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Dear Akron IMA,

Please join your fellow IMA Members for **Student Night** on **Tuesday**, February 18, 2020 at the HILTON GARDEN INN, 1307 E. MARKET ST., AKRON, OH 44305. **RSVP deadline is Friday, February 14th.**

Check in starts at 5:15 pm. Dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m. sharp. Cost for Members is \$25.00. Non-members pay \$30.00. Pre-Technical Session begins at 6:10 p.m. Technical Session begins at 7:10 p.m. Cost is \$0.00 if you are not having dinner. 2 CPE credits this month. Student members always pay \$10 for dinner.

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

Thanks!
Kelly Heil

Follow us on Twitter!

Did you know... you can follow the chapter on Twitter [@AkronChapterIMA?](#) Follow us and keep up to date on news and events for your chapter!

Quick Links

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Employment News

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

President's Message

Hello Akron Chapter members! I hope everyone has been having a safe and happy new year thus far. This month, we are changing things up and having our "Student Night" meeting on Tuesday, February 18th. We will still be at the Hilton Garden Inn on East Market St. I look forward to seeing many students at our meeting and hope to see some from all of the colleges and universities represented by our chapter. Did you know that our chapter sponsors these colleges and universities: Ashland University, Kent State University, Youngstown State University, the University of Akron, Malone University, Walsh University, Stark State College, and the University of Mount Union? I hope to get all of these students more involved and more prepared for the future through the IMA.

See you at the meeting!

Joe Richards
IMA President
2019-20



Welcome New Members!

No new members in January 2020.

2019-2020 Meeting Schedule

Regular meetings for 2019/2020 will be the following:

- Tuesday, February 18, 2020 – Students' Night
 - Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – Guest Night
 - Tuesday, April 21, 2020 – Social Networking Night (no pre-tech session)
 - Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – Past Presidents' Night
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February Dinner Meeting

Hilton Garden Inn

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

Students' Night

Agenda:

Please note, this meeting is on a Tuesday.

Registration opens at 5:15pm

Buffet Dinner at 5:45pm

Pre-Tech Session begins at 6:10pm

Technical Session begins at 7:10pm

Pre-Tech Session - "Rules of the Road"

Ron Riebe Jr

Financial Advisor, Edward Jones



As an Edward Jones financial advisor, I believe it's important to invest my time in understanding what you're working toward before you invest your money. Working closely with you and your CPA, attorney and other professionals, I can help determine the most appropriate financial strategy for you and your family. I can also help with your retirement savings strategy so you have more options when you retire, regardless of what you decide to do.

I began my Edward Jones career in 2013 as a financial advisor in Westerville. I got my start in banking in 2002 in Cleveland before my family moved to Westerville in 2010.

I attended Kent State University and graduated in 2000 with a Master's in Business Administration (MBA). I earned my undergraduate degree from Youngstown State University.

My wife, Kristin, and I have three sons. God blessed us with adoption of our younger sons in 2012. My sons enjoy soccer, camping, scouting, Legos and the outdoors.

Active in the community, I am a member of the Westerville Lion's Club, Boy Scouts of America and active participant at the WARM food pantry. I am a former Chair of the Ravenna First United Methodist Church Finance Committee. I also served on the Board of the Portage County Habitat for Humanity. In 2004, I was the volunteer president of the Board for the Akron Institute of Management Accounting (IMA).

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Technical Session - "Street Smarts for Personal Safety"

Timothy A. Dimoff, CPP

Founder/President, SACS Consulting & Investigative Services, Inc.

Protect Yourself through Awareness

As a former law enforcement officer, Tim teaches you how to use some of the same techniques used by police officers to increase your personal safety. Tim Dimoff's presentation helps prevent you from becoming a target of criminal action in the first place.

- Identify the three components of a personal crime and how to influence them
- The three categories of awareness and how to use them to your advantage
- Discourage criminal activity with personal presence (i.e situational awareness)
- Understand what criminals really want and how they pick their victims



Timothy A. Dimoff, CPP, a multi-certified, award-winning and internationally-recognized security and HR management consultant, speaker, author, media commentator and expert witness is president and founder of SACS Consulting & Investigative Services, Inc., a high-risk HR and security consulting and investigation firm located in Akron, OH.

Dimoff is an internationally board Certified Protection Professional (CPP); a registered national security and HR expert with the Technical Advisory Service for Attorneys (TASA); a member of the American Society for Industrial Security (ASIS); a member of InfraGard, a joint professional organization between the FBI and security professionals; a member of The National Council of Investigation & Security Services (NCISS); a member of

the Ohio Association of Security & Investigative Services ((OASIS,); and a nationally certified ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training instructor.

Dimoff was named Ohio's Top Police Officer in 1989; was awarded the International Narcotics Special Award of Honor in 1991; and provided security for the 2016 National Republican Convention in Cleveland, OH.

Dimoff is the author of Life Rage, and training programs on workplace violence, active shooter, sexual harassment and self-defense. He has provided commentary for newspapers, magazines, TV, radio, Internet and print media worldwide. Dimoff serves as an expert witness throughout the United States. He holds a B.S. in Sociology, with an emphasis in criminology, from Dennison University.

New Member Benefit! "IMA Excel 365: Tips in Ten" Nano Subscription Series

Keep up with the latest exciting features being introduced in Excel. This mobile-friendly subscription series offers quick, 10-minute nano-courses presented by renowned author and Excel expert Bill Jelen (Mr. Excel). Explore the newest features and earn valuable CPE. New courses will be added regularly to the subscription. You'll earn 0.2 CPE credits for successfully completing each course in the subscription package. All credits earned are automatically recorded on your myIMA dashboard. FREE for IMA members! [Access IMA Excel 365 Nano CPE Package Now](#)

January Tax Webinar Success!

Thanks again to Russ and Wendy Tietz for presenting and moderating the very first IMA Akron Chapter webinar. We had 20 attendees and a great presentation on tax updates. This was a timely presentation and I hope our members found as much value in it as I did.

Program Book Link

The program book is in the works for the 2019-2020 year. Stay tuned!

Open Board of Directors Positions for 2019-2020

Attention Akron chapter IMA members: we are now looking for additional Board members for the next fiscal year. Note that if you serve on the Board for five years, you will qualify for reduced dues as an ELM (Emeritus Life Member) when you retire. Serving as a chapter Board member is a volunteer position that doesn't involve a huge time commitment. If interested in volunteering, please contact Joe Richards at akron@imachapter.org.

CMA Mentoring Program

The IMA Akron Chapter is proud to offer its members a mentoring program to assist CMA candidates with strategies to pass the CMA exam. The IMA Akron 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.

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.

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.

If you would like more information, please contact: Jeff Falter at akron@imachapter.org

Internet References

Dinner Reservations, Newsletter articles, Employment service, IMA insurance: akron@imachapter.org

Akron chapter website: akron.imanet.org

IMA Global 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

Access online recording of chapter meetings:

Contact the chapter board members at akron@imachapter.org