

President's Message

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Time flies when you're having fun. The chapter year has flown by and, yes, we did have fun. Our March meeting concluded the 2008/2009 Buffalo chapter sponsored events with Part 2 of the IMA's ethics program. In light of the current economic turmoil, the subject of ethics in the workplace was indeed timely. The program featured a portrayal in microcosm of the greed and manipulation we have all witnessed today via the media. While not of the scale of an AIG, the characters in the video were nonetheless representative of how efforts to seek personal gain and manipulate financial data can have a negative effect. Presenter Patricia King took meeting attendees on the journey to discover how and why the players conducted themselves the way they did. Audience members shared some of their work experiences as witnesses to how ethical failures played out and the consequences that followed.

In April, the IMA Buffalo chapter will join with our friends at the Niagara Chapter for a meeting on Monday, April 20. The subject will be "Fitness for Professionals" presented by Mr. Kevin Cunningham. Many of us may not be conscious of the importance that physical fitness can have for those who hold a desk job. I'm sure, however, that you have experienced the fatigue that can accompany those long days at the office, especially if tax time is part of your work life. We thank the Niagara chapter for inviting us to join them for this enriching event.

While the chapter year has come to a close, this just means that a new year is on the horizon. Throughout my years as chapter president and even before that as one of your fellow members, I have benefited from the efforts of those who have worked to organize and prepare the variety of events that have helped attendees advance in their profession. It is hoped that meeting events won't go the way of some of the nation's major newspapers. There is an opportunity to share ideas and make new friends when members attend our events. During the next two months, the board will be meeting to select topics and speakers for 2009/2010. All members are welcome to participate and offer suggestions. There is a need to have new faces serve on the board. The commitment is 1 or 2 hours a month. Please consider stepping up to help share the responsibility and rewards of making your chapter grow. The accounting profession is one of the growth careers in today's world. Board members enjoy the added satisfaction of making a worthwhile contribution to their fellow members and gaining personal and career enrichment. For information on how you can join the team, please contact me at 681-1973, x205 or dshia@yahoo.com. Please put "IMA Buffalo" in the subject line. Thank you for your consideration.