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Your President's Message...

Hi All!

National Conference is in the past. It was a wonderful experience as always. There were 15 members from Kansas in Reno for the conference. We as a chapter had a dinner one evening. There was great education, renewed friendships, made new friends and more.

All of the speakers that I heard were very good and the material was interesting and useful to any tax practice. Did you know that MeF is rolling out on a limited basis for the 1040 series this year?

The education from NATP keeps on ticking just like the energizer bunny. October 19th is the Kansas Annual Meeting and Educational Seminar. Tim Graham has lined up some good speakers. The seminar is followed by two days of the Essential 1040 and Beyond the 1040, both of which are presented by speakers from national.

On October 28, the Kansas Chapter is sponsoring an e-file seminar in Hays, KS. The KDOR does not have the funds to do the free seminars that they have always done around the state, so the board members of our chapter decided to sponsor one in Hays. Unfortunately, we cannot do it

for free like the state does.

The next chance for NATP education is on Nov 16th and 17th in Overland Park, KS. National will again be offering the Essential 1040 and Beyond the 1040. This will be followed by our Fall Seminar.

We look forward to seeing you at one or all of these seminars. Also, NATP has several seminars which they are offering at various locations around the US. These seminars are listed on the national website at www.natptax.com.

The Rusty Chase Scholarship is about to the goal of \$5000.00. This is the amount that the board decided the fund needed to be at before we started awarding a scholarship. There will be a social and fund raiser for the scholarship fund immediately following the annual meeting in Wichita. There is more information elsewhere in the newsletter.

Hope to see you all at the annual meeting in Wichita. Have a great day! Go out and enjoy some of the Kansas sunshine!

Your President,
Peggy Beasterfeld, EA

IRS News.....

www.taxtalktoday.tv IRS will be holding the next Tax Talk Today program on October 6, 2009.

www.irs.gov Find the newest tax forms drafts by clicking on “Tax Professionals”, then the “More Topics” link, and scrolling down to “Draft Tax Forms Picklist”. New schedules to watch for include Schedule L (Standard Deduction) and M (Making Work Pay and Government Retiree Credits).

A TIGTA report regarding “Inadequate Data on Paid Preparers Impedes Effective Oversight” is available for view.

Also, available from the 2009 IRS Research Conference are presentations which include “Tax Systems and Taxpayer Behavior”, “Tax Behavior of Corporations”, “Issues Affecting High-Wealth Individuals” and “Tax Preparation Services”.

For questions or comments please contact Michael J. Doughty at Michael.J.Doughty@irs.gov

www.ssa.gov The Social Security Administration offers a new service which allows employers to verify SSN's 24/7. Also, check out **Social Security e-news** or **SSA W-2 News**.

****Please see page 6 of this newsletter for more information about the IRS Tax Symposiums offered in KS.*

Kansas Tax Symposiums and IRS e-file Seminars

Due to budget constraints, the State of Kansas and the IRS will be presenting only two live events this year. The seminars, formerly know as “e-file seminars”, will no longer be held at multiple locations throughout the state.

However, Kansas and the IRS have joined together for two Tax Symposiums. Speakers from both entities will be present to acquaint attendees with staff and available services, as well as provide the latest tax updates. At this time live symposiums are planned for September 9, 2009 at Overland Park, KS and September 23, 2009 in Wichita, KS.

ATTENTION: Your KS Chapter of NATP has asked the IRS and the State of Kansas to present another E-file/Update seminar in the western Kansas area. Although we would like to see Garden City or Colby, mileage, time and budgets do not allow for that. They have agreed, however, to hold a seminar in Hays, KS and current plans are to have that seminar on October 28, 2009. This seminar will be presented by the KS Chapter of NATP, with state and IRS speakers. More information will be sent to all members via e-mail soon. Also watch your mail for info from the State of Kansas. See note on page 4.

For more Kansas information, go to www.ksrevenue.org.

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The Trip to National Conference.....

Peggy Beasterfeld and I attended the national conference in Reno, NV in July. What a trip! Peggy drove from her home near Eskridge, KS to my home at Lincoln, KS. We headed north to I-80, then west to Cheyenne, WY, through Salt Lake City, across the salt flats of Utah, and on to Reno. The salt flats were amazing, and were not dry as one might imagine, but were a wet clay and salt mixture. The mountains, though not the high peaks of Colorado, were beautiful!

Peggy, Jim and Debbie Cain, and I spent a day on a bus tour of the Lake Tahoe area, Virginia City, and back to Reno. Our bus driver, who was also a very knowledgeable tour guide, stopped at several places, including Donner Pass, Frank Sinatra's casino, the town of Genoa, NV where John Wayne's last movie was made, and many other interesting places. One evening Peggy and I went to Truckee, CA for supper. We ate at Jax Truckee Diner, an old diner built in the 1920's in Philadelphia, PA. It was purchased and moved to Truckee several years ago. While they did add a larger dining room, nothing else was changed. It still has the old seats, and the bullet holes from a shotgun blast which occurred during a robbery in the 1950's!

On our return trip we travelled east from Reno on Highway 50 through Nevada and Utah. Miles and miles of barren desert and sage brush. There were mountains and gorgeous rock formations. There was a dry lake that was huge, and from a distance it appeared to be a full lake. The quaint little town of Austin, NV, population about 150, where the closest town is 137 miles away, was an interesting place. Old buildings are being restored and people who have lived there all their lives are hoping to preserve a piece of their past, and, while they want others to see and appreciate it, they still want to keep the "small town" atmosphere. It's their home. (And gas was over \$3.00/gal! However, to get there would be no picnic for a trucker hauling fuel!)

As we travelled through Utah we saw American Indians along the highway selling their pottery and jewelry (beautiful work, I might add). We saw wild mustangs, eagles, and elk. We stopped several times just to look at the view. We took pictures, but none of them could even begin to show the true beauty of that wild and barren country. The highway then joined I-70, and we enjoyed the snow-topped mountains of Colorado. The valleys were greener, and, with more towns along the route, we felt that we had returned to civilization. And the tunnels! Ask Peggy about the tunnels!

What is with people? I can't tell you how many times someone would ask where we were from and when we said "Kansas", they would respond with "Oh, I'm sorry", or "Oh my, Kansas is so flat!" or "I hate driving through Kansas", or "There's nothing to do in Kansas", or whatever. And many of these people were from *KANSAS*! So, on our final leg of the trip we headed east out of Denver into that dreaded area called Kansas. Personally, I like Kansas, and it felt really good to be back home. There are so many things to see and do in Kansas, and Kansas ain't flat!

For all those people who don't appreciate Kansas, I have this to say.....The next time you drive through Kansas please don't stop and get off the interstate and, heaven forbid, don't drive a few miles in any direction. Why? Because you've already decided that there is nothing to see in the flat state of Kansas and I'd hate for you to be disappointed when you see the canyons of Arikaree Breaks in the northwest corner of Kansas, the rock formations of Wilson Lake, Mushroom State Park, Monument Rock, and Rock City. I'd hate for you to see the canyons near Meade, the Flint Hills region of central Kansas with its tallgrass prairies and clear-bottomed creeks, or the beautiful blue skies and abundant wildlife statewide, including deer, mountain lions (yes, we DO have mountain lions) fox, eagles, rattlesnakes, pheasant, and more. I wouldn't want you to enjoy the view, the fishing, the hiking, and boating at numerous lakes throughout the state. Or travel the country roads of the almost mountainous, forested areas of eastern Kansas. Or stand in awe as you watch a sunset or a rain storm from the hilltops in western Kansas (yes, hilltops, from which you can see for miles in any direction).

Oh, I'm sorry, I enjoyed the road trip so much I forgot to tell you about the conference! Well, maybe next time.....

Joyce M. Schultz , Editor 785-524-4499

IRS/Kansas Tax Practitioner Symposiums

**September 9, 2009 Overland Park, KS
Johnson Co Community College**

**September 23, 2009 Wichita, KS
Wichita State University**

We invite you to participate in a valuable and insightful seminar detailing many hot topics currently of interest to tax practitioners and their clients.

The speakers at these seminars will include speakers from the Stakeholder Liaison Field, the Taxpayer Advocate Service, SB/SE Collection Division, and more. Also presenting information and updates from Kansas will be Ron Grant and Terry Hunt from KDOR. A representative from Missouri will attend the seminar at Overland Park.

Up to 7 hours CPE is offered. Although there is no charge, registration is required. E-mail Michael.J.Douoghty@irs.gov to register.

IRS Nationwide Tax Forum 2009

www.taxforuminfo.com

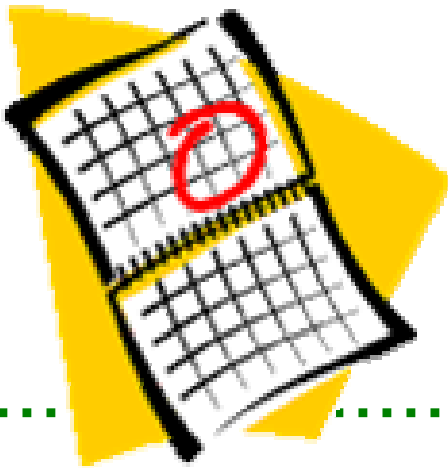
It's not too late to attend an IRS Nationwide Tax Forums in September. This three-day program provides the tax practitioner community with the latest IRS information. Locations and dates still available are:

Dallas, TX	Sept 8—10, 2009
Atlanta, GA	Sept 22—24, 2009

This year each forum has four focus groups which are concentrating on topics that affect small business and self-employed taxpayers. We need your candid feedback to improve IRS practices, policies, and procedures essential to this taxpayer group.

The IRS has scheduled the focus groups so that they will not interfere with one time presentations or the accumulation of CPE credits. You can even bring a brown-bag to a lunch time focus group so you will not miss out on other forum activities.

If you will be attending one of these forums and are interested in participating in a focus group, please e-mail Catherine.Murphy@irs.gov.



IMPORTANT DATES

KS Chapter Board Meeting
Wichita, KS Sept 12, 2009

KS/IRS Tax Symposiums
Overland Park Sept 09, 2009
Wichita Sept 23, 2009
***see article

KS Chapter Annual Meeting
Wichita, KS Oct 19, 2009

NATP 1040 Workshops
Wichita, KS Oct 20—21, 2009
Overland Park, KS Nov 16—17, 2009

KS Chapter E File/Update Seminar
Hays, KS Oct 28, 2009

KS Chapter Fall Seminar
Overland Park, KS Nov 18, 2009

Please support your KS Chapter of NATP by attending one or more of the seminars we sponsor. Several educational opportunities are being offered so that all our members and non-members might have a chance to attend. Join Us!

Education

KS Chapter Annual Meeting

Join your fellow KS NATP members for the annual meeting at **Wichita, KS on October 19, 2009** at the Wichita Airport Hilton. There will be representatives from both Kansas and Oklahoma bringing us up-to-date on the latest in tax law changes. We will be voting for officers, and the day will be followed by a fundraiser for the Rusty Chase Scholarship Fund. This meeting takes place the day before the NATP 1040 seminars in Wichita.

KS Chapter Fall Seminar

The fall seminar will be held at the Holiday Inn in **Overland Park on November 18, 2009**. Correction to info printed in last newsletter: The seminar will have the same speakers as the annual meeting, with a speaker from Missouri, instead of Oklahoma. This seminar takes place the day after the NATP 1040 seminars in Overland Park.

KS Chapter E-File/Update Seminar

As you all know, the IRS and State of KS have reduced the number of e-file seminars to only two (2) this year, and both are in the eastern part of the state. KS– NATP board members felt that this was not fair to those preparers who live and work in western KS.

Board members of the KS Chapter of NATP have decided to offer another seminar in **Hays, KS on October 28, 2009** to accommodate preparers who are in the western part of the state or who are unable to attend the IRS seminars in the eastern part of the state.

However, because of costs involved, we are unable to offer the seminar for free. When all the arrangements are made we will be sending a flyer to you which will contain full information and cost.

Mark your calendars and be watching your mail for more information and registration forms!

In the coming year we'd like to turn all the records *upside down* in Kansas and in the nation! We'd like to be the top chapter in the NATP organization! If Texas can do it, so can Kansas!

You can help! Your expertise, skills, and input are valuable to our organization. With your help we can change our chapter from just being "ordinary" to "great", or even "superb"! We have excellent members here in Kansas. Let's show the nation what we as a chapter can do!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board, we have several openings this year. Please call President Peggy Beasterfeld at 785-232-1724 or Nominating Committee Chair Susan Fesler at 620-286-5294.

On Top!

Put this on your Calendar!

E-File Seminar

***Hays, KS
October 28, 2009***

Please help support the KS Chapter of NATP by attending the E-file seminar in Hays, KS. The board is working hard to make educational opportunities available to all tax practitioners in western Kansas. Due to costs involved in presenting this seminar, there will be a registration charge. CPE credits will be offered, and lunch will be included. A portion of the proceeds will be given to the Rusty Chase Scholarship Fund.

KS Chapter NATP Annual Meeting

***Wichita Airport Hilton
2098 Airport Road Wichita, KS 67209
316-945-5272***

Sleeping Room Rate: \$107 single/double
Cut-off Date: 10/02/2009

Registration : 7:30 a.m.
Seminar 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

KS Chapter Fall Seminar
***Holiday Inn, Overland Park West
8787 Reeder Road Overland Park, KS
913-888-8440***

Sleeping Room Rate: \$84 single/double
Cut-off Date: 10/20/2009

Topics and Speakers **8CPE's**

Ron Grant—KDOR, KS Updates
Terry Hunt—KDOR, Electronic Services Update
Michael Doughty— IRS Liaison, E-Services
John Clinger—Tax Saving Strategies
Michelle Thompson—Oklahoma Updates—Wichita only
MO Representative for Missouri Updates—Overland Park only

Cost for Seminars: \$110 members \$130 non-members
(add \$10 for late registration)

Cut-off Date Wichita Seminar: 10/02/2009

Cut-off Date Overland Park Seminar: 10/20/2009

Discounts:

A \$20 discount can be taken for each additional attendee from the same office, all registrations to be sent in same envelope.

Refund Policy

A processing fee of \$30 for cancellations rec'd after October 15, 2008 for the Wichita Seminar or November 15, 2008 for the Overland Park Seminar.

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REGISTRATION FORM (Wichita)

Please complete your registration as you would like it to appear on your name tag and CPE Certificate.
PLEASE PRINT.

Name: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
EA: _____ CPA: _____ Other: _____

Fee includes seminar registration & lunch at the Wichita Airport Hilton in Wichita, KS.

Check all choices:

Fees:	By 10-02-09	After 10-02-09	By 10-02-09	After 10-02-09
Member:	___ \$110.00	___ \$120.00	Non Member ___ \$130.00	___ \$140.00
Lunch Guest	___ \$ 20.00	___ \$ 20.00	Walk-In (on 10/20/08)	___ \$140.00

Refund Policy

A processing fee of \$30 for cancellations rec'd after 10/10/2009 for the Wichita Seminar or 11/10/2009 for the Overland Park Seminar

Please Note: These fees do not include NATP 1040 seminars. Please contact NATP National to register for those seminars.

Please send registrations to: KS-NATP, Terri Ryman, PO Box 1367, Elkhart, KS 67950-1367 phone (620) 697-2422
Visa, MasterCard, and Discover accepted

REGISTRATION FORM (Overland Park)

Please complete your registration as you would like it to appear on your name tag and CPE Certificate.
PLEASE PRINT.

Name: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____
E-mail: _____
EA: _____ CPA: _____ Other: _____

Fee includes seminar registration & lunch at the Holiday Inn in Overland Park, KS.

Check all choices:

Fees:	By 10-20-09	After 10-20-09	By 10-20-09	After 10-20-09
Member:	___ \$110.00	___ \$120.00	Non Member ___ \$130.00	___ \$140.00
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Member Get a Member

Do you know someone who might be interested in NATP and all the benefits for members?

You might want to check out national’s “Member Get a Member” campaign. You could win a \$15 or \$30 gift card, a free membership, or even a \$1,000 in cash!

Just put your name on NATP Membership Enrollment forms in the “Who recommended you to NATP?” line and hand them out to non-member tax professionals. When they join, you win!



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