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MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Portland FEI Members & Partners,

Special thanks to the Academic Committee, Robert Half for their sponsorship, and everyone else who was involved in our Annual Academic Night at our Chapter Meeting last month. Getting involved with universities and students is important to our organization.

May is a busy month for our Chapter and we will kick things off with our [Chapter Meeting](#) on Thursday, May 16th at Altabira City Tavern located in Hotel Eastlund. This month we will hear from Grant Thornton at our PD Session on the new leasing standards (ASC 842). For our dinner meeting we will hear from George Chamberlin and Steve Person on the topic of Cyber Security. Mr. Chamberlin is the Assistant Special Agent in Charge for the National Security Branch of the FBI, and I believe we will all have good takeaway learnings from his experience on this topic. Following that meeting, a group of us are heading to the [Annual FEI Leadership Summit](#) and are looking forward to brainstorming and collaborating with other Chapters and our National Board. We round out the month on May 23rd where we will celebrate, hopefully with many of you in attendance, at the [CFO of the Year Awards luncheon](#).

As we head into summer, I hope that you will consider joining us for our [Golf Event at Langdon Farms](#). I want to reiterate, you don't have to be a good golfer – it's a scramble format, and (most) of us take this without much seriousness! This is such a fun day, with lots of opportunity to network and enjoy our Members and Partners. If you really don't want to dust off your clubs, I would still encourage you to join for dinner. The mood is lighthearted, and dinner will be outdoors and casual. All registration, including dinner only tickets, can be found on EventBrite.

Enjoy our early spring / summer weather and I encourage you to take a minute to find something in this newsletter that you can attend or use as a reason to connect with others in the Chapter, however informal or formal as works for you. This Chapter is growing, and we have amazing Members that hold so much opportunity for your growth and development in the connection. Together we can make this group stronger, and I applaud and appreciate all the contributions and participation.

My best,

Cari Thomas
FEI Portland President

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We have several New Members who have recently joined the Portland Chapter. Look for New Members at your next FEI event and be sure to make them feel welcome.



Shelley Hilderbrand currently serves as the CFO of GrowlerWerks, a Portland-based consumer products start-up in the craft beverage industry, and as the Controller at Sungrade Solar, a California-based residential solar installer. Shelley was previously the VP, Finance at ClearEdge Power, a VC-backed fuel cell manufacturer in Hillsboro for five years. Prior to that, Shelley held various roles in accounting and finance at Pixelworks, a publicly traded semiconductor company, including VP, Finance, Corporate Controller and Internal Controls Manager. Shelley started her career in audit at KPMG in Portland, after graduating from Portland State University with a post-baccalaureate certificate in accounting. She holds a B.S. in International Business from Linfield College. Shelley lives in Oregon City with her husband, first grade son and two horses.

30 NEW CHAPTER MEMBERS (looking for Ambassadors):

Since the current Chapter Year began this past July, FEI Portland has been blessed with **30 new Chapter Members!** So, how do you make each of these new Members feel welcomed and connected to the Portland Chapter? A great opportunity for our existing Members to make a difference in a new Member's Chapter experience, is deciding to **accept the AMBASSADOR CHALLENGE.**

Serving as an Ambassador to a new Member doesn't require a significant commitment yet can make a lasting impact on the value of chapter membership for the new Member. All it takes is to make a point of attending Chapter events and acting as a host to your designated new Member -- sending them a friendly reminder about attending themselves, and then being that welcoming face in the room full of new friends. You're also encouraged to give your new Member a phone call (or perhaps get together with them for coffee), to discuss how they're looking to maximize the value of their FEI membership and how best they can become involved.

To be assigned a new Member, contact any one of the following Membership Committee Members below:

Cyndi Thompson Ambassador	cyndi@cinderfinance.com	503-906-8179
Dileep Kulkarni Incoming VP of Membership	dkulkarni@expensereduction.com	971-254-2940
Scott Winegardner Immediate Past President	Scott@WinegardnerMail.com	360-524-3336
Alex (Lohmann) Collings Chapter Administrator	acollings@financialexecutives.org	973-765-1054

CAREER SERVICES WEBINARS

Boost your career and keep your skills sharp with these informative webcasts presented by FEI!

Join us for the following webinars:

May 21: Best Practices in Accounts Payable Tax Compliance

Presented by KPMG

May 23 | 10 am – 11 am Pacific | 1.0 CPE credit

Learning Objectives:

- An overview of US tax rules as it relates to paying global suppliers, including new FATCA requirements
- Steps your organization can take to avoid legal and financial penalties
- How to ensure your payees select the correct form based on their country and corporate structure
- Determining which payees require tax withholding by treaty
- The basics around end-of-year 1099/1042-S tax reporting

May 23: How to Move from Static Financial Reporting to Dynamic Storytelling

Presented by Insight Software

May 23 | 11 am – 12 pm Pacific | 1.0 CPE credit

Learning Objectives:

- How to tell the integrated story of performance by enriching your data with operational detail and analyst insight
- How to communicate performance to the business in a way business users would understand
- How to better explain variances by providing a collaborative narrative

WANT TO WATCH A WEBINAR RIGHT NOW?

Here are some great websites hosting free on-demand seminars and webinars:

[FEI's Career Learning Center](#) contains a series of on-demand videos covering resume-writing and networking.

[Oregon State University's Career Development Center](#) has 20 webinars spanning from resume writing, interviewing skills, networking to job searching.

[Robert Half's Finance and Accounting Webinars](#) is comprised of a long list of webinars available from this local FEI Partner. The webinars cover a broad range of topics including career development among other finance and accounting content. They also have a page [HERE](#) that includes links to professional societies with more hosted content.

Have a favorite site for career development content that's not on the list? Send a note to [Dileep Kulkarni](#) and we'll add it to share with your fellow Members.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, May 16 th , 2019	<u>FEI Portland May PD & Chapter Meeting</u>	Altabira City Tavern (in Hotel Eastlund), 1021 NE Grand Avenue #600, Portland, OR 97232
Wednesday, June 5 th , 2019	<u>Annual Golf Tournament</u>	Langdon Farms, 24377 NE Airport Rd., Aurora, OR 97002

May Chapter Meeting PD Session with Grant Thornton *Applying the New Leasing Standard – Accounting & Implementation*

This presentation will cover the below learning objectives:

- a. Obtain an overview of the new lease accounting standard (ASC 842)
- b. Understand the key activities required to successfully implement the new lease accounting standard
- c. Discuss key considerations and challenges faced while implementing the lease accounting standard
- d. Share lease accounting implementation keys to success

May Chapter Meeting Dinner Session with George Chamberlin and Steve Person *Cyber Security*

Abstract: The FBI Cyber Program in Oregon investigates network intrusions, data theft, denial of service, insider threats and other cybercrimes. FBI cyber agents and task force officers are experienced in cyber incident response, the collection and preservation of digital evidence, network forensics and sharing of threat intelligence.

This presentation will cover recent cyber incidents in Oregon, current threat trends, common vulnerabilities and efforts by law enforcement to increase cybersecurity awareness and data protection.

FEI Portland Annual Golf Tournament

Ready to get into the swing of summer and launch your golf to the next level? Actually, any level will do!

Year after year you return to the FEI Golf Tourney because it's a relaxed, no-pressure, low-key blast and another chance to connect with old friends and make new ones. Not surprisingly, it has been called the most fun business golf event of the year.

What's more, we're offering a new course this year, Langdon Farms Golf Club. It's wide open and birdies can be nabbed on nearly every hole.

So, put together a foursome and join us because registration is now open! Don't worry if you don't have much time to practice; that's overrated and besides it's a scramble format.

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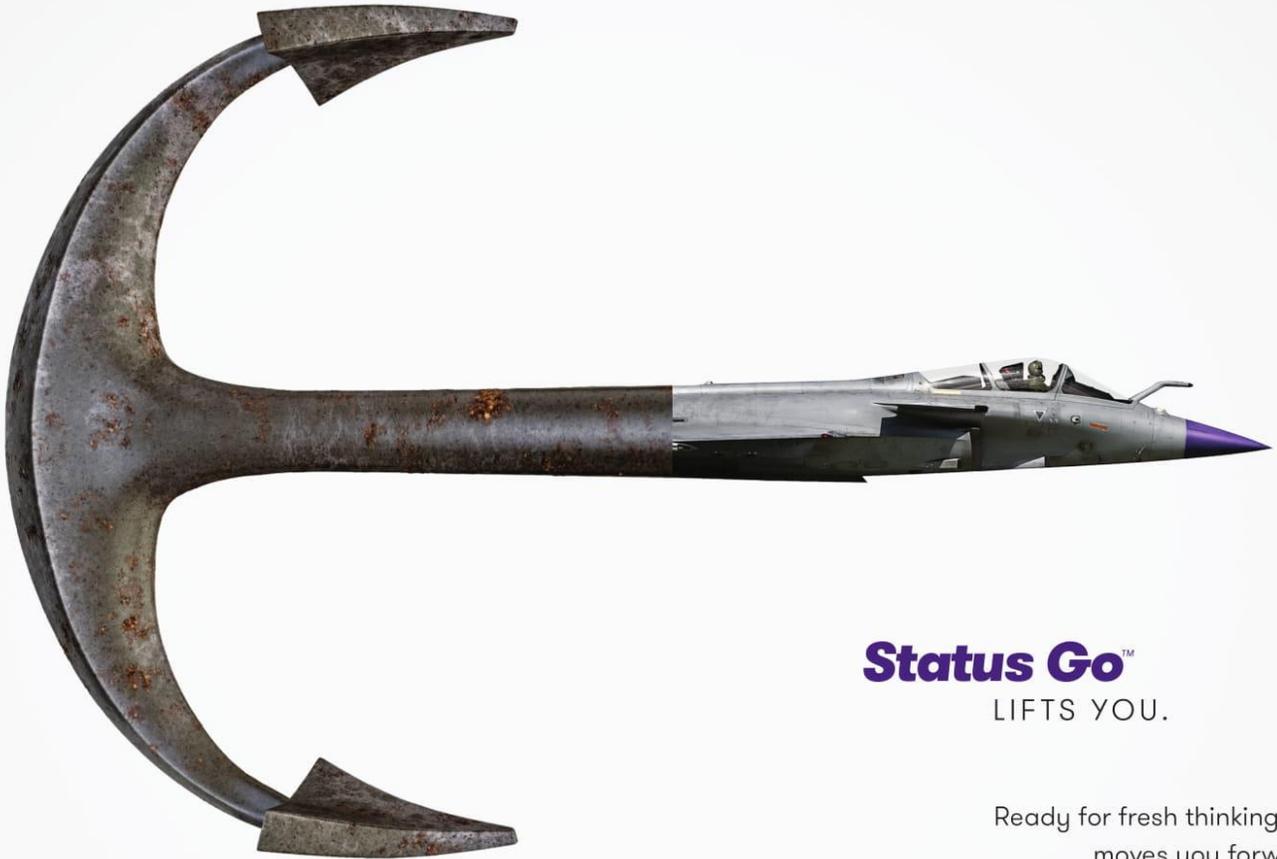
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