

CMA... The Next Level

A Publication of the Denver-Centennial Chapter #410



www.denverima.org

July 2008

Date: July 16, 2008
Location: Holiday Inn Select at Cherry Creek
455 S Colorado Blvd, Denver
Speaker: Kathy Gans
Senior VP, Central Zone
Ajilon Professional Staffing
Bullet-Proof Your Career
See topic and bio on next page
Times: 5:30 p.m. Social Hour
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:15 p.m. Program
Cost: \$25 Guests and Members with
reservations by the RSVP deadline
\$35 Guests and Members after
the RSVP deadline
\$20 Students

Menu

Bourbon Glazed Pork Loin
or
Vegetarian Lasagna
Romaine Hearts w/ Caesar dressing
Tiramisu

Please RSVP by 4pm, Thursday, July 10, 2008, to Nadia Powell at nadia@hsfinancialinc.com When you email your reservations, please include the word IMA in the subject line so your email is not discarded as spam. Reservations made after July 10th will be charged \$35.

Cancellations:

Please call Kathy on 303-437-5127 48 hours in advance of the meeting or you will be billed \$28 to cover the cost of the reservation the IMA has submitted to the hotel. Please be sure to spell your last name so we correctly associate your request.

President's Letter



What an Exciting and invigorating Experience! Wow! That's really the only way I can describe the 2008 IMA National Conference I attended in Tampa last week. Next June (2009), the conference will be in Denver, so mark your calendars now for June 6-10 and start approaching your employers with the opportunity to send you to some top-notch training.

I met many of the IMA Leaders, a good many of the staff and members from around the states and from other countries. Their enthusiasm and commitment to making us, our profession and our certifications more widely recognized and respected was clear. I had a renewed respect for all of them. I don't know that we could be in more capable hands. Of course we still need to do our part in getting the word out, but...Wow.

The education that was presented at the conference was incredible as well. They covered a variety of current topics and I was introduced to information I had no idea was changing. One of the hot topics was the anticipated change of the accounting rules we will be moving to in the next 4 to 10 years (depending on the opinion of the presenter). This movement to the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) was also referred to as 'Convergence.' The expectation is that we will adopt IFRS in the United States, but that as we do, it will be modified in some areas with inclusion of some GAAP rules. I'm hoping we can include an introduction to this topic for our chapter as one of this year's dinner meeting presentations.

Now I can't say it was all work...I was given the opportunity to be one of the judges for the final 'Student Case Study' competition. This was one of the most rewarding activities of the conference for me. The students from 4 colleges gave a 15 minute presentation on a case study that was published in an earlier copy of IMA's Strategic Finance magazine. They all did a fabulous job and it was difficult having to choose a winner.

On a personal note, I was not fond of the heat and humidity in Tampa, so I am really looking forward to seeing you all at the Denver Conference in 2009. This is a MUST ATTEND event! And just think-.most of you will still get to sleep in your own bed!
Yours in Advancing the Profession,
Kathy Rinkel
2008-2009 President of the Denver-Centennial Chapter of the IMA

JULY SPEAKER

Cannon to the left of them, cannon to the right, cannon in front of them. It is time to *Bullet Proof Your Career*

Wednesday, July 16, 2008

- 1 hour CPE Qualified -

Featured Speaker:

Kathleen Gans

Senior Vice President, Central Zone

Ajilon Professional Staffing

How to Bullet Proof Your Career

Are you Recession Proof?

Even though the economy has been sluggish and may be heading toward recession, it doesn't mean your career path needs to be halted or your professional growth should slowdown. There are ways to keep your career in accounting moving regardless of the economic situation.

In this session you will learn what the job market looks like right now for accounting and finance professionals. Regardless of all the talk about a possible recession, we'll discuss what exactly accountants are up against today and how economic uncertainty can be turned into career stability and success.

Here are some highlights of Kathy's presentation:

- Though the economy is slowing, accounting is one of the professions in greatest demand in the country.
- The need for accounting talent will only continue to grow in the coming years.
- Companies will likely be focusing on their top talent through this time of slower economic growth.
- There are practical ways accountants can help "recession proof" their careers and make themselves more valuable to their organization by helping cope with slower economic growth.

Kathy Gans, Senior Vice President of Ajilon Professional Staffing, is a 20-year veteran of the staffing industry. The Chicago native joined Ajilon in 1998 as Area Vice President in Orange County California. While in that role, she developed a reputation for hiring and developing key Ajilon talent and in 1999 won the first of her three "Vice President of the Year" awards from Adecco's North American subsidiary.

In 2001, Kathy was promoted and moved back 'home' to Denver, where she began her staffing career two decades ago. Shortly after returning to the Mile High City, Kathy became a member of Ajilon's executive team, which oversees company policy and strategy. Currently, she is responsible for hiring, training and developing teams for Ajilon's central zone of the United States. Kathy has participated in various national and regional training sessions, sits on a number of company-wide task forces and has been member of the Denver IMA since returning to Denver.

This will be a timely and interesting discussion, make your reservation now!

Please remember to RSVP by 4pm on the Thursday preceding the meeting in order for us to have proper headcounts to the hotel and to print out nametags.

**DENVER-CENTENNIAL CHAPTER
SERVICE YEAR 2008-2009**

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President	Kathleen Rinkel	Phone (303) 724-1092	krinkel@msn.com
President Elect	David Waltzer	Phone (303) 996-7698	davidwaltzer@yahoo.com
Secretary	Gretchen Meyer	Phone (303) 293-2223	gretchen.meyer@fiserviss.com
Treasurer	Renee Hiser	Phone (720) 480-3440	rnhiser@yahoo.com
Tax Administrator	Ray Reed	Phone (720) 236-8822	raymondmreed@yahoo.com
Director of Speakers	Kevin George	Phone (303) 477-0189	kevgeo@aol.com
Asst Speaker Coord	Olga Odell	Phone (303) 225-5293	odell_olga@yahoo.com
Special Events Coord	Galen Moore	Phone (303) 805-9089	glm811@earthlink.net
Student Night Chair	Ann Murphy	Phone (303) 556-4695	murphann@mscd.edu
Student Ambassador	Patti Simmers	Phone (720) 891-4445	patti.simmers@comcast.net
VP Membership	Nadia Powell	Phone (720) 488-1624	nadia@hsfinancialinc.com
Guest/New Member	Diane Johnson	Phone (303) 888-9818	diane@tradewindsolutions.com
CMA Development	Mike Westcott	Phone (303) 917-4407	mgwestcott@yahoo.com
CMA Corporate Promo	Kristen Muzzy	Phone (303) 991-8489	kmuzzy@3tsystems.com
Newsletter Editor	Linda Hendrix	Phone (303) 463-4690	lghcolo@aol.com
Roster Editor	DJ Allison	Phone (303) 318-9155	debusee@comcast.net
Webmaster	Andrew Vara	Phone (303) 292-4973	andrew@vara.us
Employment	Larry Hall	Phone (303) 299-1272	Larry.Hall@tac-denver.com
Front Desk Lead	Mike Cima	Phone (303) 856-3900	mikecima@aol.com
Database Admin/Evite	Brian McGrath	Phone (303) 724-0793	brian.mcgrath@ucdenver.edu

Submission Deadline info for next newsletter is Wednesday July 23

Please email your information to Linda Hendrix at lghcolo@aol.com

2008 - 2009 Key Activities

- July 16 dinner meeting – Bullet Proof Your Career with Kathy Gans, Ajilon
- July 23 board meeting – all are welcome
- August 20 dinner meeting CELEBRATE CMA (see details on pg 6) Distillery Mgt and Acctg with Jess Graber
- August 27 board meeting – all are welcome
- September 17 dinner meeting – Retirement and Social Security with Jan Foushee
- September 24 board meeting – all are welcome
- October 15 dinner meeting – Office of Economic Development and Intl Trade with Matt Cheroutes
- October 22 board meeting – all are welcome
- November 18 board meeting – THIS MONTH IT IS A TUESDAY, all are welcome
- November 25 dinner meeting – Oil and Gas

Student Night 2008 this past February was bigger and better than ever. I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all our generous sponsors. You answered our call and allowed us to present six students with \$1,000 scholarships. This was an increase of 20% from last year when five students were able to receive scholarships. Thank you is not enough to say for this overwhelming response of support for our students.

The 125 students, faculty and members in attendance were held captivated by a presentation from Jon Robinson, President of UMB Bank and Chris Ross, Treasurer Management Manager. Jon joined UMB Bank Colorado in 1981 and during his 25 year career in banking. He has worked in both operations and commercial lending. Jon has lead UMB through a series of growth opportunities, both internal and through the use of acquisitions. Much of this growth has been based on the attraction of new business by the introduction of new products and services and the retention of their customer base.

As thrilling as the presentation was, the evening belonged to the students and in particular a celebration of the excellence achieved by our scholarship award winners. These six scholarship recipients represent the best of the best in more ways than one. The numerous applications submitted by students from Wyoming to Denver and all colleges in between, are evaluated not only for outstanding academic performance, but for active community involvement and demonstrated leadership responsibilities. The chapter was pleased to award the following students with \$1,000 scholarships: Andrea Denning, senior at Colorado State University, Christie Lane, graduate student at the University of Colorado Denver, Sharon Prueitt, sophomore at Metropolitan State College of Denver, Bethany Sakowicz, junior at University of Denver, Julia Shively, senior at Metropolitan State College of Denver and Michele Verrier, graduate student at the University of Colorado Denver. Congratulations to all these marvelous students.

With sincere appreciation we would like to recognize and thank the sponsors that made these awards possible. Your financial support and attendance at the event made this a magnificent and memorable evening.

Platinum level: Comcast, GCO Education Loan Funding Corp, Hein & Associates, Robert Half, Sorin Group USA, Inc

Gold level: Ajilon, Anschutz, Clifton Gunderson, Coors, EKS&H, GHP-Howarth, Gordon, Hughes and Banks, Grant Thornton, Tiorco Inc, Kelly Services

Silver level : 361 Services, Galen Moore, Gambro Renal Products, Gary Seright , Green Acres Technology, Joan Montgomery, Linda Hendrix, Linda Walquist-Soos, Restaurant Solutions, Silver Creek Systems, Tradewind Solutions, DeAnn Brunts, Patti Simmers

The chapter is also appreciative of the time provided by everyone who participated in our career workshop and resume reviews. Your commitment to assist and guide our students as they prepare to enter the profession is invaluable to them. Thank you to; Tim Bury – Kelly Financial Resources, Stephanie Crowe - Kelly Financial Resources, Diane Johnson-Tradewind Solutions, Natalee Roeder-361 Services, Andrew Jones-Volt Services.

And from me a very special thanks to all those on the committee who worked to put this event together. I am looking forward to next year.

Ann Murphy, Student Night Committee Chair

Platinum Sponsors:



CMA Corner

We value the Certified Management Accountant Designation at our Chapter and we have designed some new programs to reward CMA's and encourage those who are currently studying for the exams. Stay tuned for further details...

1. **CELEBRATE CMA!** All Denver-Centennial Chapter members who are certified CMA or CFM qualify for a **FREE DINNER** in **AUGUST** as long as you state your certification and RSVP by the deadline.
2. **JOIN THE CMA PUNCH CARD PROMOTION!** CMA/CFM'S are eligible for a free dinner after paying for 3 dinners – good thru 5/31/09.
3. **THOSE STUDYING FOR THE CMA EXAMS---**Once you have passed the 1st exam part that you sit for, come join us for a dinner meeting to celebrate your success --- and your dinner will be paid for by the Chapter. Please be sure to notify us when you RSVP by the deadline for that dinner.

Here is the latest news from Monster for accounting job postings that request the CMA:

Two companies listed their name in the posting – Hunter Douglas (Senior Internal Auditor), and Source Gas.

When you write job descriptions and postings for your company, please remember to include “CMA Preferred” where appropriate. Explain how the CMA differs from the CPA to your Human Resources Department!

Committed to helping you with your business needs...



- Accounting & Auditing
- Bank & other sources of financing
- Business Transition Planning
- Executive Search & Recruiting

- Financial Modeling
- Business Performance Improvement
- Information Technology Services
- Management Reporting

- Organizational Development & Design
- Strategic Planning
- Tax Compliance & Structure
- Business Valuation

For more information contact:
Lori Nelson, CPA
7979 E. Tufts Avenue, Suite 400
Denver, CO 80237
(303) 740-9400
e-mail: lnelson@eksh.com

EKS&H
EHRHARDT • KEEFE
STEINER • HOTTMAN PC

1/2

**Cut your financial job search
time in half.**

At Accountemps, we're here to help find you work faster. How do we do that? By speaking with over 90,000 hiring managers every week to quickly find you the best assignments in your local area.

So why not meet us halfway? Visit our website, or call us today.

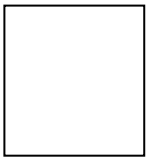
Denver - Lakewood - Englewood - Aurora

1.800.803.8367 - accountemps.com

 **Accountemps** A Robert Half Company

© 2007 Accountemps. An Equal Opportunity Employer. 1006-1208.La

Linda Hendrix
6086 W 84th Place
Arvada, CO 80003



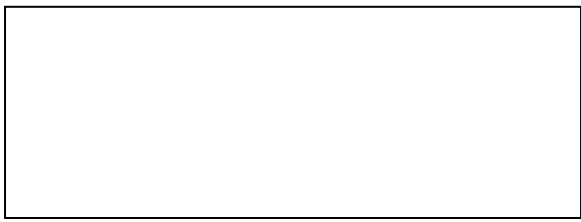
Denver-Centennial Chapter July 2008 Newsletter



Send To: _____

Certified Management Accountant Program

Forwarding Address Correction Requested



INFORMATION UPDATE (Please Print)

Update your information online at www.imanet.org

Dr. ___ Mr. ___ Mrs. ___ Ms. ___ Professional Designation _____ Account # _____

Last Name _____ First Name _____ MI _____

New/Current Business Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

New Home: Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

I prefer to stay with my present chapter _____. I prefer to affiliate with the _____ Chapter.

Your signature _____ Date _____
(National requires your signature for any changes)

Please send all IMA correspondence to my: Business Address _____ Home Address _____

Please send this form to: Linda Hendrix (see return address info above on this newsletter)