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1. Come Get "Hooked" on SLGFA at the 2006 Conference

Come "Get Hooked on SLGFA" on Thursday and Friday, March 9-10, 2006, at the Hilton Hotel Little Rock Metro Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. Swashbuckling pirates and a Caribbean adventure is the theme for SLGFA's 2006 Conference. Booty is being stashed away in a treasure chest for all landlubbers, sea dogs and lassies who will play Pirate Bingo Thursday evening. Dust off your best eye patch and shine up your hook to board the SLGFA jollyboat. There's still time to register on the ship's roster (conference registration) and to register a ship's cabin (hotel room) for the conference. Aye mates, keep the spyglass focused on *E-Updates* for more information about speakers and sessions. To register for the conference and the hotel room, click on the following link: <http://www.slgfa.org/slga/conference/2006/index.asp>.

2. Financial Institution Security Guide Available Online

To help clarify financial institution security guideline requirements, the federal bank and thrift regulatory agencies have released a compliance guide entitled *Interagency Guidelines Establishing Information Security Standards*. The guide summarizes the obligations of financial institutions to protect customer information, explains the difference between the Security Guidelines and the Privacy Rule, defines terms used in the Security Guidelines, provides guidance for developing and implementing an information security program, and offers recommendations for designing security controls. The guide also includes an extensive list of resources that may further assist financial institutions in achieving compliance. Click on the following link to read the guide: <http://www.fdic.gov/news/news/press/2005/pr12705a.html>.

3. ARCF Announces Arkansas Service Memorial Scholarships

The [Arkansas Community Foundation \(ARCF\)](#) announced on January 10, 2006, the availability of scholarship awards for Arkansas students whose parents have died in service to their nation, state or community. The awards are funded by income from the Arkansas Service Memorial Fund. Henderson State University, Southern Arkansas University and the University of Arkansas will match the scholarship to cost of enrollment for qualified students. For an application, contact Margaret Birdsong of the Arkansas Community Foundation at (501) 372-1116 or mbirdsong@arcf.org. Applications received by May 1, 2006, will be given priority.

4. E-Legislation: More Hurricane Katrina Federal Aid for Schools

On December 30, 2005, the president signed the *Defense Appropriations Act of 2006* (H.R. 2863). H.R. 2863 (which is now Public Law No. 109-148) provides a total of \$29 billion in assistance to Gulf Coast regions impacted by Hurricane Katrina, including \$200 million for higher education institutions. Click on the provided link to read more H. R. 2863: <http://www.slgfa.org/slga/pubs/updates/E-Legislation/E-Legislation01-27-06.asp>.

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