ISSA-LA President Dr. Stan Stahl Speaks On Cyber and Information Security Management at LA's Rotary 5

Los Angeles, CA, August 8, 2012—Stan Stahl Ph.D, president of the Los Angeles chapter of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA-LA), was the featured speaker at the weekly Rotary 5 speaker's luncheon on Friday, August 3, at the esteemed California Club located in downtown Los Angeles. He addressed the audience of more than 100 prominent business and civic leaders on the proliferation of cybercrime and how to manage cyber and information security.

"I'm honored to have spoken at one of the oldest and largest Rotary Clubs in the world," said Dr. Stahl. "Cybercrime is rampant and a very serious threat to business organizations. The explosive growth in cybercrime requires businesspeople to take action. That is why ISSA-LA launched its Community Outreach Program with its emphasis on '*It takes the village to secure the village* ˢᴹˈ.'"

Since 1909, the Rotary Club of Los Angeles has provided a forum for prominent people from business, the professions, government and academia in the United States and around the world.

Dr. Stahl emphasized the particular challenges all commercial organizations have with the rampant growth of online bank fraud and discussed basic steps an organization, as well as each individual, can take to lower the risk of being a victim. He described ISSA-LA's work with financial institutions, helping them educate their customers about the dangers of online bank fraud and the steps customers can take to more effectively secure their online banking.

Dr. Stahl also discussed the cyber security challenges of nonprofits that often have significant information at risk with inadequate knowledge and resources to properly manage their risk. He exhorted attendees—many of whom sit on nonprofit Boards—to take an active part in ensuring nonprofits get the resources they need to get their arms around this growing challenge.

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About the Los Angeles Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA-LA)
ISSA-LA is the premier catalyst and information source in Los Angeles for improving the practice of information security. The Chapter conducts outreach programs to businesses, financial institutions, nonprofits, governmental agencies, and consumers. ISSA-LA is the founding Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association, an international not-for-profit organization of information security professionals and practitioners. For more information visit: www.issa-la.org .

About Stan Stahl, Ph.D.
Dr. Stahl has been ISSA-LA President since 2008 and is the architect of its Community Outreach Program designed to stimulate necessary collaboration between Los Angeles business and community leaders, technical IT professionals and the information security community. Dr. Stahl is a pioneer in the field of information security, entering the field in 1980. He began his career securing teleconferencing at the White House, databases inside Cheyenne Mountain and the communications network controlling our nuclear weapons arsenal. Dr. Stahl earned his Ph.D. in mathematics from The University of Michigan and spent nearly 15 years teaching university mathematics. He has taught courses in information security, software engineering, project management and computer programming at several California universities and colleges. He was recently appointed to the *Industry Advisory Board* of the *Information Technology Program* at the *Viterbi School of Engineering at USC*.