Program Agenda

Opening Reception

Welcome and Board of Governors Introduction

Recognition of Past Chapter Presidents and History

Dinner

Keynote Speech
  Michael Joyce
  Chairman, IIA North America

Closing Remarks
Welcome!

Thank you for joining us in celebrating this milestone year for our Chapter. We are one of the larger chapters in the IIA with nearly 500 members and have a long record of success. The very first chapter meeting was held at the Hilton Inn (now DoubleTree Hotel) in Tarrytown, NY on November 17, 1965, with subsequent monthly meetings at the Tarrytown House. We are proud of our success and more excited than ever about our future!

The Westchester/Fairfield Chapter has always had an active membership and has steadily grown with the expansion of business in our region. It goes without saying; the world of internal audit is very different today than it was 50 years ago! You may even say that it is much different than 10 years ago. Our founding members probably could not imagine the expansion of focus and expectations and the respect our profession has earned.

We are proud to have Michael Joyce, the Chairman of the North American Board of the IIA, with us for our celebration. With more than 32 years of professional experience, Mike has served as the chief auditor and compliance officer for the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association (BCBSA) since June 1999. He will be sharing with us current areas of focus of the IIA globally, and his own views on the state of the internal audit profession.

We look forward to continuing to support our membership and making our chapter the place to learn, network and grow your career!

Yours sincerely,

William E. Feher
President
Westchester-Fairfield Chapter
October 20, 2015

Dear Members of the Westchester/Fairfield Chapter:

On behalf of The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), it is my privilege to acknowledge the contributions that the IIA–Westchester/Fairfield Chapter has brought to internal auditing over the past 50 years. The chapter continues to fulfill its mission of promoting and developing the internal audit profession in the Westchester/Fairfield community through exemplary outreach and service to its members. Specifically, I’d like to recognize the following accomplishments since the chapter’s inception in 1965:

- Earned the Gold Award in the Chapter Achievement Program (CAP), placing the chapter among an elite group of North American chapters that excel in providing service to its members and the profession while exemplifying outstanding chapter administration.
- Formally recognized by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, as he proclaimed May 2015 “Internal Audit Awareness Month” in the state of Connecticut.
- Recognized as a Silver Partner and sponsor of the 2013 IIA Research Foundation Research Report, “Contrasting GRC and ERM.”
- Developed innovative roundtable-style programs specifically geared toward manager/director level, IT auditors, and more junior staff.
- Initiated the annual IT Hot Topics full-day program, now in its planning stages for its third year.
- Provided scholarships to internal audit interns looking to further their careers in the profession and offered free program admission to students as part of efforts to build awareness of internal auditing and The IIA.

Thank you to the leaders and members who ensure that IIA–Westchester/Fairfield remains engaged and continues to serve as a shining example for providing exceptional service and support. I fully expect that you will continue to build on the outstanding legacy established over the past half century.

Congratulations for all your accomplishments!

Best regards,

Richard F. Chambers
President and Chief Executive Officer
Warmest Congratulations to the Chapter on its 50th Anniversary. I have very fond memories of my time in the chapter in the early noughties. We had really good events back then and of course it helped having such a great range of companies and professionals in the chapter. I left when I moved to the west coast for the bright lights of Hollywood. My boss at FOX lives in Connecticut and I can tell you, I don't miss the winters!

– Ged Nichols

Congratulations on achieving 50 years of service! I’m proud to be part of the Chapter’s history, which has always provided a strong service focus. While I am no longer in an internal audit role, I am fortunate to have a role on the Chapter’s Board and work with its leadership as it continually focuses on improving its services to its member and the IA professional community it serves.

– Carolyn Wood

As your immediate past president and 50th anniversary event co-chair along with Bill, it is my privilege to welcome everyone to this celebration. We have collectively worked extremely hard to improve the chapter and I am very happy to see those efforts paying off in a more engaged membership and recognition of our accomplishments as a Gold chapter.

Although I have now moved into a district leadership role, the Westchester/Fairfield chapter will always be home to me and I greatly appreciate having had an opportunity to lead you. I want to specifically thank all of our partner sponsors and the other past presidents for helping support the chapter and to everyone else who has accepted the challenge to make our chapter even stronger as we move into our second 50 years.

– Neil Frieser

I am proud to be a 13 year member and a past president of the W/F chapter of the IIA. It’s been an honor working alongside so many people who have a genuine passion for the profession and a commitment to the development of our chapter. I congratulate the chapter on achieving this great milestone and wish it continued success in the future.

– Bill Bardani
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From the Archives – 30th Anniversary

PREEMINENT MESSAGE

Welcome to the 30th Anniversary Year of the Woodside Fairfield Chapter.

Great things are happening.

This year the emphasis is on Quality – not Quantity. We’re going to have only six meetings but with your enthusiastic participation they will be grand.

The program topics and dates were finalized by the Officers and Board of Governors only after organization and discussion at a general membership meeting in June.

To be new and exciting, we’re going to kick-off the year by having Mr. Dave Zander, former partner for the W.G. Haney & Co., as the speaker of our September meeting. It is sure to be grand for the rest of the year.

Then in November, the best known industry on the subject of Fraud, Mr. Steve Albrecht, will conduct an all-day seminar.

Topics at the other meetings will be interesting programs in informal auditing and business.

All of us have something to learn from each other and I know we all anticipate enjoyable and fruitful meetings with both old and new friends.

William L. Ryan

President

M YEARS - PROGRESS THROUGH LEARNING

Jack Fleet, our first President, was the principal force for the founding of our Chapter. An active member of the New York Chapter, Jack felt that small clubs could be formed from a small group meeting closer to where they lived and worked. The original members belonged to the New York Chapter, while others had no idea what the AICPA was about.

The charter meeting was held in the Tarrytown House (the old Shingle estate) in September, 1968, and for the years 1969 through 1972 the Tarrytown House would be our home. The Chapter, then known as the Woodside Chapter, held its monthly meetings on Thursday night, and these were quite casual affairs. This was not only a function of the small number 12) but also the facilities of the Tarrytown House itself. A typical meeting in 1968 included dinner in the bar (incomparable), meeting in the dining room (our seats don’t discuss an audiopic), led by a chapter member (although we sometimes had guest speakers) after dinner, drinks, pool or bowling games in the downstairs racquet court.

Next year brought great memories as we saw a very close and social group.

Through the efforts of the charter group, the Chapter started to grow and we soon acquired the membership awards of Tarrytown House. Our first move was to the White Plains hotel which, at those days, was the most convenient and high level. Shortly after, we moved on to the Chapter with the offices of General Auditors, George Hair, as our President, but we were always at the same hotel. It was our office and we were able to mix with the need for audio visual equipment, formal place settings, and formal lunches for dinners.

For many of the following years, we became regulars on the circuit of professional conferences, and our chapter growth influenced our annual dinner of a meeting plan. We moved to Parkside in White Plains (W. Broadaxd), then to Monmouth (the Sternberg Home for the Convalescent Infirm) and then to the Chapter Meeting Place.

Larry DiMichele was the chief meeting place and we continually made an impressive statement by making the meetings as accessible as possible for the majority of our members.

The Chapter’s growth has been more than the 100 itself. While we are growing from 12 to over 300 members, the AICPA grew from twenty-five members in 1951. Twenty-five members in 1925. To the 3,000 members, the Council, and the Chairman’s Conference, and the New York Conference, and conferences, and conferences, and conferences. Fortunately, we have a full slate of officers, governors, committees, programs, directors, etc. Hopefully, the future will be the same as the past, that the Chapter will continue to grow and serve the members of the Chapter.

Ken Rice

Chapter Historian
From the Archives – How It All Began

Resolution for formation of the chapter

The following resolution has been adopted:

"Resolved, the Winnipeg area has enough members to be authorized as a Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors, Inc. in accordance with the Rules Regulating Chapters. Resolution read and the Chairman of this meeting is directed to apply to the Executive Committee of the Institute for approval as a chapter. The charter will be signed by the chapter members and a copy will be submitted to the chapter chairman. The charter will then be presented to the member meetings for ratification."

Approval from the IIA Executive Committee

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