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Michael Carlin, Detroit Audit, was joined by Deloitte retired partners from the Cleveland Office for their annual Christmas lunch at the Shoreby Club in Bratenahl, OH on December 18, 2015.

Paul Caver, Dallas Audit, is the sole owner of Infinity Title Company in Houston, TX. As of January 1, 2016, the company will be moving its headquarters to the Hedwig Village/Memorial area of Houston. Infinity is beginning its tenth year of operations and the company has been ranked in the Top 20 'Largest Houston-Area Title Companies' for five straight years by the *Houston Business Journal*. They have also been ranked 16th largest in the city of Houston.

Paul is a CPA and Board-Certified real estate attorney, certified in residential, commercial, and farm and ranch real estate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.

Devin Claus, Omaha Audit, was recently promoted to finance manager in internal audit at ConAgra Foods. He has recently received the certified fraud examiner certification.

Cindy Cohen, Buffalo Audit, has accepted a position with PNC as a sales and service representative at the Richland branch. In this capacity she will be responsible for driving revenue and customer engagement and representing the PNC brand.

Mary Gillespie, St. Louis Tax, informs us that **Tom Mayer, Minneapolis Tax**, passed away. The obituary can be read at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/stltoday/obituary.aspx?n=thomas-m-mayer&pid=176873720&fhid=6333>.

Ben Hattingh, Houston Advisory, joined Ernst & Young as a senior manager in the forensic technology & discovery services practice based out of Houston, TX.

Gregg Jackson, Denver Audit, retired on Sept 1, 2015 after 23 years as CEO of a privately held Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT). He had been in the workforce for a total of 50 years in executive positions with a number of different companies in various industries.

Michael Kempf, Chicago Audit, moved to Seattle to work for Amazon in an accounting and finance role supporting video and music. His experiences at Deloitte prepared him for the fast-paced, dynamic environment at Amazon.

Ernest Lamson, Minneapolis Consulting, was invited to go to Normandy in June, where he stayed with a French family for over a week. He received a French Medal of Honor along with four other Veterans. At another memorial, they planted trees, which have their names on each tree. They also received a bronze statue at the event.

John Lassen, Minneapolis Audit, was married on new year's eve on the deck of his home in Carefree, AZ.

Linda McCann, Irving Consulting, has started her own independent consulting practice, McCann Consulting Group to provide healthcare advisory services to hospitals and academic medical centers across the U.S.

Michael Nazareth, Camp Hill Consulting, continues working on Oracle and SQL server databases and new emerging database technologies. He is thankful for the experience working at Deloitte. On a personal front,

Michael has been blessed by a baby girl on September 28, 2015 and is enjoying parenthood. He adds that Deloitte has really taught him a lot and made its mark on his professionalism.

Jill Remenar Weeks, Chicago Consulting, has started as a senior HRIS associate at Balyasny Asset Management in Chicago, IL.

Walter Root, Dallas Consulting, lives in San Antonio, TX and runs his own private practice as a doctor. He has twice been named as a Leading Physician of the World and has also many top doctor awards.

He has been dealing with ALS and although he is still practicing, his left arm and leg are weak and Walter uses a rollator to get places and has a power wheelchair to use at work.

Zachary Rospert, Cleveland Tax, was recently elected as the township fiscal officer in Milan, OH.

Aalap Shah, Chicago Advisory, co-founded a successful digital marketing agency that works with both Fortune 100 and Fortune 500 companies and regional businesses in Chicago. He is also heavily involved in the community and was named an emerging young philanthropist in *Crains* two years ago.

He and his wife **Shivani Shah, Chicago Audit**, welcomed their second child, Mira Iyla Shah on July 15, 2015.

James Snow, Dayton Audit, and **Laura Pannier, Dayton Audit**, were Club Champions at Dayton Country Club this year.

Kevin Strawbridge, Dallas Audit, has been appointed as the head of retail and media groups at Motorsport Aftermarket Group (MAG). He will be based at the new MAG Retail Group headquarters in Irving, TX.

Linda Van Horn, Kansas City Consulting, reports that her company, iShare Medical, participated and won the Global Entrepreneurship Week/SBA InnovateHER competition. iShare Medical provides software tools that help patients and their physicians get access to their medical records.

Glen Wigney, Chicago Audit, decided to take advantage of his deep roots and connections in the offshore alternative investment industry. He has joined a well-established Cayman Islands financial services firm, Five Continents. It is owned by friends, who asked him to build a governance component to their existing business. The alternative investment fund industry has an increasing demand for experienced and enhanced industry professionals to sit on offshore boards and onshore advisory committees.

Doyle Williams, New Orleans Audit, and his wife moved from Georgia to Riderwood, which is a retirement community in Silver Spring, MD. He received the sustained contribution award from the AICPA on October 20, 2015. This award is for his contributions as a volunteer for AICPA for over 20 years.

East

Kimberly Adams, Pittsburgh Tax, is now a business and wealth coach, speaker, and author. Her real passion is helping others transform so they pursue their dreams and firmly believes that you must follow your dreams to create wealth, success and happiness. She is a CPA, CFP and also holds a Masters in Taxation. She is certified as an Extraordinary Coach and a Big Money Business Coach and is also a member of guru Christian Mickelsen's coaching staff.

Beth Adelsberg Chesir, New York Audit, has been appointed as admissions coordinator at Ben-Gurion University's Medical School for International Health (MSIH). The MSIH is an innovative, four-year North American-style medical school that prepares physicians to address the impact of cultural, economic, political and environmental factors on the health of individuals and populations world-wide.

Meredith Amdur, New York Consulting, is the CEO of Quebec-based human capital analytics company Wanted Technologies. They announced and closed the sale of the business to global research and advisory firm CEB (Corporate Executive Board) in November 2015. Wanted is a leading provider of talent market analytics tools for recruiters, and will be combining its solutions with CEB's talent management suite of tools.

Sekou Bermiss, New York Consulting, published a paper, *Under Construction: How Commensuration and Management Fashion Affect Corporate Reputation Rankings*, in *Organization Science*, which was awarded the 2014 Best Published Paper by Oxford University Centre for Corporate Reputation. The paper investigates how 'management fashions,' that is trendy new management theories and/or paradigms, impact how financial and corporate social performance is perceived in markets which in turn impacts how firms' reputations are viewed. The award recognizes the exceptional quality of the article and its potential to affect future research on corporate reputation.

Donna Betteridge, Washington Tax, is employed by Quantum Research International at the Pentagon. She adds, with the international research, eRoom management, PowerPoint and Excel she did at Deloitte, this opportunity fell into her lap. She has meetings scheduled for San Antonio, Frankfurt and France already for 2016 and adds that working with many teams all working to achieve the best is terrific.

Ernest Brod, New York Advisory, is approaching his fifth year as managing director at Alvarez & Marsal Global Forensic and Dispute Services.

Jerry Burke, Wilton Audit, retired as the CFO of the Tower Companies on December 31, 2015 after 37 years.

Mary Gabriel, Princeton Audit, married Robert Wynne in Antigua on May 22, 2015. The invoice automation project on which she was the project manager won the 2015 Southeastern Electric Exchange Industry Excellence Award, Supply Chain Category. The award ceremony was held on June 24, 2015 at Hershey Convention Center in Hershey, PA.

Jennifer Hackim, Raleigh Audit, is pleased to announce that her elder son, Edward Hackim, graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a Bachelors degree in Chemistry. Her second son, Jake Hackim, is now at NC State studying Engineering.

Sherrill Hudson, Miami Services, has been named to the National Association of Corporate Directors' (NACD) 2015 Directorship 100 list, a distinguished honor which annually recognizes the most influential leaders in the boardroom and corporate governance community. She is the chairman of the board at TECO Energy,

Kenneth Hughey, Atlanta Consulting, will be leading charitable missions trip to Santos Tomas, Guatemala in February 2016 to support an impoverished school called Wisdom and Grace. During a previous trip to the school in July 2015, he noticed that the school's computer lab was very outdated and could not support the needs of the students. He is returning with a small team to bring technology equipment from the U.S. and purchase additional equipment in country that's too large to carry.

Katie Kowalow, Parsippany Audit, had two beautiful girls after leaving Deloitte. The oldest one, Alexa Shea, will be three in December and Olivia Grace was the newest addition on October 21, 2015. She was always extremely career driven and enjoyed her work and time at Deloitte immensely, but now she is enjoying spending time with her daughters in a way she never thought was possible. A career, job or trade teaches you so much, but there's no better teacher of time management and multitasking than having kids.

Jon Lamphier, New York Tax, has been promoted to vice president of mergers and acquisitions tax and tax counsel for Discovery Communications, Inc., the publicly traded nonfiction media company. Jon joined Discovery in early 2014 following several years working with Deloitte's M&A tax teams in New York and Boston, and since that time has served as Discovery's director of M&A tax and tax planning. Jon's promotion reflects the importance of M&A

to Discovery's global growth strategy, and the significant role that Jon plays in leading Discovery's tax strategy with respect to acquisitions, internal restructurings, and overall tax planning.

Matthew McCrosson, New York Audit, was appointed to the board of Putnam County Savings Bank. The bank acquired CMS Bank on April 28, 2015 and Putnam now has 15 Branches in three counties in metropolitan New York area.

Guy Mills, Atlanta Consulting, Congratulations Guy for completing an Ironman!

"Guy Mills from Marietta Georgia, You are an IRONMAN!"

I heard those sweet words late Saturday night after swimming 2.4 miles, biking 112 miles, and running 26.2 miles in 16 hours this past Saturday. 140.6 miles overall.

This has been on my "bucket list" for over a decade, and this year, I made the necessary tradeoffs/sacrifices to achieve it. Priorities this year have been faith, family, work, and training...leaving not room for much more (and several weeks with time deficit)

I met my primary goals (overall finish time, bike split, and speedy post-race recovery) but had a slower than expected swim and run and missed my stretch goal of a sub-15 hr race. This year's event was tough: getting past the surf, strong currents, and chop which made it difficult to sight the buoys; the bike was hot, humid, and we had a dash of rain on the bike and run.

I found out last night that this race had the highest DNS/DNF rate in the past 13 years, 26.4 % of registered triathletes declined to start or failed to complete. Given that context, I'm ecstatic that all 11 members of my team finished.

Words can't fully express how I feel - grateful to family, friends, and colleagues for supporting me during this journey; a deeper faith, immense pride in my team's accomplishment, and EAGER to resume normal life and reconnect with friends and colleagues."

Henry Krostich, Jericho Audit, retired as the director of Fuoco Group on January 1, 2016. He will continue to be active in various committees serving the profession, and will also remain available to the firm, in an 'of counsel' capacity, working on special projects, as needed. He is excited about this new phase of life and plans to do lots of traveling and enjoying life every day.

Steve Ramm, Philadelphia Audit, has been voluntarily writing reviews of CDs, movies and books for Amazon.com for about 10 years. He was recently declared a 'Top 50 Reviewer'. Steve also periodically reviews books on accounting. He says that you can take the CPA out of accounting but you can't take the accounting out of the CPA.

Gajanan Sabnis, Washington Advisory, splits his time between India and the U.S., advising on project financing and infrastructure report card to promote the concept of structural health monitoring of bridges which leads to sustainable structures.

Owen Sanderson, Boston Consulting, graduated with an M.A. from The Fletcher School at Tufts University in May 2015 and started a new position as a business designer at IDEO.org, the non-profit organization associated with the design and innovation firm started by David Kelley. He is based out of Tribeca in New York City.

Karen Tenenbaum, New York Tax, is an attorney with Tenenbaum Law, P.C. in Melville, NY. Karen was recently presented with the Leadership in Law Award by *Long Island Business News*, and her firm named a Top Ten Tax Law Firm by the same publication. *New York Metro* recognized Karen as a Super Lawyer for her professional achievement and peer recognition. Karen was recently quoted by *Bloomberg BNA Daily Tax Report* regarding NYS residency and tax collection, and was a finalist for the *SmartCEO CPA & ESQ Awards*.

Greg Turner, Boston Audit, announces the birth of his daughter, Eloise Mae Turner, born on November 30, 2015.

Tim Viola, Glen Mills Services, will soon begin his new role, where he will be managing digital communications for Campbell's Soup Company. In between the international travel and challenging projects, he bought his first house, had his second baby, and has been making a small film in Philadelphia.

Brolin Walters, Rosslyn Advisory, has completed one year at Freddie Mac and has been managing the credit risks and exposure associated with the firm's dealings with financial institutions in the single family portfolio, primarily non-banks. He is anxiously awaiting results for the CFA Level I.

He became the treasurer of the Arbors of Arlington HOA, where he was selected from a pool of over 200,000 active alumni. He was selected as the scholarship-leadership commissioner for the Kappa Sigma Endowment Fund (501(c)(3)) and they awarded nearly \$100,000 in scholarships this year. On the personal front, he will be getting married on December 10, 2016.

Jeff Weikert, Atlanta Consulting, is now president of Payveris, an innovative digital payments company. In this role, he will report to Payveris' Board of Directors and will be responsible for all aspects of their growing digital payment enterprise, growth objectives and strategic direction. Additionally, he will focus on Payveris' customer facing side of the business - sales, client development and marketing as the company moves into its' next phase of growth.

He has spent 30 years in the financial services and technology industry in a variety of senior and executive management roles. As an industry veteran and in the payments space, in particular, he is known for his ability to grow revenue by creating meaningful partnerships with financial institution clients and providers.

Robert Zobel, Ft. Lauderdale Tax, retired on February 1, 2014 after a 45-year career. He and his wife, Karen Zobel, moved from Florida to Raleigh-Durham, NC after nearly 30 years of living in South Florida to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

West

Michelle Angier, San Francisco Consulting, is now the chief diversity officer at Intuit. She is very grateful to the Deloitte network for their help in taking on this new role and looks forward to staying in close contact.

Dorothy Ann Snowball, Los Angeles Audit, launched her latest venture, a *pensione*, a 430 square foot, one-bedroom and one bath vacation rental located directly behind her home in Boise, ID.

Marilyn Gagen, Honolulu Tax, founded a non-profit called *TotalCourage*, along with her friend Colonel Dee Daugherty. They provide on-site character development coaching tailored to teach, train and mentor coaches and athletes to win with character. They hammer home the consequences of leading a cowardly life of disrespect, immoral behavior, or criminal conduct.

Jim Gillick, Seattle Audit, retired after 25 years at the University of Washington. He was the founder and first director of the A&A program and will be missed by students and colleagues alike. He had a significant impact on the accounting department's curriculum - eventually creating and becoming director of the Master of Professional Accounting Audit Program (MPAcc). Under his leadership, the program has grown in size and reputation. More than 750 graduates are spread among professional firms and businesses around the world. Jim treasures his contacts with prior students, and continues to work with MPAcc students to help them succeed in their careers

Maria Ku, San Francisco Tax, continues with her private CPA practice in Oakland Hills, as an experienced accounting/tax professional CPA with long-standing expertise in individual tax services. She also enjoys teaching accounting courses at Diablo Valley College and Laney College, and she trains tax preparers within the IRS VITA program.

In her personal life, Maria and her husband are focused on supporting multi-faceted interests of their two teenage daughters. Maria's older daughter, Anya, is a Cal Berkeley PoliSci program junior and an author of the recent *Flavors of Oakland* book. Her younger daughter, Margarita, is a junior at Oakland Tech's renowned Engineering Academy and Paideia Program. The family activities they enjoy together are biking, hiking, world travel every summer, live theater, and reading books.

Charles Noski, Long Beach Audit, has been elected chair of the Board of Trustees of the Financial Accounting Foundation (FAF), effective January 1, 2016. The FAF is the parent organization of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Barry Van Lare, Seattle Consulting, was recently installed as a fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration. This is an independent, non-profit and non-partisan organization established in 1967 to assist government leaders in building more effective, efficient, accountable and transparent organizations.

Chartered by Congress to provide non-partisan expert advice, the Academy's 800+ fellows include former cabinet officers, members of congress, governors, mayors, and state legislators as well as prominent scholars, business executives and public administrators. Fellows elect new members of the academy each year. The principal criterion for selection is a sustained and outstanding contribution to the field of public administration through public service or scholarship.

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