



## News about you

### Central

**Robert Angelico, New Orleans Tax**, was elected firm president and managing partner of Liskow & Lewis, APLC. He has worked in the general business/tax section of Liskow & Lewis since 1986, and his practice concentrates on Louisiana State and local tax matters. He serves on the board of directors of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry.

**Lori Baker, Grand Rapids Tax**, will be receiving the 2015 Public Service Award from the MICPA at the awards dinner on September 30 in West Bloomfield. She will also be the Michigan nominee for the AICPA Public Service Award.

She adds, it has been a great year for their firm, Baker Holtz. They were a finalist for the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce EPIC award for Small Businesses last month and won a Pillar Award from the Women's Resource Center in Grand Rapids.

**Richard Boysen, Dallas FAS**, is consulting part time post retirement, including mentoring entrepreneurs. He also started distance running and has run Boston twice plus 11 other marathons. In 2013, he published his memoir, *Passing Through...my life as part of the Boysen family*, which includes his time at the firm. It can be found on Amazon.com. He has sold enough copies and is in a profit position. Going forward, he will be donating 45% of profits to Disabled American Veterans and 45% to prostate cancer research.

**Bryant Davis, Detroit Advisory**, is now the senior manager at Cognizant.

**Erik Gerard, Cleveland Consulting**, is seeking a new opportunity and would appreciate suggestions. He has a deep technical background in high availability, large scale IT in highly regulated industries. He is known for translating business needs into technology solutions by developing strong relationships that deliver competitive advantages. With over 20 years experience in technology, including 12 years of management, Erik helps organizations achieve more by aligning IT into strategic partners.

**Amy Haas, Columbus Tax**, is in the process of reactivating her CPA license after several years in transition and expects that she will be active again by the end of 2015. She is also celebrating her second anniversary with Research Management Inc. They are a very unique company serving small businesses and individuals in central Ohio and beyond. They specialize in taking care of the business aspect of running a successful dental or healthcare practice and offer a full complement of services from payroll and bookkeeping to financial management, tax preparation and planning.

**Zachary Hitz, Camp Hill Consulting**, transitioned out of the firm to become a lead corticon developer on a very large initiative with one of the big banks in the U.S. The experience he acquired in requirement gathering and implementing software directly led to his current role.

He was able to provide valuable insight and make a difference in this new work environment, new role, and new project with a high level of confidence in his abilities. He adds that the skills he developed working on projects while at the firm helped him grow into his current role.

He was promoted to a senior analyst position and owes a lot to Deloitte for the opportunities he was given and his gratitude toward the firm is immense. He further adds, "My career wouldn't be where it is today had I not received that call from the human resources department offering me the position in Camp Hill. Thank you, Deloitte."

**Tony Lenamon, Dallas Consulting**, was promoted to national multifamily practice leader for CBRE, the industry's largest real estate firm, and is based in Dallas, TX.

**Daniella Levitt, Chicago Consulting**, is delighted to share with her fellow alumni that her book *Ready, Set...RISK!*, about women and risk taking in the context of their careers, was published this past February. The book talks about positive strategies and tactics for women to turn career risk into opportunity. It is available on Amazon (<http://amzn.to/1LiTomM>) and Barnes and Noble (<http://bit.ly/1LiTFpP>).

The past year of her life was incredibly exciting as she wrote in the book. She adds, this is such a crucial conversation for us to be having and encourages her fellow alumni to buy the book, read it, act on what they learn from it, build on it and move forward with their own personal *Ready, Set...RISK!* journey. She is thrilled that she is already starting to see these things happening as both individuals and organizations invite her for speaking engagements, activities, events, programs and conversations on this topic. Join the Twitter conversation at #ReadySetRisk.

**Trudi McCanna, Pittsburgh Consulting**, leads Google's global leadership development and talent management efforts for senior leaders as the director of executive development.

**Scott Merriman, Cincinnati Consulting**, joined Molina Healthcare as a project manager. His projects have centered on compliance to Ohio Medicare laws and Molina's product expansion into the Marketplace Exchange. He is a certified Project Management Professional since August 2012.

**Nancy Molina, Houston Services**, has joined Bridgepoint Consulting as the director, professional search.

**Kimberly Musial, Pittsburgh Consulting**, launched the second location of her yoga studio, The Yoga Hive in January 2015. They employ 18 teachers and offers daily classes and workshops. In April, Kimberly married Dr. Matthew MacDonald in Pittsburgh. They travelled to Vietnam for their honeymoon in late February after she finished her Thai massage training in Thailand.

**Jonathan Nguyen, Houston Consulting**, travelled to Maldives for his honeymoon after getting married. He adds, it was a great experience for them and thanks Deloitte for all the status, United miles and Starwood points, which came in handy when traveling across the world. He met his wife while working at Deloitte and is thankful for everything the firm allowed him to experience.

**Michael Noel, Minneapolis Audit**, started a venture capital associate role with UnitedHealth Group Ventures in July 2015.

**Bill Poston, Houston Consulting**, is running resorts and related tourism industry businesses in Belize. He bought a small island off the coast named Royal Belize and made it available to friends and family. He started a company named MUY-ONO ([www.muy-ono.com](http://www.muy-ono.com)) to offer services to resort owners after seeing the need for professional management and innovative marketing in the country.

He has acquired another island resort, a saltwater fly fishing outfitter, a SCUBA operation, a charter fishing business, and is assisting with the management of numerous other resorts and islands in the country. He adds, Belize is a beautiful country for adventurous travelers and lay-around loungers alike. He has fallen in love with the place and enjoys staying busy making the rounds among the islands and resorts to perform quality control in the restaurants and bars.

**Robert Scott, Milwaukee Audit**, was appointed as chairman of the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC) by the board of trustees of the Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF). He is also the director of finance for the city of Brookfield, WI. His term as chairman began on June 1, 2015 and will extend through December 31, 2016.

The GASAC is responsible for advising the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) on technical issues, project priorities, and other matters that affect standard setting for accounting and financial reporting by state and local governments. Members of the GASAC represent a cross-section of the GASB's state and local government stakeholders, including users, preparers, and auditors of financial information. GASAC members are selected on the basis of their professional expertise and the depth and breadth of experience they bring to their work on the Council.

**Sahil Segal, Austin Consulting**, is currently assisting with earthquake relief efforts with Action Works Nepal, a local nonprofit organization that makes a difference in remote villages where aid does not often arrive. Specifically, he is helping create a distribution system to deliver clothes to the affected villages, transportation is not easy and often entails a 24-hour bus ride then a 12-hour horse ride, followed by an equally long hike.

Action Works Nepal has established a program that gives donated clothes to marginalized women, who in turn sell the clothes in the villages; clothing items start at \$0.25. The program is currently operating at a loss and he is helping to determine how to make this business profitable without charging the recipients anything additional.

**Jonathan Smith, Chicago Consulting**, married Nancy Gerstein on March 8, 2015 and is living in Morton Grove, IL.

**Katherine Snyder, Dallas Advisory**, was promoted as a manager at Protiviti Inc. On the personal front, she recently married Clayton Snyder in New Orleans, LA.

**Laura Southward, Denver Tax**, will be a partner at Neal R. Veta & Associates, a tax firm located in Greenwood Village, CO, effective December 31, 2015.

**Brian Steele, Minneapolis Audit**, was recently named to the Kansas City Regional Internal Audit team of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The internal audit team reviews the work product of the risk management division of the FDIC for compliance with rules and regulations and internal policies and procedures. The Kansas City Region is comprised of 16 field offices covering seven states. The field offices are responsible for directly supervising state non-member financial institutions.

He was also named to the IT-OJT training program. This program is designed to enhance examiners' skills in the information technology area. Brian is a commissioned risk examiner with the FDIC.

**Jeremy Stephens, Dallas Tax**, went on a life changing summer trek with a crew of teenage Boy Scouts and two other adult leaders through the Sangre de Cristo Mountains at Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, NM. They hiked 80 miles over 12 days carrying on their backs everything they needed to survive while hiking from camp to camp. They participated in backcountry programs along the way including blacksmithing, mountain climbing, and gold mining. The trek included a conservation project where the Scouts learned and participated in the upkeep of Philmont's ecosystem. The Scouts endured tough challenges including backpacking in bear and mountain lion territory, steep climbs, and often-inclement weather.

Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's premier high adventure camp and the largest youth camp in the world serving nearly one million participants since 1938.

**Bob Thimjon, Minneapolis Audit**, and fellow alumnus Doug Anderson, Minneapolis Audit, will be participating in a bike ride fundraiser for NAMI that will follow the length of the Mississippi River. They attended the Minneapolis alumni event last fall, where Doug informed him about this ride that he was training for. They started the ride on

July 6 in Venice, LA and plan to reach Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis on August 7 and finish at Itasca on August 13.

He adds, the alumni event gave them a chance to talk and discuss interests. Further details on the ride and information regarding support are available on <http://tomsbigride.org>.

**Gus Tramp, Dallas Audit**, was elected president of the Las Colinas Symphony Orchestra at the June 2015 board meeting.

**Nugent Vitallo, Chicago Audit**, was performing small audits as an in-charge when he left the firm. In subsequent years his affiliation with the firm was always an important credential in acquiring positions with clients.

**Jim Webb, Dallas Consulting**, has taken the position of chief investment manager for the \$6 billion pension fund for the employees of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and has recently received his Doctor of Management from the University of Maryland.

**Gary Webb, Rochester Audit**, formed a live music entertainment entity selling show bands all over the world. Nik Entertainment Co. acts such as *Nik and the Nice Guys* and *Shama Lama* have performed approximately 90 shows for NFL customer related Super Bowl parties, as well as events for CNN, US Armed Forces Japan, Time Warner, Canadian Embassy, various Olympics, Caribbean / Cayman Islands resorts, Grey Cup (Calgary, Montreal), Reebok in New England and Germany. They have opened an office in Toronto to support their music and theatre efforts in one of the world's top international destinations and are constantly recruiting musician/performers from all over North America.

**Dennis Wenzel, Minneapolis Consulting**, is a principal in the Minneapolis office of North Highland. He recently completed an assignment as the executive program director for the University of Minnesota's \$83.5 million PeopleSoft Implementation. He served as the executive for the university managing over 300 staff and consultants, all program activities and budget, and ten vendors. The implementation impacted over 100,000 university users for all finance, HR, and campus functions. They also implemented an enterprise portal and reporting, and tied into over 700 tertiary systems. The system went live quietly and under budget.

He enjoys coaching baseball and being home with his wife and three kids.

## East

**Susan Able, Rosslyn Consulting**, acquired the license to publish *Edible DC*, a quarterly magazine focused on the local food culture of the DC area. She has always been passionate about feature and essay writing, cooking, entertaining and sustainable gardening. She started the magazine last year and celebrated its first anniversary last month at the Dupont Circle Hotel. Her associate publisher and digital editor is AJ Dronkers, also a Rosslyn Consulting alumnus.

In one year, they now distribute 30,000 copies throughout the DC area and have 20,000 followers on social media. They won an award for Best Feature Writing on a farmer, rancher or fisher, and were nominated for a national award for overall use of social media. Susan feels it has been an incredible challenge and also rewarding to become a magazine publisher with a print issue and digital platform.

She adds, "I've eaten way too well, visited many food makers and farmers, gone to farm markets three or four days a week, worked with creative talented folks, gotten to interview Mark Bittman, Mario Batali, Tom Colicchio and Carla Hall, gone partridge hunting with chefs, judged a lot of food contests and met some of the top food policy makers. It's been great, and I can't wait to see what the next year brings!"

**Marty Abo, Jericho Tax**, is the co-managing member of Abo Cipolla Financial Forensics, LLC, spending most of his time in the Southern New Jersey/Philadelphia area.

**Lynn Albala, Parsippany Audit**, has been appointed as the treasurer of NJCPA for 2015-2016.

**Coonor Behal, Rosslyn Consulting**, recently underwent a four-day intensive training in creative facilitation and design given by Merianne Liteman and Sheila Campbell, authors of the go-to book *Retreats That Work*. She is now certified to deliver the *Retreats That Work* methodology and exercises for retreats and offsites that deliver value-driven organizational change. As part of her training, Coonor co-designed a new high-energy, physical, creative exercise that successfully gets retreat participants to understand and commit to intra-organizational accountability.

She is the founder of Mindhatch, a business and customer insights firm specializing in design thinking, organizational improv training, and innovation facilitation.

**Bruce Bendell, Tampa Audit**, is the chairman of the board of a non-profit organization called *Wish For Wheels*. He founded it in 2004 with his friend Brad Appel. *Wish For Wheels* gives away new bikes and new helmets to children in low income communities. They do this by partnering with corporations and companies. They work with these partners to create team-building and bike-building events where employees build the bikes. After they build them, they give them away to an entire class of students in Title 1 schools typically in the community where the business is located. For more information their website can be visited at [www.wishforwheels.org](http://www.wishforwheels.org).

On the personal front, Bruce is living with his wife Jennifer, 10-year old daughter, Farrah, and 12-year old son, Isaac, in Cherry Hills Village, CO. He is a member of a regional public accounting practice, The Wenner Group, LLC as well as a member of a holistic wealth management firm, Transitions Wealth Management, LLC.

**Michael Brevetta, Miami Tax**, was appointed head, legal & compliance, client tax information compliance at Standard Chartered Bank in June 2015. He will continue to be based out of Singapore.

**Jim Dooley, New York Audit**, published an article titled '*Preparing for the Looming Changes in Lease Accounting*' in the CPA journal.

**Ronald Edwards, Birmingham Audit**, was presented an honorary 40-year membership and certificate by the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants (NCACPA) in April 2015. This honorary status is awarded to CPAs who have been fellow members of the association for a minimum of forty consecutive years. Ron is most proud of his mentoring and development of young audit professionals in the firm, his service to the audit clients and his contributions to the accounting profession.

**William Ezzell, Washington D.C. Audit**, was the commencement speaker for the 2015 graduating class of the Master of Accounting Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on May 8, 2015. There were 147 graduates and the ceremony took place in the Dean Smith Center. He met many of the graduates and parents afterwards, most of whom had already accepted positions with Deloitte.

**Kevin Field, New York Consulting**, wrote an article which was published by *The Heller Report*. In the article, he discussed how he, as a CIO, got a seat at the executive table by building a new table. The interview was distributed through social media and has been read and reposted many times over. It can be viewed at: <http://blog.hellersearch.com/blog/want-a-seat-at-the-table-build-the-table>. *The Heller Report* in Boston is a resource for CIOs and CTOs.

**Paul Frascoia, Boston Audit**, is the CEO of Critical Process Systems Group, Inc. headquartered in Colchester, VT. His company acquired BioPharm Engineered Systems based out of Andover, MA on June 12, 2015.

**Diane Garnick, New York Audit**, was named to the Board of the CFA Institute Research Foundation. During her time at the firm, her passion for research was fueled by the professionals in the capital markets group in the New

York office. She worked with Ed Hida, a CFA Charter holder himself, and hopes her contribution to investment professionals can have the same impact on the next generation as Ed has now had on many successful alumni.

**Debra Griffin, Philadelphia Audit**, was profiled in the Spring 2015 issue of *Fox Focus*, the alumni magazine of Temple University's Fox School of Business and Management.

**Laura Gutteridge Años, Jacksonville Audit**, married her husband Albert on January 17, 2015 at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Jacksonville, FL followed by a reception at the Omni Hotel. She currently works as an auditor for the State of Florida Auditor General.

**Damian Handzy, New York Consulting**, left the firm and founded Investor Analytics, a risk management service provider to hedge funds and institutional investors. In April, he was named 'Outstanding Alumnus of the Year' by Michigan State University's College of Natural Science where he earned his Ph.D. in nuclear physics in 1995. In May, he won SmartCEO's 'Deals of Distinction' award for crafting a partnership between his firm and Advent Software, makers of accounting and performance measurement software for investment managers.

**Alexa Hassaram, Boston Consulting**, moved to Chicago to pursue a Master of Science in Learning & Organizational Change at Northwestern University's School of Education and Social Policy. She is interested in transitioning from a career in accounting/finance to a career focused on organizational change and strategy. She was also hired as a Graduate Housing Assistant and is living on-campus to serve as a resource and plan events for graduate students and their families. In addition, Alexa is also starting to cross items off her [Thirty Before Thirty](#) bucket list and looks forward to writing about them on [www.TheAlexaConnection.com](http://www.TheAlexaConnection.com).

**Norman Jardine, New York Audit**, started as CFO of NewBank, a New York based Korean community bank on April 1, 2015.

**Ashley Jung, Rosslyn Consulting**, left to pursue her dream as a fashion designer with her sister and partner, Paige Dellavalle. They launched Stella Valle five years ago, a contemporary jewelry line, with no experience in the fashion industry. She and Paige are West Point Graduates and veterans, with successful corporate careers. She had a great career learning and growing as a strategy practitioner and owes her professional and business skills to the amazingly talented people she worked with.

They debuted Stella Valle in May 2013 on the ABC TV Show 'Shark Tank' and landed an investment from Mark Cuban and Lori Greiner, which helped propel the Stella Valle brand exponentially. They will be launching an exclusive line for Target called, Stella Valle for Target on [www.target.com](http://www.target.com) on August 1, 2015 and she feels that it is their most exciting news to date. The line was designed to share the brand message and inspirational story with Target customers.

**Richard Kabobjian, New York Advisory**, plans to open a second fitness facility in Paterson, NJ this fall with the Club Metro USA franchise. He opened the first location in Jersey City in 2010.

**Mark Kalen, Boston Audit**, enjoys staying connected with friends made at the firm and reminiscing about the glory days. He is settled in Hopkinton, MA with his wife Kim, where they are raising their three children Nicholas, Ryan, and Celia. Mark spends most of his free time coaching baseball, soccer, and basketball as well as teaching Sunday school and serving as assistant cub master.

On the professional front, he is the worldwide director of strategy and product marketing for financial services at Intralinks. He is also active with the Boston Product Management Association and the Boston Product Executives Council. He thanks all current and past alumni who have helped in his personal and professional life.

**Romy Kalvaria, New York Consulting**, became a Certified Professional Co-Active Coach (CPC) through the Coaches Training Institute. After seven years of consulting and global change management experience, her greatest passion, helping others grow, led her on a 12-month journey to become a CPC.

Her leadership coaching marries the rigor of a corporate background with a values-based and holistic approach. The executive and leadership coaching practice focuses on leadership development, managerial skills, building confidence and interpersonal relationships. She helps professionals identify and achieve their goals, and organizations develop more fulfilled, productive and happy workforces.

On the career coaching side, she works one-on-one helping people identify and go after what they really want in their career. This process combines soul-searching and job-searching to inform sustainable and fulfilling career choices. To learn more about her coaching practice, please visit [www.coachromy.com](http://www.coachromy.com)

**Norman Levine, New York Tax**, has been with the same CPA firm since leaving Deloitte 20 years ago: RSSM CPA LLP, formerly called Rosen Seymour Shapss Martin & Co. He is a principal in the tax department and specializes in all areas of tax (compliance and consulting), principally high net worth individuals, foreign tax issues (business and personal), and pass-through entities. He is busy as ever being a full-time employee and is unsure on his decision to retire. On the personal front, he has been married for 44 years and has one child and two grandchildren.

**Hugo Loneragan, New York FAS**, has established his own forensic accounting and business valuation practice, Quantum Forensic Solutions in Sydney, Australia. He is married with two children and is enjoying his time Down Under.

They intend to make a trip to the U.S. when the kids are a little older to show them where their parents spent some of their youth. He would like to hear from anyone planning to visit Sydney and wanting some local knowledge.

**Marie Lynch, Wilton Services**, returned to her original first love painting, after she retired. She continued her art education, won some awards and accepted an occasional portrait commission during her tenure at the firm.

In the past year, her newest abstract paintings were in two gallery exhibits. A one person exhibit at The Rockwell Gallery in Wilton and a group exhibit at Images of Old Greenwich. She is reminded of the wonderful people who make up the firm, whenever she posts a painting on Facebook and receives a 'like' from someone she worked with. She adds that she was privileged to find a fortuitous opportunity.

**JD Maresco, McLean Consulting**, is the product manager for the largest web development immersive/bootcamp in the world at General Assembly (GA). They were named as Fast Company's #1 company in education this year.

He has an interesting story to share, about a graduate of the web development bootcamp who has been hired by the firm and is working for the same account at which he started years ago.

**Carolyn Mayer, Washington D.C. Consulting**, joined Towers Watson as an account director. On the personal front, she got married in March this year.

**Jennifer McGihon, Rosslyn Services**, was named institutional giving director for the new Inova Dwight and Martha Schar Cancer Institute, which is set to open in 2018 in Falls Church, VA.

**Ken Merbler, Atlanta Consulting**, is the president and founding partner at Brikell Consulting Group, a sales improvement and training firm that helps mid-level companies to improve the productivity of their work force. They specialize in tailoring the sales training to the specific problems that confront the client through the development of personalized training 'Playbooks'. In addition, they help clients to update their value proposition to their customers. They opened an office in the Toronto, Canada area in June 2015.

**Ronald Minsky, New York Audit**, was appointed deputy attorney general in the State of New Jersey.

**Robert Oxenhorn, Miami Tax**, was promoted to the director of finance & accounting position at JL Audio, where he works directly with the CEO and President. He was also appointed to the City of Miramar Economic Development Advisory Board in June 2015.

**Sean Reid, New York Audit**, was promoted to partner in the corporate department of the national law firm of Fox Rothschild in the firm's Princeton office. As an attorney and certified public accountant, Sean provides a value-added perspective concerning clients' mergers and acquisitions and corporate finance transactions. He represents public and private entities, including issuers, investors and underwriters, in a variety of debt and equity securities offerings such as IPOs, secondary offerings, PIPEs and private placements.

Additionally, he represents domestic and foreign companies in merger and acquisition transactions, with a focus on strategic, financial and business combination transactions. In the securities realm, he counsels clients on compliance and reporting obligations as well as the preparation and filing of registration statements. Sean also advises clients on general business matters and corporate governance issues.

**Lydia Remington, Rosslyn Consulting**, was accepted to the Johns Hopkins Doctorate of Public Health Program and will be starting this fall. The program requires participants to work full-time to complement the studies to better impact the work.

**Johanna Richman, New York Audit**, is senior vice president and chief financial officer of the ASPCA national office in Manhattan. In 2012, she was recognized by the Long Island Business News as Nonprofit CFO of the Year.

**Brad Robinson, Charlotte Audit**, was elected as the national chairman of The Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA).

**Lida Rodriguez, Tampa Audit**, was promoted to internal audit manager at Perry Ellis International in June 2015 after passing the Certified Internal Audit exam. She believes that the experience she gained in public accounting created a great foundation on which to build her career. She adds that Deloitte was definitely a springboard to discover her passion for audit.

**Scott Wallace, Tampa Consulting**, continues to work on web development and more specifically, SharePoint and related technologies. He is in the process of trying to return to the Southeast.

**Larry White, Rosslyn Advisory**, has been appointed to the Professional Accountants in Business (PAIB) Committee of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) for a three-year term. The PAIB Committee comprises 18 volunteers from the world of business and the public sector, nominated by one of the 180 professional accountancy organizations that make up IFAC's membership. He was nominated by the Institute of Management Accountants.

**Renee White, Memphis Audit**, married Carlyle White in Memphis with family and friends on June 5, 2015. They plan to remain in Memphis where she is the CFO for Oak Hall.

## West

**Tim Bowman, Seattle Audit**, and his wife Angela have spent significant amounts of time traveling the world by motorcycle, cruise ship and airplane after his retirement. They have done three 4,000+ mile trips in Europe by motorcycle with the most recent being a large loop through the U.K and Ireland earlier this year. Previously they rode Spain and Portugal as well as the main continent of Europe. They have also ridden much of the Western U.S. Their cruise ship trips have taken them throughout the Mediterranean and Black Seas as well as several trans-Atlantic and Panama Canal crossings along with a sailing between Australia and New Zealand.

**Nishika de Rosairo, Seattle Consulting**, is now the CEO and creative director of a womenswear contemporary clothing brand named *dE ROSAIRO* which has been built around the concept of 'Look Feel Lead'. The brand is manufactured in New York, headquartered in San Francisco, and is sold around the world through their online store. <http://www.derosairo.com/>

She also sits on a Startup Women advisory board and runs a consulting practice called dR Business Advisory which is focused on developing and growing creatives to think and act like CEOs.

**Jeremy Dillard, Los Angeles Audit**, has joined SingerLewak, LLP as a partner in the audit & advisory services practice and will be based in the Woodland Hills office. He has also been appointed to serve a three-year term on the AICPA Council, which governs the CPA profession in the United States, beginning in October 2015.

**Rebecca Friedman, Sacramento Consulting**, was elected to the National Council, the volunteer policy-making body for program operations and volunteer governance of AFS-USA ([www.afsusa.org](http://www.afsusa.org)). The mission of AFS-USA is to work towards a more just and peaceful world by providing international and intercultural learning experiences to individuals, families, schools and communities through a global volunteer partnership. She went abroad as a high school exchange student with AFS and has been an active volunteer for more than 10 years. AFS is one of the largest volunteer-based networks of its kind in the world, with more than 44,000 volunteers worldwide. AFS-USA is supported by approximately 5,000 volunteers who make the work of AFS possible.

She adds, "One of the reasons I was drawn to Deloitte was the firm's commitment to community service. During my time with Deloitte I had many opportunities to develop personal skills while serving my local community. I was proud to lead Impact Day planning and eventually the overall community involvement committee for the Sacramento office. The work I did with Deloitte serving public sector clients helped prepare me for my position on the AFS National Council. I developed consultative skills while working to solve complex problems through training and change management efforts as part of systems implementations projects. Learning to see multiple solutions, being diplomatic in client discussions, and remaining flexible will all serve me well in my role."

She currently works as a National Conference Director for the Government Technology division of e.Republic.

**Gary Johnstone, Los Angeles FAS**, has added Mr. Blake Coleman as a partner to his valuation practice in Orange County. His practice, Valuation and Venture Consulting, provides business and intangible asset valuations for financial reporting and tax purposes. Valuation and Venture Consulting has been providing appraisals and valuation consulting to both private and public companies in various industries since 2000. They plan to extend their capabilities to real estate-based industries and valuation projects.

**Maria Ku, San Francisco Tax**, works in her private CPA practice in the Oakland hills, as an experienced accounting/tax professional CPA with long standing expertise within individual tax services. She also enjoys teaching accounting courses at Diablo Valley College and Laney College.

In her personal life, Maria and her husband are focused on supporting multifaceted interests of their two teenage daughters. Maria's older daughter, Anya, will start her studies as a junior at Cal Berkeley's PoliSci program in the fall. Her younger daughter, Margarita, is a sophomore in Oakland Tech's renowned Engineering Academy and the Paideia Program. The family activities they enjoy together are biking, hiking, live theater, reading books and world travel every summer.

**Jim Ladd, Seattle Audit**, was appointed to a three-year term on the Washington State Board of Accountancy.

**Tom Mury, Orange County FAS**, was promoted to senior vice president at Marsh & McLennan's Financial Advisory Services in May 2015.

**Stuart White, San Diego Advisory**, is the vice president & CAE, Corporate Audit Services (CAS) & Governance Risk Compliance (GRC) of The Select & EmployBridge Family of Staffing Companies (merged company).

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