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Your President's Message...

Hello all!!

I would first like this opportunity to thank everyone for their confidence by voting me President of the Kansas Chapter of NATP (KS-NATP).

Let me begin with my brief history. My educational background consists of a Bachelor's in Accounting. Additionally, I have taken numerous tax courses. These include but are not limited to Preparing Partnerships and Corporation Returns. And, I religiously attend the 1040 Essentials and the 1040 Beyond classes offered by NATP annually.

My history with the chapter began in 2005 when I joined as a member. That same year I was elected to the Board and have served as Education chair for 3 years.

I look forward to the opportunities that are presented to me as the new President of KS-NATP. Also, I hope to bring new perspective to the already great Chapter.

My goals as president are threefold. They will include: increasing membership, increasing attendance at KS-NATP seminars, and bringing a broader outlook to the chapter. I hope to do this by soliciting more input from the members of the Chapter. Encouraging the members to have more say in the Chapter will enhance the

benefits KS-NATP can provide to its members.

Preparer Registration has been in the news a great deal. It is thought the IRS will be implementing this program during 2010. They are now calling this the IRS Return Preparer Review process. This review process will bring new challenges and regulations to our industry. These challenges and regulations will hopefully help the majority of our members. It is going to require those that are preparing returns for others to be registered with the IRS. This registration will require registered preparers to have PTIN's, take competency tests, and attend annual CPE's. More information and regulations will be published in later issues.

Lastly, please let me know if you have any ideas for improvement of the chapter or its seminars. On a closing note, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Joyous New Year! May the tax season bring you good fortune and prosperity.

Your President,

Tim Graham Jr.

Past President Message

By:

Peggy Beasterfield

Hello All!

The annual meeting is past, with new board members and new officers. May they keep the tradition of good education for the tax professional community going strong. The social time and fund raiser for the Rusty Chase Scholarship was well attended and we now have the \$5000 + that the board required before we started dispensing funds. Thanks to all who contributed.

The chapter sponsored its first seminar in Western Kansas at Hays. It was an excellent seminar, thanks in part to the Kansas Department of Revenue and the IRS Stakeholder Liaison office. I feel that it was a chance to make our presence known in the western part of the state. Thanks to all that helped put it together.

Now that all of the educational meetings are in the past and everyone knows all the new rules and regs for the filing season, it is time to get our offices ready for the season. Remember that the NATP tax store has supplies that your office might need. There is still time to order the reference books. When you order Quickfinders or Tax Books, your chapter receives money for its treasury.

The new season is bringing a new office for my company. Not a new address, just a remodel and added space. I am looking forward to the new space and the new season.

I would like to thank the membership for the opportunity of being your president for the past 4 years. I have had the privilege of going to seminars and representing the KS chapter of NATP. I have met some great leaders, some becoming friends, representing you at the National level. I am still on the board and will be out representing you at functions that are tax related.

The Flint Hills are beautiful no matter what the season. They were the color of fall, yellow, browns, and orange, and are now covered in snow and the grandkids can sled down the hill.

Your Past President,
Peggy Beasterfeld, EA

Happy New Year

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Office of Professional Responsibility checking EA reporting?

Terri Ryman, NATP member from Elkhart, KS recently sent a copy of a letter from the Office of Professional Responsibility to me which indicated that the OPR recently conducted a random audit of renewing Enrolled Agent's self-reporting of qualifying continuing professional education courses. This audit revealed that nearly 80% of EA's are not properly reporting or verifying their continuing education obligations. Many of the EA's did not have, or were not issued, continuing education course completion certificates.

The OPR intends to continue its random audit approach for all future renewal cycles. EA's who are unable to verify completion of the required CPE courses during the required time frame as prescribed in Circular 230 risk rejection or revocation of their renewal applications.

Also, CPE sponsors must issue timely course completion certificates which are in compliance with Section 10.6(i) of Circular 230. In the near future, OPR will undertake an audit of CPE sponsors to insure compliance. In the interim, EA's should insist on receiving CPE sponsor compliance documentation for any course they wish to qualify for EA CPE. If the sponsor is not issuing the appropriate documentation, the EA should conclude that courses taken from that CPE sponsor will not be accepted by OPR and should not be counted in any calculation of CPE hours for renewal purposes.

(Personal comment from the editor, Joyce Schultz: Maybe this is one of many good reasons to take advantage of NATP's course offerings.....they do meet the requirements as set forth in Circular 230.)



New Officers

The new officers for KS-NATP are Tim Cain, Secretary, Terri Ryman, Treasurer, Tim Graham, President and Susan Fesler, Vice-President. We wish them all the best in their efforts as they do the best job they can, using their talents and wisdom to the benefit of our chapter and members.

Rusty Chase Scholarship

In 2003, KS-NATP established the Rusty Chase Scholarship Fund. Since then, an annual fund raising activity has been held each year during the social hour following the KS-NATP Annual Meeting and Tax Update Seminar.

We started out strong that first year raising \$1,000. The next few years we saw the attendance drop and the funds collected followed suit. Luckily, during our last event we surpassed all previous endeavors.

Now that we have a fund in excess of \$5,000, we are ready to begin awarding the scholarship. The scholarship committee met to write the criteria for awarding the scholarship, which the board approved.

The committee decided that the award recipient must be either a Junior or Senior enrolled full time in a Kansas College or University and be an Accounting Major. Also, they must have a 3.0 or better in accounting classes.

The award will be for \$1,000 total to be allotted at \$500 per semester.

The scholarship committee is now putting together the list of the various Kansas Colleges and Universities and the contacts at each one. If you know of someone who would qualify, please encourage them to apply. You can find the application form on our webpage, located on the NATP website at: www.natptax.com/ks.html

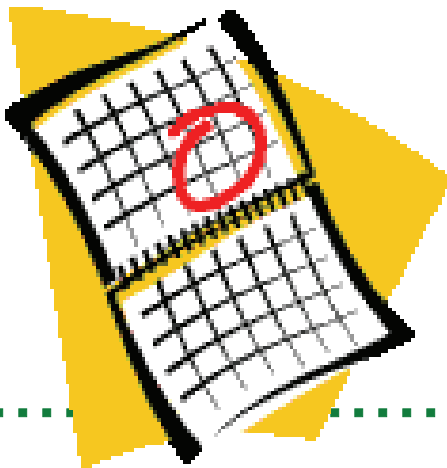
Rusty Chase Scholarship 2009 Fund Raiser

Ever wonder how we raise the funds for the Rusty Chase Scholarship? Well, the 2009 event was the place to be. We had several activities that revolved around a carnival theme, plus a live auction. You could purchase one or more squares from the "Draw Down Board". Basically, the way this game works is the squares are numbered and throughout the night numbers are called and eliminated from the board. In this game, you want to be the last man standing. The prize was a Quickfinder handbook.

Another game was "Spin the Wheel" to win a prize. The prizes were grouped into three different categories and ranged from small office supplies like post-it notes, rulers and calculators, all the way to cd/dvd cases, coffee mugs, water bottles and even a reflective windshield screen.

Both of these games were enjoyed by all, but the real fun came with the live auction bidding. Some items that were up for auction were concealed and we bid on them blindly. Until someone won, we didn't know what they got. Some of the auction items included handmade jewelry donated by our National Representative, Sally Fahey and a beautiful handmade quilt donated by our former newsletter editor Joyce Schultz. Other items of note included, Chocolate, wine, spa items, figurines, glassware, Quickfinders and The Tax Book reference books.

Fun was had by all and I believe everyone walked away a winner. I know the chapter did as we reached our Scholarship goal and can now begin awarding Scholarships to accounting students that really need them.



IMPORTANT DATES

KS Chapter Board Meeting
Wichita May 1st, 2010

KS Chapter Annual Meeting
Wichita Oct 18th, 2010

NATP 1040 Workshops
Wichita Oct 19th-20th, 2010
Overland Park Nov 8th-9th, 2010

***PLM Meeting**
Kansas City, MO June 2010

* The newsletter following the meeting will provide information that was discussed at this special meeting for Board Members.

Dates and locations shown above are tentative. Actual dates and locations will be listed when plans, dates, and other info is confirmed.

Please support your KS Chapter of NATP by attending the seminars we sponsor. Several educational opportunities are offered every fall. Please attend the annual meeting, speak up, and let your voice be heard. Join Us!

The NATP National Conference...

In the last newsletter I said I would tell you more about the NATP National Conference in Reno.

Reno was truly an enjoyable conference. There was an amazing amount of knowledge and information. There were many different CPE sessions to choose from. So many, in fact, that there is no way you can attend them all. I chose sessions which I thought would be most beneficial to my clients and all were very good. I was able to get 32 CPE's attending that conference!

The social events were interesting, and there was ample time to visit with other tax professionals and enjoy time with old friends and make new friends and connections. There was a special event for new attendees, a bowling tournament for charity, and, at the banquet, the entertainer was a hypnotist. Whether the participants were actually hypnotized or not, it was definitely an interesting show! There was also time to enjoy some of the highlights the city of Reno and the area offered.

So, the best thing I can say is this: Make plans **now** to go to the conference in Austin, TX in 2010. It will be worth the time and money. And if you are one of the brave souls (like Peggy and me) who aren't afraid to get out of the hotel and conference center, I can guarantee you that there is a lot of history to be enjoyed in and around Austin. Better still, drive to the conference and enjoy the trip!

On a more serious note.....

For personal reasons I have resigned my position as newsletter editor. I have met and worked with many of our members on both a state and national level, and I have enjoyed the position. At this time I do not know who will take over the position, but I am confident he/she will do a good job.

Although I will no longer be the editor I will continue to support NATP because I believe the organization is working hard for tax professionals nationwide.

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From all the Officers and Board members of the Kansas Chapter of NATP, we wish you a successful tax season. Happy New Year!

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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