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April Dinner Meeting

Date: April 19, 2007

Topic: July 06 FMN Tapes

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

Mediterranean Salad
Tuscan Style Chicken Cordon Bleu –
Filled with Mozzarella and Basil Wrapped with
Black Forest Ham
Sourdough Rolls and Butter
White Chocolate Crème Brulee Cheesecake
Coffee and Tea

Reservations: Call the Sacramento Chapter hot line at (916) 969-4462, option #3 by Midnight April 15, 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.

March Student Night March Meeting – IMA Student Night March 15, 2007

Speakers: Enterprise Rent A Car
Perry-Smith, LLP
Institute of Management Accountants

Topic: “The Value of Networking”

Time: 7:00 Networking and Hors d’oeuvres
7:30 Presentations

Location: CSU, Sacramento
University Union
Foothill Room – 3rd Floor

Cost: **No charge** for members with reservations
(\$5 for nonmembers)

Note: On-campus parking requires a daily permit, which can be purchased at self-serve kiosks for \$2.75.

Please plan to attend IMA Student Night, which will be a joint meeting sponsored by the Sacramento Chapter of the IMA and the CSUS Accounting Society. This very popular event will feature presentations on three diverse topics of interest to both students and professionals. The evening will also be a great networking opportunity for all those in attendance.

The IMA is subsidizing the cost of this meeting for those members who reserve by March 11. Please note that the meeting will be held on the CSUS campus.

Reserve online at www.sacramento.imanet.org or call 969-4IMA, option #3 by Sunday midnight, March 11, 2007.

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, 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 FMN Tapes
Saturday, May 5 th	GWC Leadership Training and Council Board Meeting Sheraton Hotel Stoneridge Mall Road Pleasanton
Thursday, May 17 th	Dinner Meeting – Hilton Hotel Board Meeting Installation of Officers

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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. 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.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors of
The Institute of Management Accountants/Sacramento Chapter
February 1, 2007 – Hilton Hotel in Sacramento

In Attendance:

Linus Li, Coleen Wollam, Jacqui Anderson, John March, Vern Hughes

Linus Li, Linus called the meeting to order 5:35 pm.

Jacqui Anderson, President, Jacqui mentioned that she ordered 100 Membership pins and 15 past president pins. She also ordered 2 IMA Coffee mugs and 2 Paperweights to be used as speaker gifts. Jacqui mentioned she received communication from Accounting Society and ASWA.

Coleen Wollam, Secretary, Coleen presented the January minutes. John March motioned to accept minutes as corrected, Vern Hughes seconded.

Linus Li, Treasurer, Linus presented the treasurers report. Linus mentioned that the scholarship was awarded. Linus stated that we are doing well financially. Linus is planning on researching the accounts at Golden One to make sure we have the right account for the Bob Yoho fund. Jacqui presented and invoice for Shane. Linus presented the question how active do we want to be in soliciting donations for scholarships?

Linus Li, Finance and Administration, Linus reported he has not received the information yet to report standings. He will update when he receives the information. Linus informed National on our vision for restructuring, made decision to revisit activities and events for the new year. Vern added that we should present the options to our members in the newsletter. Jacqui will follow up on student that resigned and stopped payment on check. It was decided that as soon as we receive checks they would be deposited and then we will wait to see if they clear before submitting with the application. Linus stated that any of us could process a deposit.

Vern Hughes, Education, Vern reported that we do not have a speaker scheduled for April or May yet. Jacqui has FMN Tapes we could use them for the April meeting.

John March, Membership, John has not received February's report yet. Jacqui planned on following up on student last month.

Sharon Nichols, Communications, Sharon absent, Vern mentioned maybe we should expand newsletter and use it for information. Linus mentioned that the Reno chapter uses email.

Sharon Nichols, Webmaster, Sharon absent, Deadline for updating the web site is March 15, 2007

New business – Jacqui received a phone call from AWSA. Linus called and found out we were having our own meeting and not a joint one with AWSA. They do not need to count on us and looked forward to getting together in the future. Jacqui mentioned the Accounting Society's first general meeting is next Thursday she cannot attend. March 15th is student night. The Accounting Society is setting aside 30 minutes for a speaker would like topic to be on the value of face to face networking. Linus is planning on attending Golden West meeting. Jacqui will check with Sharon and Vern. Linus mentioned telephone participation; Jacqui has the number if anyone is interested. Linus mentioned the deadline for submitting next years' board member is coming up. The president and secretary have already been sent in.

Coleen Wollam motioned to adjourn at 6:25, John March seconded, meeting adjourned.

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, 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.

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 Sacramento Chapter #134
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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.**