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Al Carlson, Minneapolis Audit, has joined NFP Corporate Services in Plymouth, MN as a benefit executive, effective July 2016. In this role, he manages the overall client experience at NFP. He plays a key role in developing strategic plans for clients, negotiates with vendors and interprets and communicates client regulatory obligations.

Mitch Evans, Pittsburgh Consulting, recently launched a healthcare technology business, *AffirmHealth*, which helps health providers prevent prescription drug abuse. They are located in Nashville, TN and have raised a round of seed financing from Jumpstart Foundry in May.

Tom Fleming, Chicago Deloitte Advisory, is the chief information security officer (CISO) for Sears. He was also selected to a board position of the Chicago Electronic Crimes Task Force (CECTF). This is an advisory position for the United State Secret Service (USSS) in building strategic alliance of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, private industry, academia and private sector technical experts working together to confront and suppress technology-based criminal activity.

Ryan Fuson, Houston Deloitte Advisory, participated in the inaugural Hardwood Heroes basketball game at the NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four in Houston, TX. As part of the game, Ryan was included in a media campaign on social media and television to raise awareness of cancer and to raise money for Coaches vs. Cancer via the Infiniti bracket challenge. As a result of the campaign, over \$700K was raised for cancer research.

Jein Gadson, Houston Deloitte Advisory, is currently a managing principal at Urban Genesis. The firm focuses on developing residential and retail projects in the urban core of Houston, Dallas, and Austin. Strategically the firm focuses on developments that create value by offering buyers relative affordability.

Vic Gallese, Irving Consulting, and his wife recently returned from an extended visit to Portugal. They found Portugal to be beautiful and its people very friendly. The transportation was good, historic sights were spectacular and prices were fantastic.

Sriram Gollapalli, Pittsburgh Consulting, started iLab Solutions with two other friends in 2006 and is excited to report that on August 1, they closed a transaction where their company was purchased by Agilent Technologies. He is grateful for the opportunities that Deloitte gave him and, finally, the encouragement to start his own company.

Amanda Gutierrez, Cleveland Consulting, spent nine months backpacking around the world as an independent small business consultant and non-profit volunteer. She wrote down a list of everything that makes her happy or peaks her interest then traveled around the world setting up her own client work and completing various training programs. A few highlights include conducting market analysis for a life coach outside Dublin, Ireland, becoming a yoga teacher in Spain, shadowing Peace Corps volunteers in rural Morocco, learning about photo journalism in Jordan, teaching social media workshops in Australia, hitch hiking across New Zealand's North Island, studying salsa dancing in Bali, and volunteering as a kindergarten aid in Kyoto, Japan.

Angela Hung, Houston Audit, was promoted to controller at Dematic.

Lisa Jacobson, Tulsa Audit, has retired from public and private company CFO positions, transitioning to corporate and charitable Boards of Directors. She currently sits on several charitable

boards and is under consideration for several corporate boards for the 2017 proxy cycle. She continues to maintain her status as a CPA, CGMA, and received her CFF credential in December.

Scott Janke, Dallas Consulting, VP of Operations at Tango Analytics, was appointed as Adjunct Faculty with The University of Texas at Dallas Naveen Jindal School of Management. His first class will be Operations Management, but is actively seeking additional classes as his schedule permits.

Dale Johnson, Dallas Audit, recently observed the 50-year anniversary of his banking career in Dallas, TX. He is currently a senior vice president in private wealth and trust management with Regions Bank in Dallas.

Erin Kellar, Houston Services, is the manager of firmwide events at Baker Botts in Houston, TX. Her husband, **Brian Kellar, Houston Deloitte Advisory**, is the chief financial officer at EVX Midstream.

Chris Leach, Columbus Audit, is a member of the Accounting Principles Council of the National Association of College and University Business Officers. He was promoted to associate vice president for finance at Washburn University in July 2015.

Maria Lutzow, Chicago Audit, was appointed as the director at Riveron's financial advisory practice. She will be responsible for assisting clients with services such as post acquisition integration, financial reporting systems improvement and audit, internal audit and technical financial reporting support.

Mark McClure, Houston Tax, celebrated the first birthday of his daughter, Madison McClure, on July 15, 2016.

Debbie Meyer, St. Louis Tax, launched Statera Vitae LLC, a virtual bookkeeping and outsourced accounting firm for forward-thinking small business owners. In May 2016, she was accepted to the Prosper Womens' Entrepreneur (PWE) Mastermind Growth Group and she is excited to have a network of established St. Louis female entrepreneurs. The group has encouraged her to establish a fee-only Registered Investment Advisory (RIA) firm to run in conjunction with her accounting practice. She hopes to launch the RIA, *WorthyNest LLC*, in October 2016 to cater to family-minded entrepreneurs seeking guidance in personal and business finance matters.

On the personal front, she married Bryan Meyer in 2007 and they now have three beautiful sons.

Albert Okagbue, Houston Audit, is a tax practitioner and small business advisor with his CPA firm, Albert Okagbue CPA in Houston, TX. He and his wife, Faith, welcomed their baby girl, Epiphany, on July 20 and are over the moon and in love with their baby.

Satyakam Pandey, Chicago Consulting, has started a real estate-focused company called Ezome. Their mission is to help home sellers avoid costly mistakes and make informed decisions to sell their homes effectively.

Candice Quarles, Dallas Tax, was elected to the DeSoto City Council, making her the youngest member of the council.

Lance Radziej, Minneapolis Tax, was appointed by Minnesota Governor, Mark Dayton to serve a four-year term on the Minnesota State Board of Accountancy on June 24. He will serve as an adjunct professor at Augsburg College and Bethel University, both located in Minnesota, for the upcoming 2016 - 2017 school year.

Kirby Warnock, Dallas Services, screened his documentary film, *Return to Giant*, during the Marfa Film Festival in Texas. The screening was listed by *Texas Monthly* as the top event in the Lone Star State that weekend.

Mary Werner, Milwaukee Tax, has been married to Shawn Werner for 19 years and they have a daughter Rachel, son-in-law Fernando, and grandson Kiefer. She thinks about her former colleagues and the pleasant times with Deloitte.

East

Will Amos, McLean Deloitte Advisory, is the co-founder of VeteransList US, the largest directory of veteran owned businesses and a provider of business resources for Veteran business owners. They have 130,000+ veteran owned businesses in their listing and partner with over a dozen organizations to help veterans grow their businesses and succeed.

Cathy Beluch, New York Audit, launched a Leadership & Career Coaching business, Cathy Beluch Consulting, after spending more than 25 years working in the financial services industry. They provide leadership and career coaching to individuals across the globe who are excited and motivated to progress in their career and are seeking a change.

Thomas Bonney, Philadelphia Audit, was invited to the afternoon show with Kathleen Hays & Pimm Fox as a guest interviewee on Bloomberg Radio on April 15. He discussed the current and future status of manufacturing in North America, 'Manufacturers Shift to Direct Distribution'. The interview can be viewed by clicking [here](#).

Tom was also recently featured in the *Philadelphia Business Journal* commenting on Philadelphia's marks.

Randy Brandoff, Parsippany Consulting, is the founder and CEO of Eleven James. They provide dynamic access to an unrivaled collection of luxury watches. Randy founded the company in January 2014 and has been featured on CNBC, Bloomberg TV, FOX Business, and more, while also contributing to numerous pieces on the Luxury Sharing Economy.

Katy Calbreath, Rosslyn Consulting, is celebrating her four-year anniversary at Microsoft and was recently appointed senior compliance officer for the Microsoft Intune service. She was also recently elected as a board member for the Microsoft Cloud and Enterprise Services Women's Council.

Herb Chain, New York Audit, presented at the Accounting and Auditing Update conference sponsored by the New York State Society of CPAs (NYSSCPA) on May 24, 2016. The conference was held at St. John's University where he serves as an adjunct professor. His topic was 'SEC and internal controls update,' and he covered recent regulatory developments affecting registrants and audit firms. Among the topics were organizational changes at the SEC, recent and proposed regulations and enforcement trends, hot issues and comment letter topics, and, of course, PCAOB matters.

Herb has been named to the Editorial Advisory Board of *Current Issues in Auditing*, a peer-reviewed academic journal of the American Accounting Association, and serves on two Audit Section committees – Education and Regional Meetings. He has also been elected to the Board of Trustees, and to the position of Treasurer, of The Kew-Forest School, a top independent school in New York City and his high school alma mater.

Murugappan Chettiar, Princeton Services, had the opportunity to present a session titled *Aggressive Deadlines Require Aggressive Strategy and Discipline* at the PMI Global Congress. The conference was held from May 9 – May 11 in Barcelona, Spain and was attended by over 750 project management professionals.

The interactive session was attended by approximately 140 project professionals and was well received. Process of tweaking one size fits all traditional approach to adaptive project management was demonstrated. Importance of differentiating risk and uncertainty in project context was emphasized. Building and sustaining a team applying transformational leadership was discussed. The keynote message was adapting to change is a losing strategy, winners actually make change.

Sean Conaton, Rosslyn Consulting, celebrated three years with Strategy Compass, a boutique consulting firm focused on helping clients plan for and implement their growth strategies.

Ginger Crafton, New York Tax, married another Deloitte alumna, **Michael Crafton, New York Tax**, in Dallas, TX on April 30, 2016. They are about to leave on a delayed honeymoon to Vietnam and Bali.

Jared Culotta, Philadelphia Audit, has raised more than \$388,000 for the Down Syndrome Clinic at the Kennedy Krieger Institute in Baltimore to support Down syndrome research and services for families who otherwise could not afford them.

His daughter, Hannah, was born with Down syndrome in 1995. Since her birth, their family has worked tirelessly to provide all the support necessary to ensure that Hannah will reach her maximum potential. As a result, she has thrived at home, at school and in the community, and is a shining light in their lives and inspiration to the family.

However, not all parents have the resources necessary to achieve the same success that they have when faced with the challenges associated with raising a child with Down syndrome. To this end, he was motivated to do something for others, so he chose to run a marathon to raise money to improve the lives of those with Down syndrome.

Joseph Delaney, New York Services, spends two days a week, one hour each day, volunteering his time with a Deloitte sponsored community leadership program called Virtual Enterprises International (VEI). He has been engaged as a Deloitte volunteer with VEI for the past 17 years. The VEI program teaches New York City High School students how to run a virtual business, with an April 30 Year End.

Falguni Desai, New York Services, established Future Asia Ventures, an independent research and consulting think tank, focusing on innovation, digital transformation, fintech and new ventures in 2015. The firm works globally with large banks and Fortune 500 companies on growth and innovation concepts and research.

She also regularly contributes articles to *Forbes*, writing about innovation, strategy, fintech and digital transformation. Her work and research have been cited in *The Los Angeles Times*, *South China Morning Post*, *TechCrunch*, *Deal Street Asia*, *Tech in Asia*, *The Paypers* and *CrowdfundInsider*.

Benedetto Faulisi, New York Tax, published an article in the IMA magazine called *Stand Out from the Crowd*. The article talks about the importance of the Certified Management Accountant (CMA®) certification.

Charles Hilliard, Rosslyn Consulting, is the founding member of the Detroit-based startup named *Sift*, serving as the director of design and operations. They are a Detroit based startup which builds tools to help large organizations better understand and connect with their human capital. They are just shy of a year since inception.

Janak Joshi, Newton Consulting, is leading the portfolio and technology operations for the country's largest radiology imaging exchange platform with 120 hospital installations in the U.S. transferring more than a billion images annually.

Ted Justiss, Atlanta Audit, is partner and COO of *Healthcare IT Leaders*, a leading national provider of Healthcare IT workforce solutions. They were recognized by Staffing Industry Analysts as one of the top three fastest growing staffing firms, and the fastest growing healthcare IT staffing firm in U.S.

Michael Levy, Philadelphia Deloitte Advisory, received the 2016 John B. Thurston Award along with Anthony Leusner and Khalid Wasti for their article, *Putting the Squeeze on Social Media*, at The IIA's International Conference in New York. Published in *Internal Auditor's* February 2015 issue, the article discusses the risks posed by social media-related regulations.

The Thurston Award, established in 1952 in honor of the IIA's first international president, is awarded to the best feature article by an internal audit practitioner that appeared in the magazine during the previous year.

Treacy Lewald, Boston Services, is working for the Braintree School Department handling HR matters for their school department teachers and administrators.

Nigyar Mamedova, Toronto Audit, joined National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) in New York as a Technical Director in March 2016. She is responsible for standard-setting activities impacting the accounting profession. In addition, she represents NASBA at the major forums and builds relationships with the international and national regulatory and standard-setting communities including IAASB, PCAOB, SEC, AICPA and others.

Zsuzsa Palotas, Philadelphia Consulting, is pleased to announce that *Boardroom Vodka*, which is made in a distillery that she co-owns with her husband **Marat Mamedov, Philadelphia Consulting**, has received the Double Gold medal in a New York tasting competition for outstanding quality domestic vodka.

Chana Rubel, New York Audit, gave birth to baby boy on July 9, 2016. This is her seventh child.

Jack Rueckel, New York Consulting, resurrected his personal consulting practice, RENJAC Associates focusing on business processes improvement. He began volunteer work in November 2004 with a ministry associated with St. Matthew Catholic Church: *Christians In Career Transition*. This ministry assists those job hunters by providing pro bono help with the proper processes needed to land a job like branding yourself, resume critiques, mock interviews, proper networking procedures, etc. He is happily married and will be celebrating their 57th wedding anniversary in November. Jack attends the gym three times a week and plays golf once a week.

Owen Sanderson, Boston Consulting, works as a business designer at IDEO.org, a nonprofit design and innovation organization.

Sohil Shah, Philadelphia Consulting, was promoted to senior manager in the last quarter of 2015. He is leading the HANA Competency for SAP Business Analytics NA and managing multiple projects as well as Enterprise Analytics COE. Sohil was recognized as an *'Exceptional People Leader'* out of 350 nominations at IBM.

Seth Siegel, New York Consulting, has taken a new job as the global head of technology consulting for Cognizant.

Bob Tompkins, Atlanta Deloitte Advisory, started Preferred Care Hospice, LLC to serve end of life patients and their families in Muscogee and Harris counties. He is the president and managing partner.

David Tulchinsky, McLean Deloitte Advisory, was married on July 3, 2016.

Jackie Washburn, Parsippany Audit, married Scott Bosma in April 2016. She is now serving the role of Controller at McCarter & English LLP, a regional law firm with its primary location in Newark, NJ.

Sheldon Webster, Birmingham Audit, reflects upon his life in his latest book *2013: Memoirs of a Writer* by reporting on his travels through 134 countries, climbing eight major mountains, being a founding father of BKR International, NY and now a successful writer.

Alisa Whitley, Hermitage Services, recently published her first coloring book for grownups titled *Memories of the 1970s*. All of the hand drawn artwork in the coloring book is based on doodles and drawings that she did during the 1970s. Being a child of the 1970s herself, Alisa has always loved the bright colors and geometric designs of the late 60s and early 70s art and advertising. Her goal is to bring happiness to others with her artwork and maybe take them on a little trip down memory lane to the great decade of the 70s.

She is also an award winning artist and certified professional photographer through *Professional Photographers of America*.

West

Ryan Barner, San Francisco Deloitte Advisory, is a financial analyst in the revenue division of the finance department at Lyft, operating out of the San Francisco headquarters.

Deborah Dickson, Costa Mesa Audit, was presented with the 'Women Lifetime Achievement Award' by 'National Association of Women Business Owners – Orange County' on May 19, 2016. She is a talented concert organist and pianist, donating her performances as a service to the arts.

Chris Carvalho, San Francisco Consulting, has become a digital media advisor and board member. He has also invested in Mobcrush, a live streaming gaming network, and joined the boards of ROBLOX, a tween gaming platform with over 20 million monthly unique visitors and G5 Entertainment, a publicly traded mobile gaming company.

Brad Dewey, San Francisco Tax, collected the evidence used to convict the treasurer of a service club for embezzlement. He brought forward the internal controls that had lapsed leading to this embezzlement.

Chris Gleiter, Santa Ana Consulting, is proud as an alum of Deloitte to witness the organization sponsor the U.S. rugby team for the 2016 Olympics. He learned how to manage large constituents to implement a vision from his time at Deloitte and subsequently applied that in many volunteer leadership roles within USA Rugby's Southern California territorial union.

Matthew Goldman, Los Angeles Consulting, was named senior vice president and chief product officer of Bankrate Credit Cards in April 2016. In this role, he has product management responsibility, including operations and user experience design for all products. He also serves on the board of directors of Innovate Pasadena and the board of advisors of the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at Claremont McKenna College. He lives in Pasadena with his wife and children.

Gary Johnson, Los Angeles Audit, is the chief financial officer and vice president at BNK Petroleum Inc., a Canadian publicly-traded company, based in Camarillo, CA. He was awarded one of the 2016 CFO of the Year awards from the *San Fernando Valley Business Journal*.

Larry Kasten, San Francisco Services, was promoted this year to chief of staff, global sales operations at Autodesk, Inc. in San Francisco, CA.

Jim Ladd, Seattle Audit, has received a lifetime achievement award from the Washington Society of CPAs for an exemplary career of leadership and service to the accounting profession and the community.

Sourabh Nolkha, Seattle Consulting, has joined the Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad this April for a one year post graduate program in management.

Megan Piccininni, San Francisco Consulting, is now working at Salesforce as a director for customer success manager.

Nick Schneider, Orange County Tax, is an estate planning and tax attorney and partner at Seed Mackall LLP in Santa Barbara, CA. He celebrated 20 years with law firm on July 30, 2016.

Branko Stanojevic, Los Angeles Audit, married **Clara Abello, Los Angeles Audit**, on June 17, 2016. They met while at Deloitte. Clara is working for Herbalife as a manager, financial planning and analysis in Torrance, CA. Branko is the director, operations and analytics at ITG Automotive in Century City, CA.

Dean Zikria, San Francisco Consulting, is the CEO of Spirometrix. They are an emerging technology healthcare company focused on research, development and commercialization of novel breath analysis devices for applications in disease diagnosis and management.

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