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NOVEMBER'S MEETING

Payroll Accounting Update

Course Objective: To educate attending CPAs on the changes in payroll accounting including HRA's and HSA's and on technological improvements in payroll software.

Course Level: Update, basic knowledge of payroll accounting practices and standards

About the Speakers:

Bob Parliament is a Regional Sales Manager with PrimePay, Inc. PrimePay has been in the Payroll/Tax/HR/Employee Benefit industry for over 20 years. Bob has been in the business to business market for over 25 years in Houston with 8 years in the payroll industry and many years with various start-up businesses. He will update us on the payroll tax law changes, HRA's and HSA's.

Bryan Wilton is with The Progressive Group. As president of The Progressive Group, Inc., Bryan has over 16 years of accounting and technology consulting experience. A graduate of Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration, he was in public accounting for over 20 years, with 8 of those years as a managing partner. He is licensed as a CPA in Michigan, Kansas, Missouri, and Texas. In 2001 Bryan obtained the designation of Certified Information Technology Professional from the AICPA. He also holds the Microsoft Certified Professional and Microsoft Certified Product Specialist. He has extensive experience in both implementing and supporting Microsoft Great Plains, and is the technical lead and senior project manager on Microsoft SQL Server based products. Bryan has also served on several committees of the Houston Chapter of CPAs and has been a discussion leader for many of the Chapter's technology conferences. Bryan will show how technology can assist with and improve the payroll process.

Speakers:	Bob Parliament and Bryan Wilton
Topic:	Payroll Accounting Update
Date:	November 16, 2006
CPE:	1 hour

*** Reservations Policy ***

Meeting reservations must be called in or canceled by 5:00pm on the Friday **PRIOR** to the meeting. The price for dinner reservations called in after 5:00pm Friday (walk-ins) is \$35. The regular price for members is \$25, for non-members is \$30. For those members on the standing reservations list, the price is \$25 and for students is \$20. Our arrangements chair is Stepanie Sawyer. Her phone number is (832) 338-0311. We cannot accept credit cards for payment. **IF YOU MAKE A RESERVATION AND DO NOT ATTEND, YOU MUST PAY ANYWAY.** We pay for all meals reserved regardless of whether they are used.

President's Letter



Ah, the weather has finally changed a bit, which in Houston means Fall is finally here, however brief it may be. For me, November brings visions of turkeys, pumpkins, leaves changing, and of course the whole Thanksgiving holiday. And since it is the season to be thankful, it makes me pause to reflect and count my blessings. The one blessing I do want to mention is how grateful I am for the support and experience I have gained from being a part of AWSCPA. This organization has provided a supportive environment and valuable resources for members to achieve their personal and professional goals through various opportunities including leadership, networking, and education. As president I am also grateful for all those members who have supported me in this position – those who stepped up to the plate when asked and told their talents and skills where needed, those who have assisted me in various duties, those who have given guidance and training. Most importantly thank you to all who show up to the monthly meetings because your presence gives validation to what we are doing.

May you have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving! Happy Thanksgiving

Gilda Mendoza
2006-2007 President AWSCPA Houston Affiliate

24th Annual Seminar

Save the Date – Saturday, February 3, 2007! We are lining up some great speakers and topics for you. Member preview information will be available soon.

Honorees and Guests at the New Member/New CPA Dinner October 16, 2006

New CPAs:

**Katey Bornhurst
Graciela Piquer
Rohini Sheshadri
Wen Zhang**

New Members:

**Sue Bailey
Audrey Orda
Mary Ross
Susan Sample**

Guests:

**Ann Elbert
Barbara Haney**

Member News and Announcements

Welcome – to the October **New CPA/New Member Dinner** honorees and guests. Thank you for coming, and we hope that we were able to give you an educational and enjoyable evening. And thank you, **Frances Weatherly**, for organizing this special event.

October Program – **Judy Johnson**, Director of the Finance and Administration Department of the City of Houston, did a great job as the featured speaker at the New CPA/New Member Dinner. She reviewed the major revenue sources and expenses of the City, explained the differences in accounting and financing for governmental vs enterprise funds, and reviewed the Propositions on the ballot for November 7, explaining their planned impact on City financing.

CPA Swearing In Ceremony – will be held at the Humber Civic Center on December 9th. **Annette Williamson**, our Membership Chair, will be organizing volunteers to man a table there to give out information on our organization. There will be a sign-in sheet at the November dinner meeting, or you can call Annette.

Has your contact information changed? Please submit all corrections to pahunt@earthlink.net and AWSCA at www.awscpa.org.

Scholarship and Education Outreach – **Jackie Pierson** has regretfully had to resign as our Scholarship and Education Outreach chair, and our President, **Gilda Mendoza**, is looking for a volunteer to assume this position. Please help us help deserving students with tuition and career advice.

Job Opportunities – Adams Harris, Inc., a start-up professional services firm, is looking for accounting professionals with 6-15 years of experience and entrepreneurial spirit. For more information, contact Nikole Lambert, (303) 534-6686 ext 14, nikolelambert@novorecruiting.com.

The Houston Airport System, a department of the City of Houston, is looking for Division Managers to manage accounting and financial reporting, budgeting, and capital assets under the Assistant Director of the Finance Division. For more information or to apply, go to www.fly2houston.org.

THE CALL COMMITTEE

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If you do not wish to be reminded of a meeting by the call committee, contact the member in your range. Otherwise enjoy the luxury of momentarily having a personal assistant remind you to make a reservation for a dinner meeting. If you are on the standing list, use this as a reminder to come to the meeting or to cancel so that you will not have to pay for an unattended meeting.

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Member Spotlight – Lucille Pack Gedies

The University of Houston at Clear Lake has chosen our member, Lucille Gedies, as one of the 2006 Distinguished Alumni. Read about her achievements below.



Hard work and dedication describe **Lucille Pack Gedies**. As director of financial planning and analysis at United Space Alliance, she uses both of these traits to succeed. Lucille received her Bachelor of Science in Accounting from University of Houston-Downtown in 1985. She returned to school and received her Master of Business Administration from UHCL in 1993. Finally, in 2003, Lucille earned her Juris Doctor degree from South Texas College of Law where she was the recipient of scholarships from both the Houston Bar Association's Tax Section and the Tax Executives Institute. She has worked for the past 20 years in the aerospace industry and the last five for United Space Alliance. Her many awards include the NASA Group Achievement Award for the SPACEHAB STS101/106 Integration Team in 2000, a United Space Alliance Superior Achievement Recognition Award (SARA) in 2000, a NASA Group Achievement Award for the Change Process Improvement Team in 1999 and the Manned Flight Awareness Award in 1993. A believer in community service, Lucille has provided volunteer income tax assistance at Freeman Memorial Library for six years, has served as an English as a Second Language tutor and volunteer coordinator and as a member of Clear Creek Independent School District Citizens Financial Advisory Committee. She continues to serve as a member of the State Bar of Texas, American Bar Association, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as well as many other professional associations.

Congratulations, Lucille!



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Spring Mini Seminar	Brenda Banks	brenda_banks@ml.com	(281) 374-5328	(281) 812-2413

***Board Member names are in boldface.**

A Complete Member Directory can be searched or downloaded from the Member's Section of the national website, www.awscpa.org. Our affiliate website, www.awscpa.org/houston, has a schedule of upcoming events.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 16, 2006

Location: Sheraton Brookhollow 3000 N. Loop West

UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker - Topic</i>
November 16, 2006	Payroll Accounting Update, Speakers: Bob Parliament, Bryan Wilson
January 18, 2007	Annual Tax Update, Speakers: Deloitte & Touche
February 3, 2007	24 th Annual Seminar



Sheraton Brookhollow
3000 N. Loop West
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Registration: 5:30 pm
Program: 6:00 pm

Reservations due by: Friday, November 10, 2006