

ISSA SOUTH TEXAS CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

For December 2013



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Monthly Meeting Announcements:

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Luncheon Topic:

The InfoSec Challenge

As yet another year has quickly passed it is time again for the InfoSec Challenge Contest, the game of skill where **WE** the membership engage in a team competition to determine who has the best security skill and current cyber affairs knowledge.

The InfoSec Challenge is a team skills challenge event, your team consisting of the members and guests from your table. Choose where your table carefully. The contest is played in three rounds: The InfoSec Challenge Round, InfoSec Challenge2 Round where points double, and Final InfoSec Challenge where the top three tables can wager any amount up to the amount earned during the first two rounds. Features of the contest include a familiar clue/question format plus the InfoSec Double and a few surprise chances to earn significant points. The Clue/Questions are arranged in categories that are revealed at the beginning of each round. Table numbers are drawn by lot for the opportunity to provide a question that fits the clue until either all clues are revealed or time expires. Don't Miss The InfoSec Challenge!

To allow everyone an opportunity to prepare, tune their security skills, and earn a few CPEs, material will be taken from:

ISC)2 InfoSecurity Professional, Issues 16 to 19 (2 CPEs each by taking the test)

- ISSA Journal, Volume 10, Issues 8 to 11 (5 CPEs for any one journal subscription – one time per year)
- The four (4) most recent on-demand ISSA Web Conferences (usually 2 CPEs each)
- The four (4) most recent recorded (ISC)2 e-symposium events (3 CPEs each)
- The www.isc2.org and www.issa.org websites
- The local ISSA Chapter monthly luncheon topics
- The CISSP CBK
- For the 48 Members who attended the chapter's new training, earning at least 36 CPEs, material from the Chapter's new EH/PT class
- And some material taken from current events and other fun places

Volunteers Needed:

As in past years, producing and staging this fun event requires a few dedicated people to serve as score keepers and judges. Those willing to help produce and stage the event should contact programs@southtexas.issa.org. Also, anyone who wants to offer an idea for a category or a clue response pair please send you suggestions to secretary@southtexas.issa.org.

Our Producer:

James (aka Jimmie) Keddie, Tuscan Research

Bio:

Jimmie Keddie is a four year member of our own South Texas (Houston) Chapter of ISSA. This will be the fifth year that he and Tuscan Research have produced the InfoSec Challenge security skills contest. Jimmie, who is semi-retired, spent over forty years in software development, telecommunications engineering, security architecture, and IT management. An Operations Research and Computer Scientist by training, he has designed real time and process control solutions for the rubber industry, worked on the earliest 911 systems and tactical fire control systems, and was director and chief architect for one of the earliest cellular data networks installed in Washington DC, New York, and Boston. He then moved to Houston, where he designs secure communication systems for the oil field services industry.

Now, if he could just figure out and get the hang of texting, instant messaging, and Facebook maybe he could communicate with his grandson.

Master of Ceremonies:

This Years master of ceremonies is a surprise.

Time Schedule:

December 12th, 2013

11:15 a.m. Registration / Networking

11:30 a.m. Luncheon / Networking

11:45 a.m. Chapter Business Meeting

11:55 a.m. Sponsor Presentation

12:00 noon Presentation

1:00 p.m. Adjourn

Location:

HESS - Houston Engineering and Scientific Society Club
5430 Westheimer at Yorktown. (Free Garage Parking)

Our Meeting Sponsor:

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Next Month:

Title: TBA

Abstract: TBA

After Hours:

Date: January 9th, 2014, 6p To 8p

Topic: TBA

Sponsor: TBA

Location: TBA

Registration:

Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the following location:

[Houston Engineering & Scientific Society \(HESS\) Club](#)

5430 Westheimer at Yorktown. (Free Parking).

Time: 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Meetings are open to all members and visitors who are interested in Information Security.

NOTE: We now ask for members to include their ISSA membership number when registering. A current ISSA membership is required to qualify for member meal prices and workshop fees. If you do not have your membership number available when registering on-line through Eventbrite, please bring your membership number with you to the meeting for check in and payment.

We encourage members and guests to make reservations [via Eventbrite](#) prior to 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the meeting to

help the chapter plan for enough meals and seating. Advanced reservations may also qualify for a discount on the meeting charge.

NOTE: For security reasons, ensure that you close your browser after booking your lunch reservation through Eventbrite .

Advance Registration Appreciated

Luncheon Meeting Fees

	Advance Registration	Late - On line or Walk in Registration (after 5:00 pm Tuesday)
Luncheon Meeting (11:15 am - 1:00 pm)		
Chapter Members	\$0	\$30.00
Non Members	\$30.00	\$30.00

CPE Credit:1 hour for the luncheon presentation

Pre-Requisites: None, or as specified in the event.

Dress Code: Business or Business Casual Attire

Questions?: Visit the chapter web site for contact information (<http://southtexasissa.org>)

Upcoming Training Opportunities

As usual, our prolific education director is busy preparing educational opportunities for our chapter members at remarkably attractive prices .

- 1. TBA
 - Register:

Please check our Eventbrite registration site at <http://southtexasissa.eventbrite.com>

Once again, please contact Joanne Ashland (education@southtexas.issa.org) to express your interest or for any questions.



Upcoming Regional Training Opportunities:

Austin:

- TBA

Houston:

- ISACA - (See www.isacahouston.org for details).

Sponsorships Available for Future Monthly Meetings:

If your company is active in the information security business, you should consider taking advantage of the opportunity to raise awareness of your company to our members.

Each month we solicit a sponsor for the luncheon presentation as well as any special workshops. The charge is quite small and it provides you the following benefits:

- (1) your logo on our chapter web site
- (2) five minutes at the beginning or end of the presentation to present your company, and
- (3) the opportunity to conduct a drawing, if you would like to, in order to collect business cards



Please contact Josh Locker (marketing@southtexas.issa.org) or any member of the ISSA chapter board to express your interest.

For CPA CPE candidates:

Our TSBPA CPE provider number is 008915.

Objectives: See description above

Content: See description above

Prerequisites: None

Experience Level: Moderate

CPEs: Varies by event (1 to 40 hours)

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