



November 2005

Information Systems Audit and Control Association

Baton Rouge Chapter

President's Letter

We had a great meeting to start off the year. It was nice to see everyone again after the ISACA summer break.

So much has happened since our last meeting. We are all still recouping from being so close to and personally impacted by the largest disaster to hit our nation. I would like to personally thank the following members for their contributions to our donation drive for the hurricane victims: Brandon Reeves, Steve Rosales, Michael Redmond, Gayle Carpenter, and Paula Scarton. The items collected were delivered to the Office of Emergency Preparedness to be distributed to the area shelters.

I do hope that you and your families survived with little impact. I know that a couple of our board members had 20 – 30 people living in their homes at one time. I'm not sure how they all were able to fit into one home, but I do hope that everyone is getting back to a sense of normalcy.

For those new members, I hope that you have received a welcome letter from a chapter board member. We recently implemented procedures to establish initial contact with new members to orient them to our local chapter and supply them with information on our next chapter meeting. I'm also particularly pleased to see that our University Advocate Program is working out well. We have a number of new student members since this new semester started. We look forward to meeting all our new members at our meeting on November 16th.

Our next presentation is definitely timely given our recent events. It's on Disaster Recovery / Business Continuity. Mr. Gary Scronce will be presenting the topic at our next meeting. You will see from reading Mr. Scronce's profile that he is very experienced in this area.

I hope to see all of you at our next chapter meeting on November 16th at 11:30!

Jill Daigle
Chapter President

November Meeting Details:

Date: Wednesday, November 16, 2005

Time: 11:30-1:00

Place: **Kiva's Restorante'** in the Bocage Shopping Center; corner of Jefferson Highway and Old Hammond /Corporate; 7622 Old Hammond

Topic and Speaker: *Overview of Continuity of Operations and Business Continuity Planning*, by Gary Scronce, IEM

Choice of Entree: Includes Soup or Salad, Soft Beverage and Dessert

Grilled Tuna Caesar Salad-Fresh Grilled Ahi tuna over classic Caesar salad.

Shrimp Diavlo-Jumbo shrimp sautéed in spicy Marinara sauce served over pasta.

Shrimp & Eggplant Casserole-Gulf shrimp and fresh eggplant topped with breadcrumbs and baked. Served with pasta.

Tilapia Almondine-Double battered, deep fried and topped with roasted almonds. Served with potatoes au gratin & broccoli hollandaise.

Marinated Grilled Chicken-Fire grilled breast topped with sautéed mushrooms. Served with risotto & creamed spinach.

Meatballs & Spaghetti-A Kiva's Classic.

Grilled Chicken Sensation Salad-Fire Grilled Chicken served over our famous sensation salad.

Cost: Members and Students - \$23
Non-Members - \$27

RSVP by Nov. 11th by sending an email with name of attendees to RSVP@ISACA-BR.org.



Upcoming Events

I SACA Meeting November 16, 2005. Check out the details below

November Presentation: **Overview of Continuity of Operations and Business Continuity Planning**

Topic and Speaker:

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What are the objectives – and myths – of COOP (Continuity of Operations Planning) and BCP (business continuity planning)? How can you test and review plans? Can all risk ever be eliminated? The speakers will answer these questions, and they will also compare examples of how businesses with good planning weathered the hurricanes Vs others with ineffective or non-existent plans. IEM is a nationalemergency management and homeland security company based in Baton Rouge.

Speaker:

Gary Scronce, crisis and consequence management product group manager at IEM, and Natalie Wilson-Jones, an IEM continuity planner

Gary Scronce, Manager – Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Product Group, IEM

Gary Scronce has an extensive background in emergency planning, vulnerability assessment, mitigation analysis and process management both in Louisiana and across the US. He currently provides overall technical oversight and coordination of IEM's efforts to help state and local jurisdictions develop viable Continuity of Operations/Continuity of Government (COOP/COG) programs and plans under a contract with the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness.

He has also played key roles in developing plans for evacuating in response to terrorism/WMD hazards, and managed IEM's development of evacuation time estimates for nuclear power plants in multiple states. Mr. Scronce has also worked extensively with FEMA, the Army and local communities around the eight US chemical stockpile sites to protect the public against chemical agent incidents.

Prior to joining IEM, Mr. Scronce served in the Emergency Response Organization for the Entergy Gulf States, Inc. River Bend Station for more than six years, manning positions in the Technical Support Center and Emergency Operations Facility. He is a member of the American Nuclear Society, the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association, and the Louisiana Nuclear Society.

Mr. Scronce has an M.S. and a B.S. in nuclear engineering from Kansas State University.

Natalie Wilson-Jones, Continuity Planner IEM

Natalie Jones-Wilson has been working in disaster recovery and business continuity planning since 1992.

She presently leads IEM's Continuity of Operations/Continuity of Government (COOP/COG) work for the Office of Domestic Preparedness (ODP) Technical Assistance (TA) Program. As task lead, Ms. Jones helps state and local jurisdictions across the nation develop viable COOP/COG programs and plans.

Ms. Jones was also a database developer and business continuity/disaster recovery planning consultant with Sprint Enterprise Network

Services. During her tenure with Sprint, she was certified by the Disaster Recovery Institute International (DRII) as an Associate Business Continuity Planner (ABCP). She is currently pursuing certification as a Certified Business Continuity Professional (CBCP).

Ms. Jones earned an M.S. in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University and a B.S. in Economics from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She also holds an APPAM Certificate in Public Policy from Harvard University.



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