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The Dayton Chapter Board would like to wish you a Happy Holiday Season!

Chapter HOLIDAY Social

Please join us for our fifteenth annual holiday social.

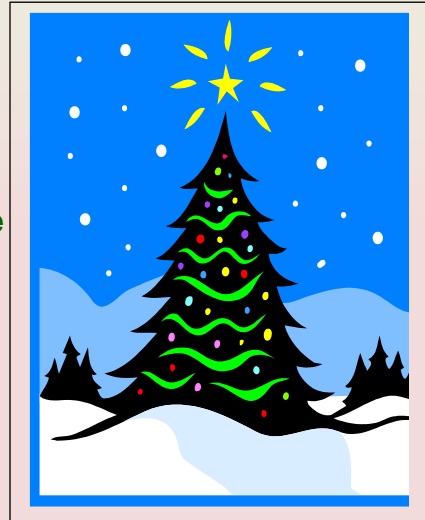
When: December 11th, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

Where: Carillon Brewing Company
1000 Carillon Blvd,
Dayton, OH 45409

Why: Have fun and network, See the Carillon Lighted Tree

Please join us for a night of socializing. We'll provide appetizers and a drink. Feel free to bring a guest. You would just be on your own if you wanted to order dinner or another drink.

Some of us will plan to be there before 6:00 pm. to help ensure seating for us. RSVPs are not required but appreciated to make sure that we have enough seating for everyone.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month the Dayton chapter had two excellent speakers. Mark Sarver of First Financial Bank shared a presentation on "Utilizing Strategic Bank Partnerships to Grow your Business." Tom Nichols, Dayton Dragons' Radio Broadcaster and Director of Media Relations, shared how the Dayton Dragons are Minor League Baseball's greatest success story. Finally, two Indiana University East students who attended IMA's recent Student Leadership Conference in Cleveland shared their conference experience.

We will host a tax update from Brady Ware for our January 20th meeting. Please stay tuned as to whether this two-hour CPE session will be held in-person or virtually.

Winter weather arrived earlier than expected this year and a blast of cold is heading our way this weekend. We wish you a happy holiday season and a good end to 2025.

Best Regards,

Tanya Shell
Dayton Chapter President

REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT COMING SOON!

IMA Ohio Finance & Accounting Summit 2026

Hosted by the Ohio Regional Council of IMA

Quest Business Center
Columbus, OH

- Leadership & Ethics
- Cyber Security
- Data Analytics
- Personal Development
- Economics

Program Speakers

- Gaby Lahoud, Chair Ohio Council, Founder & CEO Serenity Advisors
- FBI John Iannarelli, Retired FBI Special Agent
- Kristi Stocker, Success Coach, Speaker
- Alan Mallory, Author, Speaker
- Toby Rittner, President & CEO of the Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA)

February 27, 2026 | 8 AM - 5 PM



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Sparking Careers: IMA and SetFire Partner to Provide Mentorship Opportunities to Undergrads

MONTVALE, N.J., November 19, 2025 —

By: IMA, CEO, [Michael DePrisco](#)

In 2024, the accounting profession saw a significant decline; 340,000 fewer professionals were working compared to five years earlier, according to Bloomberg. This shortage has raised serious concerns among businesses and investors, as essential functions like financial reporting, tax preparation, and regulatory compliance depend on these skilled professionals.

As IMA's CEO, I've spent considerable time thinking about how we can best serve our members while strengthening the profession. Part of the answer is simple: we need to connect with and support students when they're deciding their career trajectory. It's hard to know the diversity of career options that exist in accounting and finance without the guidance of a seasoned pro.

That's why I'm excited to share a partnership that gives our U.S. members the opportunity to shape the future of accounting and finance, while helping address the talent challenges we all face.

IMA has partnered with [SetFire Foundation](#) to accelerate the Sparks Mentorship Program. This innovative U.S.-based program connects students with mentors in their chosen field through SetFire's web platform, and enhanced AI tools help facilitate the mentor-mentee relationship.

As an IMA member, you now have a powerful opportunity: the chance to get matched with and mentor students who are interested in accounting and finance careers. Through this one-on-one relationship, you'll share your real-world experience with the technologies, strategic decision-making, and cross-functional collaboration that define modern accounting and finance. You're not just answering questions—you're showing students what's possible in this profession.

This partnership reflects IMA's dual commitment to our members and to the profession we all serve. We know many of you are passionate about giving back and growing the accounting pipeline, but finding meaningful ways to do so can be challenging. Through Sparks, we're making it easy. Whether you have 30 years of experience or are early in your career, you have insights that can transform a student's trajectory while helping address the talent shortage our profession faces.

And here's what I want to emphasize: mentorship isn't one-directional. Our members who've mentored students consistently tell us how much they gain as well: fresh perspectives on emerging technologies, renewed energy for their own careers, and the satisfaction of building the profession's future. By connecting you with this program, we're making it easier for you to create an impact beyond yourself.

I believe we're at a pivotal moment in our profession. As AI automates routine tasks, we're freed to focus on strategic, creative, and analytical work that drives real business value. This is the story our members need to tell and students need to hear. You are the bridge between classroom theory and the exciting reality of modern accounting and finance.

Together, we'll build the pipeline this profession needs and demonstrate why IMA membership matters. Visit [SetFire](#) to get started.

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