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Welcome to the sixth issue of *The ISACA CONNection*. To comment or get involved email us (marketing@isacact.org) or find us on twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

A Message from the Greater Hartford Chapter President

Happy New Year! As you can see above, the Greater Hartford Chapter has once again been recognized by ISACA international as one of ISACA's outstanding chapters. Honorable mentions are given to chapters who did not win the K. Wayne Snipes award, however, still excelled as a top chapter throughout the year.

I congratulate each and every board member and members of the Communications and marketing Committees, that have contributed to our continued success. This would not have been possible, if not for the hard work and dedication of the Greater Hartford Chapter Board Members and Volunteers.

Thank You, for a your continued support and membership.

Sincerely,

Peter

UPCOMING EVENTS
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Topic	Location
March 8, 2017	Risk Scenario Analysis Workshop	CT-CPA Center Rocky Hill, CT
April 12, 2017	Full-day split with two topics. First half is "Active Directory", 2nd half is "Pen Testing - What is it?"	CT-CPA Center Rocky Hill, CT
Thursday, June 29, 2017	**GHC 2nd Annual Gala**	Sheraton, Rocky Hill, CT

Please visit ISACA.org and our Website at
http://www.isaca.org/chapters6/hartford/Events/Pages/default.aspx?chapterid=028, for details on these events.

Membership Corner

We are currently **686** members strong! So please be sure to renew today!

Not an ISACA Member?

Learn how to become a member and gain access to our entire resource library, along with a host of other member benefits.

Any questions? Contact memberships@isacact.org

Newest GHC Member Recognition

We are growing. A big welcome to our newest members since our previous issue

Anastasja Abraham	Pamela Gupta	Kevin Riordan
Philip Barrett	Sharad Gupta	Rachel Roberts
Stephanie Battaglia	Edward Hall	Deborah Roberts
Margaret Boissoneau	Kevin Hamel	Daniel Ross
Soma Bojja	Andrew Harvey	John Seiler
Joseph Cerro	Brian Heemsoth	Joe Serbaniewicz
Ruby Christodonte	David Jarcho	Scott Smith
David Connolly	Peter Karalekas	Liman Suleman
Manisha Connor Gajapathy	Kathy MacWilliams	Stephen Watson
Amanda Cordone	Eric Mead	Sanoj Zachariah
Robert Dupree	Michael Pitocco	
Calvin Felix	Rolf Priemer	

Member In Focus

Mariya Kozlova is a new member to the Hartford Chapter – but not to ISACA. Though her background is in working with nonprofit organizations and focusing on the Healthcare Industry, she has always transgressed very disparate fields. In fact, as a member of CAMA (The Correctional Accreditation Managers Association), she was asked to present on the topic of IT and Social Media in relation to its impact on operational security in prisons and jails. Despite the *90*-minute presentation (yawn!) – the conference room was packed, and not a single attendee left. The moral was that people who would be least likely to benefit from the skillsets in ISACA's focus – are incredibly (maybe even exponentially!) more in need of learning and consultancy in this niche of work. Though Mariya's prison-volunteering-days are now behind her (temporarily), her former life of nonprofit work brought her to a CCEP (Certified Compliance & Ethics Professional) certification, and those same more-energetic-days allowed her to work full-time and still attain two graduate degrees. It was only at this juncture, that Mariya began to consult international companies on projects related to PCI and HIPAA Compliance – and only at this time that she learned of ISACA and proudly became a CISA after taking the exam in December 2015.

Mariya Kozlova

When Chicago's charm finally wore off, Mariya sought to do something different – and moved to Connecticut after one in-person visit. It is still novel how different the streets are, and how beautiful the views are, and how I have yet to be held up at gunpoint! Everyone warned that people on the East Coast would be tough and unfriendly – but it's obvious those people lied. She is currently working as an IS Auditor at The Technology Group (Thanks for the hire, Jay!) and the people at TTG are friendly, too. Thanks so much to everyone who has welcomed Mariya!

Event Recap: 2016 Annual On-boarding session

Jeanette Iglesias

On August 31, 2016, a formal on boarding session was held which included Leadership training by Jeanette Iglesias (JI Coaching & Consulting) to enable the board to be cohesive and to serve its members better. Jeanette Iglesias is President of JI Coaching, LLC, an executive coaching and consulting practice.

Jeanette helps transform leaders, their organizations, their teams, and their overall lives. She challenges leaders to grow beyond their perceived limitation and inspires sustainable change while attaining new heights in employee engagement, productivity, and profitability.

Yolanda Baker presenting to board members

Yolanda Baker, advisor to the GHC Board, attended this session and gave a presentation to help the board be more effective at communicating and on structuring of a communications workflow.

L to R: Board members: John Donnelly, Kim Zywno and Jessie Gaines

Board members engaged in team exercise. L to R: Sally Williams, Peter Rosario, Rich Herchenreder and Pankaj Nagpal.

L to R Board members: Remi Onopa, Tidi Mahachi, Karl A. Schoen-Rene and volunteer, Janice Clauer.

Recap: Designing and Building a Cybersecurity Program based on the NIST Cybersecurity Framework


Participants at seminar

In this age of big data, fast data, Internet of Things (IOTs), cloud computing, server virtualization, etc., the expanding threat surface presents a growing risk. It's not practical to completely 'lock everything down'... and yet the open use of information can threaten an organization's existence.

On September 6, 2016, Lawrence B. Wilson led a session on designing and building a cybersecurity program based on NIST. He spoke about how defenses appropriate for last year's threat leaves organizations with a false sense of security. Businesses need to constantly enhance their security posture to counter the evolving threats. If not, threat evasion tactics can result in a successful attack.

The course focused on best practices for designing and building a comprehensive Cybersecurity Program based on the NIST Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity ("The NIST Cybersecurity Framework") to give participants a solid understanding of the principles and practices of Cybersecurity Controls and the NIST Framework; as well as basic threat tactics, the cyberattack chain, cybersecurity controls and standards, a working knowledge of security technologies, operations and testing capabilities, program management and risk management principles.
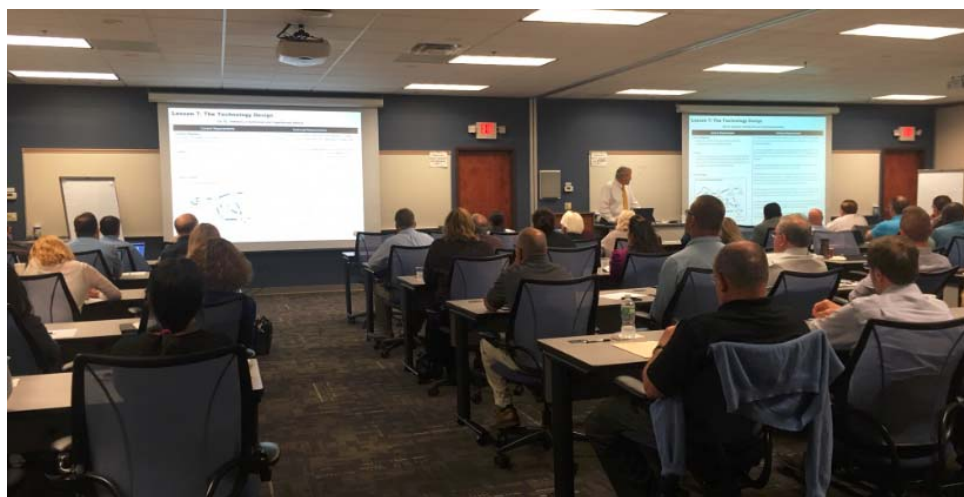
About the Instructor: Larry is responsible for to planning, designing, operating, maintaining, communicating and reporting implementation and compliance status for the University of Massachusetts Written Information Security Program (WISP). The University of Massachusetts Information Security Program is based on the NIST (National Institute of Science and Technology) Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) and the CIS (Center for Internet Security) 20 Critical Security Controls. Program responsibilities include:

• University Information Security Policy and Written Information Security Plan (WISP)

• Establish cybersecurity program approach based on the NIST Cybersecurity Framework
• Design cybersecurity program based on 20 Critical Security Controls
• Manage program implementation and compliance reporting
• Communicate security program deliverables and implementation status
• Establish cybersecurity consulting practice and deliver consulting services
• Design and deliver training in cybersecurity program design, cybersecurity operations
• Industry liaison to the Advanced Cyber Security Center (ACSC)

Summary of Accomplishments: My current position is the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for University of Massachusetts President's Office. My primary responsibility is to develop a University-wide Information Security Policy and Written Information Security Program (WISP). In addition, I manage the UMASS Cybersecurity Consulting Practice that focuses on the assessment, design, gap analysis, summary of results, program scorecard, and implementation roadmap for UMASS customers. I have been the recipient of the 2013 SANS Person who made a difference award in Cybersecurity, the 2013 ISE (Information Security Executives) Finalist for North America, the 2016 ISACA New England John Beveridge Achievement Award for Chapter Contribution and the 2016 Security Magazine Most Influential People in Security.
Larry Wilson, CISA, CISSP, PCI-ISA
University of Massachusetts
Chief Information Security Officer (CISO)
NIST Cybersecurity Framework (2014 – 2016)

Re-Cap: 3rd Annual New York Metro Joint Cyber Security Conference (NYMJCSC)

On October 5, 2016 - ISACA GHC once again sponsored the New York Metro Joint Cyber Security Conference (NYMJCSC) in New York City, and where security professionals, managers and students are encouraged to attend. Our very own ISACA GHC President, Peter Rosario was a panelist on the CISO panel discussion with QAs of best practices. The NYMJCSC 2016's program aimed to provide insights into Cyber Security News/Trends, along with sharing practical applications in Audit, Legal, Application Security and Risk Management. As always, the conference was aligned with the National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM) activities and sought to reach a broad audience. For full program details visit their official site www.nymjcsc.org.

Panel with our own Peter Rosario on the far left

Recap: 4th North East Annual Cybersecurity Summit (NEACS)

The North East Annual Cybersecurity Summit was held on October 7th 2016 at the Trumbull Marriott Merritt Parkway in Trumbull, CT. The North East Annual Cybersecurity Summit (NEACS) is the premier cybersecurity resource for business executives and technology professionals. For the 4th consecutive year, NEACS (formerly the Annual CT Business Security Summit) connected attendees with leading subject matter experts in security, privacy, and risk management. NEACS provides attendees with insights on current cybersecurity risks and threats, as well as business and technology strategies to protect against and respond to cyber-attacks, data breaches, and fraud. The ISACA Greater Hartford Chapter is a sponsor of this event along with the ISACA New York Metropolitan Chapter, International Information System Security Certification Consortium, Inc. (ISC)2 – Connecticut Chapter and The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Westchester/ Fairfield County Chapter.

The annual conference brought together the best and the brightest for three days of dialogue, networking, and cutting-edge insight. Refer to the official site for more details: http://www.neacs.org/

Recap: Fundamentals of Audit Analytics Implementation

Fundamentals of audit analytics implementation was a session held on Wednesday, November 9, 2016 in Rocky Hill, CT. The instructor spoke about how including data analysis experts in an audit department opens the door to vastly powerful audit tests, greater audit coverage, and continuous monitoring capabilities. He discussed the success factors, challenges, and end-state capabilities of implementing an Audit Analytics team. Team structure, technologies, data availability, culture, and effective recruiting were all discussed with multiple options discussed including specific project types to spark thoughts on value-added applications for data analysis within an audit department.

The instructor was Marshall Dougherty. Marshall graduated from the UConn School of Business with a degree in Management Information Systems. He took a position with Deloitte & Touche after graduation, working out of the Hartford office on the Data Quality and Integrity Team. This team supported the financial statement auditors as well as Deloitte Consulting and Internal Audit functions with SAS-based data analytics work. After leaving Deloitte, Marshall worked in a niche IT recruiting firm before joining the major Hartford-based P&C insurer where he remains employed within the Corporate Audit department. He is also an adjunct faculty member at the UConn School of Business where he teaches courses in the data analysis discipline.

Recap: 2016 ISACA Greater Hartford Chapter (GHC) Holiday Luncheon

Members enjoying lunch

The annual holiday luncheon in recognition of your membership and support of the local Chapter was held on Wednesday, December 14. The program included introductory remarks and an Effective Communication Seminar (1 CEU) from key note speaker Donna Mac. Donna Mac is a communications trainer, speaker, workshop leader and author. She spoke about how professionals struggle with a loss of time and money because of miscommunication, a lack of communication or communication breakdowns especially in the high-tech world of IT with a burgeoning millennial workforce. Lastly, members with high scores for the last three exam dates were recognized, as were those with new certifications granted. All those in attendance were given a raffle ticket and 5 lucky members won prizes that included CSX t-shirts, portable chargers, book authored by the key note speaker and a certificate for free attendance at one of ISACA Greater Hartford's education seminars.

SAVE THE Date

The Greater Hartford Chapter

2nd Annual Gala

June 29, 2017

at the Sheraton

Capital Boulevard, Rocky Hill, CT

International News

2017 Certification Exam Updates

Our transition to Computer-Based Testing (CBT) in 2017 for ISACA's CISA, CRISC, CISM and CGEIT certifications is underway. Registration is open for the first exam testing window, which will be 1 May-30 June. Exam registration is available at www.isaca.org/examreg.

Exams will be offered in 2017 at PSI testing locations worldwide during three, eight-week testing windows. The second testing window will be 1 August-30 September, and the third window will be 1 November-31 December. Additional information can be found in the ISACA Exam Candidate Information Guide.

During the communications of the conversion to CBT, many questions have been asked by chapter leaders and ISACA members. As such, we have updated our FAQs to address these inquiries. A copy of the FAQs can be found here.

To summarize, the major benefits offered by CBT are the increased exam scheduling flexibility and decreased turnaround time for exam results. Candidates will receive a preliminary score report at the conclusion of their exam, and official scores will be sent to candidates via email within 10 working days of the exam. Any questions regarding CBT testing can be sent directly here.

ISACA Certification: Earn ISACA certification and enhance your professional credibility.

The entry point into our cybersecurity program, our Cybersecurity Fundamentals offers a certificate in the introductory concepts that frame and define the standard, guidelines and practices of the industry. The certificate and related training are ideal for college/university and recent graduates, those new to field, as well as those looking to change careers. Sign up now demonstrate your skills and earn a Fundamentals Certificate (www.isaca.org)

We are on various social media platforms. Use them to air out your views, suggestions, disappointments or compliments.

Our LinkedIn site includes a group where we encourage all of our members to join and post discussions that would like to have with our fellow members.

Our Facebook site is rather lonely with very few likes. If you are on Facebook, please visit the page and 'Like' the page.

Our twitter site provides a great platform to ask a question about anything and get a quick response.

Make sure you check our social media sites regularly, as we'll be updating them with Chapter events.

Volunteer as well, at the local level put your heart into growing the knowledge, skills and opportunities of peers, and you will grow your influence and standing in the local and global professional community. We need your help with many areas that include: **Marketing, Website, Social Media, and Event Registration**

The success of our chapter is directly related to the individual volunteer efforts of members just like you. Connect with us to let us know how you can help! Please visit our website for more details.