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Annual Seminar: February 3, 2007



AWSCPA
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Presents

***Accounting Updates, Planning,
Taxes, And More!***

24th Annual Seminar

Saturday, February 3, 2007

Seminar sponsored by:



Location:
H.E.S.S. Club
5430 Westheimer
Houston, TX 77056





7:15 – 7:50 AM - Registration and Continental Breakfast

7:50 – 8:50 AM

WELCOME AND OPENING SESSION: Economic Impact of the Immigration Reform

Dr. Rodriguez will discuss the various aspects of the reform on the City of Houston's – the added cost as well as the added revenue brought in from the additional jobs created by the illegal immigration.

Speaker: Nestor Rodriguez, PhD, Professor of Sociology, University of Houston Central

8:50 - 9:00 AM - Session Break

TRACK 1

TRACK 2

9:00 – 10:40 AM

Healthcare is Not a Four Letter Word

This presentation will review what is going on in the health care industry. You will find out what is really necessary to obtain a fair quote, and what underwriters look at when they set rates. Learn more about alternate quotes such as a High Deductible Health Plan and HSA's. Discover some additional government bills that will impact your company and your employees. Get a refresher on other benefits being offered. Finally, find out why a broker is the most important person you deal with in regards to your employee benefits package

Speaker: Richard Nevins, CPA, President, Chapman Schewe Inc.

Annual Tax Update – Individual and Business

In recent years, there has been much new legislation affecting individual and business taxes. This session will focus on those developments including recent tax legislation, rulings, regulations, and up-to-the-minute tax law changes. Topics include tax rates, various credits and deductions, capital gains issues and more. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about new rules and to review previous legislation still in effect.

Speakers: Laura Nowicki, CPA, Tax Partner and Team, PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP

10:40 - 11:00 AM
 *** MORNING BREAK ***

Please visit our vendors.

11:00 - 11:50 AM

Understanding your 401(k) Plan and Fees

This session will give suggestions on how to make your 401(k) plan work. In addition, the various 401(k) plan structures and fees will be reviewed. Do you work with a third party administrator or a turnkey plan? This session will give you the tools necessary to understand how various plans work.

Speaker: Kellie Elder, Nationwide Insurance

The New Texas Margin Tax

The new Texas margin presents dramatic changes that affect Texas controllers, tax managers and accountants handling state and local taxation for their clients. Find out how the changes impact you and your clients.

Speakers: Laura Nowicki, CPA, Tax Partner and Team, PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP

11:50 to 12:30 PM - Session Break and Lunch

Note: Satisfactory meeting room temperatures are difficult to maintain. Participants may wish to bring a sweater or jacket to ensure comfort.

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12:30 – 1:20 PM

LUNCHEON SESSION: Selection and Retention of Top Performers

This session will discuss the latest trends in employee hiring, retention, and promotions and the potential costs to the employer when top performing employees leave.

Speaker: Pat Dolen, Tydeman and Dolen.

1:20 – 1:30 PM - Session Break

TRACK 1

TRACK 2

1:30 – 2:20 PM

Investments – The Pulse of the Market

“Are you ready for your and your client’s retirement?” This session will help you understand the strategy and provide you with information to assist you and your clients’ transition from the accumulation to the distribution phase of financial independence.

Speaker: John Young, Vice-President, Oppenheimer Funds

International Accounting – Making Dollars & Sense Out of Foreign Financial Statements

A Primer for Every CPA. Now more than ever, it is important that CPAs be prepared to help clients compete internationally. This course is an introduction/update on the basics. It is intended to provide a broad outline of some of the opportunities, pitfalls, and resources available. The course provides detailed examples of some of the issues and how they affect GAAP financial statements. Dr. Sorensen will also include tips on reading foreign financial statements.

Speaker: Susan Sorensen, Ph.D, UH Clear Lake

2:20 – 2:40 PM

***** AFTERNOON BREAK *****

Break Sponsored by:

Strategic Financial Group, LLP

2:40 – 3:30 PM

Understanding Medicare and Medicaid

With the implementation of a drug plan for Medicare and Medicaid, recipients need more help with all of the options. This session will discuss how to assist your clients through the maze of Medicare and Medicaid issues and give you a better understanding of these plans.

Speaker: Sue Brophy, Texas Senior Solutions

FASB Update 2007

This session will provide an overview of recent FASB activities along with other GAAP improvements from the EITF and FASB Staff Positions. The participants will gain an increased awareness of promulgated positions and significant FASB projects.

Speaker: Margaret Shelton, PhD, UH Downtown

3:30 – 3:40 PM – Session Break

3:40 – 4:40 PM

CLOSING SESSION: Roadmap To Success

Whether your group is a company or a not-for-profit organization, they all require a plan...a roadmap, so to speak, to get where they want to go. This session will provide useful routes to help you organize, operate, and grow your group. And along the way, side trips will provide pointers on how to hold a meeting, how to recruit new members and where to look for new ideas and/or dollars. It will also address where to avoid dead ends, how to read confusing road signs and when to ask for directions so you can improve your chances of success.

Speaker: Mary F. Cheaney, CPA, Owner Mary F. Cheaney, P.A., CPA, National AWSCPA VP Member Services

REGISTRATION FORM

Seminar Date: Saturday, February 3, 2007
Pre-Registration Deadline: Thursday, January 25, 2007
 (After that date there will be no refunds)

AWSCPA Members: \$150
 Non-Members: \$165
 Late Registration: \$ 25
 (Postmarked after 01/25/07)
Make Checks Payable to: AWSCPA

Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, and 8 hours of CPE.

(Subtract \$10 if paid by January 18th)

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Concurrent Session Preferences – List 1st and 2nd choices.

| | Track 1 | Track 2 |
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| 9:00 – 10:40 | | |
| 11:00 – 11:50 | | |
| 1:30 – 2:20 | | |
| 2:40 – 3:30 | | |

Mail Registration Form to:

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General Information



The seminar will be held in Houston, Texas at the H.E.S.S. Club on 5430 Westheimer, off of Westheimer between Yorktown and Bering.

The purpose of the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants is to help our members achieve their full potential and to ensure equity within the profession. Our seminar offers a variety of speakers and topics, allowing you to create a seminar experience suited to your needs. Eight hours of continuing professional education credit is

available for the full day's attendance.

To register for the seminar, detach the registration form and mail it to AWSCPA with your payment before *January 25, 2007*. You will not receive written confirmation of your registration prior to the seminar.

All questions may be addressed to:

Barbara Courtright at 713-991-2355, barbcourtright@houston.rr.com
 or
 Jane Tillinghast at 713-681-7558 (w), jtillinghastcpa@aol.com

Note to Non-Members: If you join AWSCPA during the seminar, you will be required to pay national dues, but the local affiliate dues will be waived.

All Sessions: Level is Basic
 No Prerequisites Required

Note: Please be aware that since our speakers do not receive compensation, some may have books, tapes, and other materials available for sale.

**Who Made Things Happen? ...
 The Seminar Committee!**

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