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## January 16th Dinner Meeting

*Duba's Restaurant*  
*420 E Beltline NE, GR*

## Internet Security from a Risk-Based Auditing Perspective

The main emphasis will be on auditing firewall administration from a risk-based perspective. What a great follow-up to our September meeting!

### *PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY OF JENNIFER THOMPSON*

Jennifer has worked for Meijer, Inc. since 1994. During the past 7-years, she has held positions as a financial/operations auditor, Information Systems Security Analyst II, and Advanced Information Systems Auditor.

Before joining the auditing team at Meijer, Inc., she received her Paralegal Certificate from Davenport College and her Bachelor's degree in English from Hope College.

Please make your reservation and meal selection (see below) by January 11th! Call Jamie Depuydt and make your reservation today!! **(616) 248-7426** OR e-mail Jamie at [jdepuydt@steelcase.com](mailto:jdepuydt@steelcase.com)

Costs - \$27 Non Members / \$24 Members

Dinner menu:  
1 - Turkey Tenderloin or  
2 - NY Strip Steak  
Salad  
Dessert

**5:00-5:30 Social Hour / Registration**  
**5:30-6:30 Presentation**  
**6:30-7:30 Dinner**

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# Announcements & Articles

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## Center for Internet Security

We are pleased that the new Center for Internet Security Windows 2000 Level I Benchmark and Scoring Tool is up on the CIS web site: [www.cisecurity.org](http://www.cisecurity.org). The download package includes detailed documentation on how to install and use the tool, plus how to configure a W2K system with the cis.inf file which corresponds to the contents of the benchmark.

The Center for Internet Security is interested in securing feedback on the tool and benchmark, especially anecdotes that demonstrate what use of the tool motivates users toward improved security. If you wish to provide benchmark feedback, please send it to [Win2K-bench@cisecurity.org](mailto:Win2K-bench@cisecurity.org) and send tool feedback to [Win2K-scan@cisecurity.org](mailto:Win2K-scan@cisecurity.org).

ISACA is a founding member of the Center for Internet Security.

### 2002 CISA Exam (provided by the ExpressLine)

**Registration for the 2002 CISA examination has begun! Candidates, be reminded to complete and submit your registration forms. Please note the following registration deadlines:**

- Early registration is February 13, 2002
- Final registration is April 3, 2002

To promote the 2002 CISA exam, a PDF of the new 2002 CISA *Bulletin of Information* has been placed on the ISACA web site at [www.isaca.org/exam2.html](http://www.isaca.org/exam2.html). Additionally, CISA exam study aids are also now available on the certification area of [www.isaca.org](http://www.isaca.org).

### CISA Tops Certification related Bonus List

(provided by ExpressLine monthly newsletter)



In a recent survey by the Foote Partners, the CISA designation was determined to provide professionals with the highest salary bonus among the 39 technical skills certification programs examined in the survey, according to an article in the August 2001 issue of *Information Security* magazine. A press release regarding this survey is available at [www.isaca.org/prcisacert.html](http://www.isaca.org/prcisacert.html).

## COBIT Research

(provided by ExpressLine monthly newsletter)

To further strengthen COBIT's benefits, ISACA has added 16 new case studies to the eight already featured on its web site. These case studies provide practical applications of COBIT in a multitude of different business and industry environments.

To provide convenient browsing, a chart with brief outlines of all 24 case studies, as well as a link to the full text of the study, can be accessed at [www.isaca.org/ct\\_case.htm](http://www.isaca.org/ct_case.htm).

Coming soon are the following guides and projects: e-Commerce – Network Perimeter Security, e-Commerce-Business Continuity Planning, Electronic/Digital Signature Legislation Project, and Creating the Privacy-complaint Organization.

## Conferences

North America CACS – May 5-9, San Francisco, California, 23 conference hours and 7 workshop hours. Planned topics include: IT governance, process mapping, network perimeter security architecture, integrating CRM into ERP, Oracle financials, acquisitions and divestitures, data warehousing and mining, wireless LANs, PKI, VPNs and fighting cybercrime. Visit the ISACA web site, [www.isaca.org/conf1.htm](http://www.isaca.org/conf1.htm), for more information.

**If you have an article you would like to share with the Western Michigan Chapter members, please submit it to Leslie Dalzell at [ldalzell@steelcase.com](mailto:ldalzell@steelcase.com). Thanks!**

## ***Coming Attractions...***

***February's Meeting:*** February 20th Leslie Dalzell, CPA presenting on "ACL Toolkit Demonstration". Lansing location to be Holiday Inn -West on Saginaw Highway.

***March's Meeting:*** March 20th Michael Sekoni, CISA presenting on "Resumption Planning/Business Continuity Plan" Location to be Holiday Inn -West on Saginaw Highway.

***April's Meeting:*** April 17-19 Peter Osterio Seminar on "Risk Base Integrated Auditing & How to Build Computer Models for Continuous Monitoring". Kalamazoo location to be determined.

Updates regarding the upcoming meeting schedule can be found on the Chapter Website at [www.iserv.net/~wmisaca/](http://www.iserv.net/~wmisaca/).

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