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Highlights

Save the date!

Mr. Excel, aka Bill Jelen, is returning on 10/27! Stay tuned for more details.

Employment News

Please contact [Bob Shapiro](#) if you have a job available or if you are looking for an employment opportunity.

August 2017

Greetings!

Have a great summer!

Please forward newsletter items to: [IMA Newsletter](#).

Thanks!

Kelly Heil

President's Message

Fellow IMA Members,

Summer is coming to its end soon. I hope everyone got in some fun and relaxation! Our Rubber Ducks game this Saturday is a sell-out, with one of our Akron Chapter member's guests...[Ed McKown](#)....throwing out the first pitch. The weather is supposed to be perfect.



September starts the new year of dinner meetings with fabulous speakers. We have a full speaker slate which I'm sure you will enjoy. Be sure to join us and get your CPE while networking with other members.

Note that we are already taking registrations for the Mr. Excel full-day seminar at Kent State Hotel & Conference Center. It is October 27, 2017 and is sure to be a sell-out. We already have 30 paid registrants. We have a limit of 100, so take advantage of the early bird pricing and register today! <https://squareup.com/store/akron-chapter-ima>

On a sad note, our own Ken Bechtol was involved in a serious biking accident and is currently healing at Akron General Medical Center. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Ken for a speedy recovery. As a result, he is not checking emails or calls. Any communications you would have had with Ken, you can forward to me at (330) 904-7986 or linda_garrison@goodyear.com.

Our new website will be rolling out soon. We will send an email blast with the link. The new sites are standardized with information from the national IMA organization being automatically pushed down to the chapters so we will always be "in the know".

Follow us on Twitter for announcements and information [@AkronChapterIMA](https://twitter.com/AkronChapterIMA).

Linda Garrison, President
Akron Chapter IMA
2017/2018

Welcome New Members!

Date Joined	Name	Employer	Sponsor
7-6-17	Alexandra Cairnie-Miller	Shearer's Foods LLC	

2017-2018 IMA Current Competition

At June 30, Akron chapter is in 34th place in the World in the larger-chapter Stevenson Division competition, continuing our strong 2nd place finish from last IMA year. Among Ohio Stevenson Division chapters, we are #3 (behind #18 Cincinnati North and #24 Dayton, but ahead of #38 Cleveland, and #58 Columbus). We appear to be on a roll; let's keep the ball rolling by encouraging more members to pass the CMA exam (we currently have 58 CMAs in our chapter).

For comparison, in the smaller-chapter Warner Division competition among Ohio chapters, Toledo was 21st, Canton was 29th, Cleveland East was 57th, and Lima was 30th. Akron chapter has 169 members (excludes students, ELAs and ELMs, and retirees), Canton has 114 members, Cleveland has 202, and Cleveland East has 99.

IMA Workshop - Mr. Excel, Friday, October 27, 2017

Registration Information

The Mr. Excel (aka [Bill Jelen](#)) workshop fee includes Mr. Excel Workshop from 8 am to 5 pm, 8 hours of CPE, two Mr. Excel books, continental breakfast, lunch, and parking. Bill Jelen (aka "Mr. Excel") will be conducting two sessions: Power Excel and Advanced Data Analytics. Your workshop fee covers both sessions. The workshop will be held at the [Kent State Hotel & Conference Center](#), 215 S. Depeyster Street, Kent, Ohio. Parking is available at the parking garage across from the Kent State Hotel & Conference Center.

Workshop fee schedule:

- \$115 for IMA members before September 15 (\$130 between 9/16 - 10/20)
- \$140 for non-IMA members before September 15 (\$155 between 9/16 - 10/20)

The IMA member rate is available if you are (1) a member of any chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants; or (2) are with a company that has at least one IMA member attending.

This workshop is limited to 100 attendees. We expect the workshop to sell out, so register early. All attendees must register before October 20, 2017 (no payments at the door.) Early bird pricing ends September 15.

Payment by Credit Card:

Register and pay using a credit card at <https://squareup.com/store/akron-chapter-ima>

You do not need to mail the registration form if you pay by credit card.

Payment by Check:

Complete and mail this form with your check (you do not need to complete this form if you pay by credit card.)

Name of attendee	Company name	Email address	Workshop fee (see schedule)
		Total fee enclosed	\$

Please make checks payable to: **IMA, Akron Chapter**

Mail checks to: Wendy Tietz, 804 Dominion Drive, Kent, OH 44240

Annual Program Book Update

This summer, we will update the Membership Roster section of the Annual Program Book, which should be ready for distribution/viewing in September. As a source document for membership information, we are using a chapter dump dated 7-5-17. Please review your information on the IMA National website by going to www.imanet.org and then follow this path in the "IMA Membership" block on the left side of the screen:

- Click "Member Log In"
- Enter "User Name" (Your IMA account number, found above your name on the address label of "Strategic Finance" magazine)
- Enter "Password" (usually your last name, unless you changed your password).
- Click "Sign In"
- Click "Edit Profile" at top left corner of screen
- When screen displays your information, update any necessary changes to your "Home" and "Business" addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.
- Be sure to Logout after your website update.

If you changed any personal information on your website entry after 7-5-17, please notify Linda Garrison (linda_garrison@goodyear.com) because we will be using the 7-5-17 chapter dump information for the membership roster section of the Program Book, unless you notify us differently. This section will reflect your name, and credential designations (CMA, CFM, CPA, etc.), employer name, work phone and email address. If you would rather display your home phone number and home email address (rather than work information), please advise Linda accordingly by August 15.

Annual Program Book Advertisers

We are currently looking for advertisers for our Annual Program Book. The pricing for the ads is as follows:

- Half page, black & white ad - \$100
- Full page, black & white ad - \$150
- Business card size, black & white ad - \$50
- Inside Front cover (in color) - \$330
- Inside Back cover (in color) - \$330
- Outside Back cover (in color) - \$390
- Inside Last page facing Inside Back Cover - \$225
- All ads in the online version only are in color for no extra charge, if submitted in color
- There is an additional charge for color in the printed Program Books.
- If you have any questions, or wish to place an ad, please contact Mike Savage at msavage2905@hotmail.com or any Board member.

Akron Rubber Ducks Game

We have again arranged for discount tickets to an Akron Rubber Ducks minor league baseball game **with fireworks!!**

The date is August 12th, a Saturday, at 7:05pm.

There will be Fireworks set to Bob Seger music and we will be in section 19, where we have been in the past, with a great view of the game and fireworks and not too much sun!



All of this for the Bargain price of just \$8 per ticket.

We have arranged for one of our members to THROW OUT THE FIRST PITCH AT THE GAME!!!!!!

The winner selected was **Ed McKown!**

CMA Mentoring Program

The Akron chapter IMA is proud to offer its members a mentoring program to assist CMA candidates with strategies to pass the CMA exam. The Akron IMA CMA Mentoring Program will encourage networking and provide career development opportunities designed to help CMA candidates (mentees) and other members (mentors) in our chapter to form valuable mentoring relationships. The success of this program will rely on volunteers to serve as mentors. Mentoring can take place online, by phone, or in person at Akron chapter events or other locations.

The CMA Designation The CMA (Certified Management Accountant) is the advanced professional certification specifically designated to measure the accounting and financial management skills that drive business performance. Achieving the CMA credential demonstrates your mastery of financial planning, analysis, control, and decision support, as well as professional ethics.

The CMA credential is:

Focused - On the critical skills you use in business

Respected - Leading employers seek to hire and promote CMAs

Valued - CMAs on average, earn higher compensation than noncertified professionals

Convenient - CMA exams are offered electronically in hundreds of locations worldwide.

The CMA Mentoring Program - The accreditation process leading to the CMA designation can be a rigorous experience requiring great energy and effort. The CMA candidate will have questions regarding exam content, study materials, test taking strategies, and much more. Without somebody to guide and mentor them, the candidate may become discouraged and abandon the certification program. However, through the Akron IMA CMA Mentoring Program, candidates will be able to seek and obtain the support and guidance of fellow chapter members who have earned their CMA designation.

Mentees and mentors will be matched based on the needs of the mentee and the availability of the mentors. The ideal mentor for this CMA focused program would be an individual who has obtained the CMA certification and / or who has recently passed one or both parts of the newer two part CMA exam structure. All individuals who are currently enrolled in the CMA program and studying for the CMA exam are encouraged to enroll as a mentee. In addition, individuals who are undecided about obtaining the CMA certification and would like additional information or guidance are encouraged to enroll.

If you would like more information, please contact: Jeff Falter jfalter@roadrunner.com

Management Resources (Project Work, Consultant to Hire):

Job#1 - Assistant Controller

Robert Half Management Resources is looking for a highly-skilled Assistant Controller to join a dynamic and fast-growing team. If you're a self-starter who combines a real passion for analytics with strong technical skills, then you may thrive in this position. Your responsibilities in this role, Complete month-end, quarter-end and year-end close including financial statements, Prepare and maintain account reconciliations/analyses for balance sheet and income statement accounts, Handle monthly financial executive package and control book to include budget to actual comparisons by department, Coordinate and lead external financial audits, Prepare external monthly and quarterly reporting packages and supply to Board meeting decks, Handle treasury function to ensure vendors are paid timely and cash forecasts are accurate, Provide technical accounting GAAP mentorship, external reporting and support to the Company.

Maintain accounting and reporting policies, Assist in the development of the accounting team, including staffing, performance management, and training, Other responsibilities include, but are not limited to participating in special projects, system improvements or ad hoc analyses/projects as assigned.

Please email matt.bash@rhmr.com or contact 330-252-1870 for more information.

Required: Bachelor degree in Accounting, Minimum 5 years accounting experience preferably with mix of Big 4 and small corporate company accounting background, Knowledgeable of Intacct and Salesforce desired, Strong technical background in public accounting (GAAP), SEC reporting and SOX compliance is a plus, and Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Job #2 - Auditors

We are in desperate need of any Auditors in Manufacturing, Public Accounting, or Corporate. If you have an Audit background and are interested in Consulting, Project Based work, Contract to Hire roles. Please call Matt Bash @ 330-252-1870.

ROBERT HALF: DIRECT HIRE/PERM PLACEMENT OPPORTUNITY

Job #1 - Controller - 03300-0009980542 - \$75k - \$85K

Requirements :

- Working knowledge of SAP
- Strong familiarity with budget forecasting
- Proven knowledge of financial reporting
- Cash forecasting experience preferred
- Account reconciliation experience desired
- Experience with financial analysis
- Well-founded grasp of financial statement preparation
- Expertise in budgeting
- Excel, PowerPoint, and PowerBI experience is valuable
- Demonstrated ability to manage, lead change, and build process improvements
- Highly skilled at communication and negotiation with prior experience creating trusted advisor/consultant relationships and influencing Executives and Business Decision Makers
- Demonstrated ability to work in a dynamic and constantly changing company environment
- Prior background in engaging virtually with teams around the globe and providing leadership across finance teams
- 7+ years detail oriented accounting and controllership or public accounting and internal controls experience and/or Internal Audit or Controls and Compliance
- detail oriented Accounting Qualification (ACA / ACCA/ CIMA / CPA) or Equivalent Financial and Accounting qualification
- Strong analytical skills with ability to implement solutions and vendor management experience with good organizational skills

Job #2 - Hot job opportunity with Robert Half Finance and Accounting. Immediate Direct Hire!

Payroll Administrator/Bookkeeper

Fantastic opportunity with an Akron area CPA firm! Our client is seeking a skilled candidate who has prior experience working in a CPA firm. Duties will be split between processing client payrolls and associated payroll returns, and bookkeeping for the clients. In house payroll experience in a high volume environment is required, as well as expertise and strong knowledge of general ledger. Creative Solutions software is a plus but not required. If you or anyone you know fits this criteria please contact Robert Half immediately.

Internet Reference Page

Dinner Reservations: imadinner@hotmail.com or (330) 904-7986

Newsletter articles: ima_newsletter@yahoo.com

Employment service: rshapiro@socius1.com or (330) 703-9195

IMA insurance: R_Showarter@hotmail.com or (330) 688-7670

Akron chapter website: www.akron.imanet.org

IMA National website: www.imanet.org

Login : enter user name (your IMA account number)

Enter password (last name, unless you changed your password)

Ohio Council website: www.ohio.imanet.org

Online Program Book: www.yodergraphics.com/ima/2016_ima_roster.pdf

Password is ima2016

Access online recording of chapter meetings:

Contact Roy Howarter at (330) 688-7670 or R_Showarter@hotmail.com

Get the password from Roy

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