapped residents.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is a joint project of the Franchise Tax Board and the Internal Revenue Service. It will be held at National University's academic center in Sacramento, according to Dr. Connie Fajardo, director of community service for the IMA and a professor and lead faculty of accounting at National University's School of Business and Management.

VITA program volunteers include National University faculty and graduates, as well as tax return professionals from IMA and other departments in Sacramento. They provide federal and state tax assistance, free of charge, to eligible individuals who require help in preparing basic income tax returns. The services will not be available to taxpayers with business, rental or partnership income. The free tax assistance is by appointment only.

Participants must bring this year's Tax Package (tax instruction booklets and forms received in the mail), records of income and deductions (including Forms W-2 and W-2P), statements showing interests and dividends, and any other pertinent records.

Assistance will be available on Saturday, March 10, 2007, from 9 a.m. to noon, and again from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in Room 107 at National University's academic center in Sacramento. The address is 9320 Tech Center Drive, Sacramento 95826 (cross streets Mayhew and Folsom Blvd). To schedule an appointment, please call Dr. Connie Fajardo at (916) 855-4137.

PRESS RELEASE – NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

The Return of the CMA and CFM Study Group

Once again, the chapter is planning to organize another study group for those interested in becoming certified as a CMA or CFM. We hope you can join us in our endeavor to learn together and help each other pass all four parts of the certification exam. Our study group plans to meet periodically at a location to be determined by the participants' convenience and schedule. We will be covering one part of the exam during each session, based on the interests of our participants. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mike Kulawiak at kulawiaknc@gmail.com or (916) 705-6180. Mike will organize the study group and contact you with details on the dates, times, locations, and exam parts to be covered.

During the past year-and-a-half, several members from our chapter passed various parts of the exam and we also had three members receive their certifications. We hope to continue this trend and look forward to supporting candidates in their efforts.

Web Page Sponsors Needed

To offset the cost of our publications and web site, the chapter is offering to post your logo on our web site as a chapter sponsor. The cost for us to place your logo on a page and link it to your web site is \$10 per month or \$100 per year for each page your logo appears.

Send payment to: Institute of Management Accountants
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Sacramento Chapter #134
P. O. Box 13072
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The Auto Parts Group, a \$200+ million division of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc., is seeking a **Staff Accountant**. Schnitzer is a 100 year old publicly traded company with revenues in excess of \$1.5 billion. The Auto Parts Group is a fast growing division within Schnitzer that is focused on consolidating the highly fragmented recycled auto parts market. The Auto Parts Group is a shared services division that supports the business operations for **Pick-n-Pull Self Service Auto & Truck Dismantlers** and **GreenLeaf Auto Recyclers**, our full-service auto and truck dismantling division.

The Staff Accountant is responsible for accurate and timely accounting support for the company in accordance with established SOX procedures.

So, what will it take to be successful?

- Bachelor's degree in Accounting or closely related field
- 3-5 years accounting experience including:
 - Balance sheet reconciliations
 - Bank reconciliations
 - Sales and use tax preparation
 - Fixed assets
 - General accounting and month end close experience
- Excellent computer skills (Excel, Lotus 1-2-3, Word), experience with Oracle systems a plus
- Experience with fixed asset software, general ledger software
- Exceptional problem solving abilities, detailed oriented and highly accurate
- Able to work in team environment
- Able to read, understand, and follow written and verbal instructions, good with basic math
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This position will temporarily be based in our South Sacramento administrative office, but is expected to move to our Rancho Cordova corporate offices after construction and IT upgrades are completed.



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INFORMATION UPDATE

This is a reminder to our members that you will need to notify the IMA National Office whenever there are changes in your contact information (mailing address, telephone numbers, email addresses).

To report a change in contact information, please contact the National Office at (800) 638-4427 or make the changes online through the following steps:

1. Access the IMA National Website: www.imanet.org
2. Enter your username (member ID number) and password in the "Members Only" section
3. Click on the "My Profile" link, which will call up your contact information as currently reported in the IMA's membership database
4. Enter any changes directly online

The Sacramento Chapter receives address changes only once a year from the National Office. As a courtesy, the chapter would appreciate hearing from you directly when your email address or other information has changed. (Please contact Sharon Nichols at chirpy@comcast.net to ensure that you continue to receive correspondence at the local level.) **However, please note that the chapter does not have the ability to update individual members' records with the National Office.**