



Board Commentaries

From the Desk of Jack Parks, Sr.

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Hello Members!

Where has the time gone? It's summer already! As we prepare for our National Conference in New Orleans, July 20th – 23rd, I hope to see Georgia members in attendance. The GA Board has planned to have a gathering at this event. **(See info on page 3 of this newsletter)* If you are unable to make the Conference, I hope to see you for our Annual State Conference, September 27th – 29th.

The GA Chapter will be teaching regional classes as promised from mid-summer through December 2015 in a city near you!

Board elections have three openings coming up in September. If you would like to run for the GA Board, please contact Brian Brewton at sbaservices@windstream.net.

As your president, I would like to thank all board members for a job well done and for becoming a chapter for other chapters to look up to. I would like to thank Cecil Norris, our past Treasurer, for many years of service. I would like to thank J. David Evans (secretary) and Jim Pennington for their dedicated service even during sickness, past vice-president Brian Brewton and Bobbie Wainwright for their service during your time of bereavement. To our education chairman, Josh Podczervinski who will not be running for re-election, a position he held for two years, you will be missed. Thank you Josh for an outstanding job! Thank you Mike Garrison for helping when Josh needed assistance, Becky Leggett for keeping up our website and Laura Morton for keeping me on my toes. Last but not least, this newsletter, our Facebook page and other marketing publications would not be possible without Sheila Oakes. You're the best!

In closing, I would like to thank all Georgia Chapter members for allowing me to be your Chapter Leader.

Jack Parks, Sr.
President, Georgia NATP



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Chapter News

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Mark Your Calendars!

- **National Conference & Expo**

July 20 – 23, 2015
New Orleans, LA

- **NATP Tax Forum & Expo**

August 26 – 27, 2015
Las Vegas, NV
September 3 – 4, 2015
Philadelphia, PA

- **1040 Workshop**

October 26 – 27, 2015 Atlanta, GA
October 28 – 29, 2015 Macon, GA
December 2 – 3, 2015 Dillard, GA

- **Final 1041 & Estates**

August 10 – 11, 2015
Atlanta, GA

- **Georgia NATP State Conference & Annual Meeting**

September 27 – 29, 2015
Dillard, GA



Georgia Chapter Social

Get to know your fellow tax professionals at this free event, designed to allow members of our Chapter to interact, share information and ideas, ask questions and create a network of Chapter members in your area.

Please RSVP to Sheila Oakes by noon the day before the event at 706-323-2968 or email sheila@askmyaccountants.org putting "Chapter Social" in the subject line.

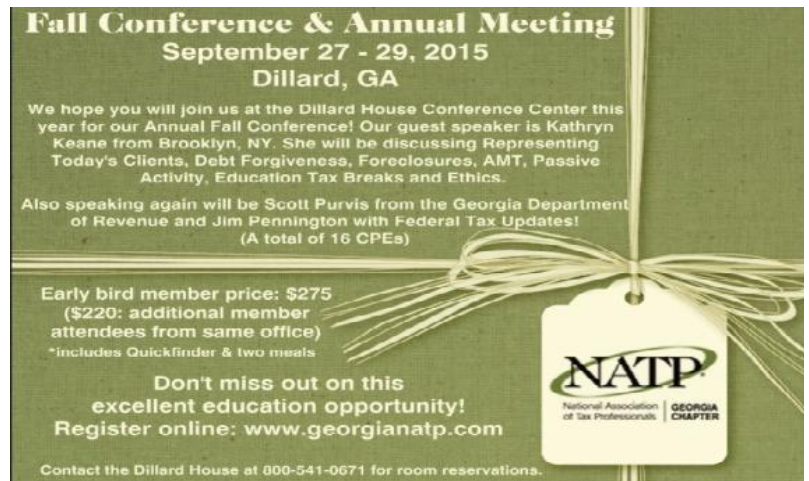
Hope to see you there!

Date: September 26, 2015

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Eddie's Cottage
The Dillard House
Dillard, GA

*This event is scheduled for the night before our Annual State Conference.



Mark your calendars for the 21st Annual State Conference!
The Dillard House Conference Center, Dillard, Georgia

Pay It Forward

You probably have seen the TV movie about the young boy, in response to a class project, presented the idea of doing an unselfish good deed and requiring those recipients to each do likewise. A feel good movie. Possibly you have had the experience, as I have, of having your "drive thru order" paid for by the car in front of you. You can't repay that person, who is now down the road, so you do likewise, pay for the person behind you. And it doesn't matter what that cost. You just "pay it forward", and feel good about doing it.

What does this have to do with my request that you consider being a part of the Board? Consider that the Board of Directors sole purpose is to provide information and education to Georgia tax preparers. It is a team effort. For those that have been fortunate enough to have attended the annual state conference in Dillard, or one of the other educational sessions during the year, you have experienced the enthusiasm of the Board "doing its thing".

If you feel you would like to participate with the team and "Pay It Forward" to Georgia tax preparers, please contact me. My task is to prepare a nominations list to be presented and voted on at the annual meeting in Dillard. While names can be added to the list at Dillard, it makes my job much easier to know in advance. Accepting Board participation is a three year obligation (one third of the board is elected every year). Must be a "feel good" experience as most board members, if they are able, want to return for another three year term.

Consider being part of a team that "Pays it Forward".

I welcome your interest and will answer any questions you may have.

Brian Brewton

Board Director, Georgia NATP

2015 Chapter Challenge

For 2015, we would like to all members involved in our charity fundraising! We challenge all members to collect soda can pop tabs throughout the year and bring them with you to next year's Annual State Conference in Dillard. Pop tab donations will benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The member who donates the most pop tabs will win a wonderful door prize! Start now collecting those pop tabs! If you cannot attend the Annual State Conference, please mail your pop tabs to:
Sheila Oakes, 1410 43rd Street, Columbus, GA 31904

~ Georgia News ~

Tax & Accounting news in the State of Georgia

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IRS Refund Hotline
800-829-1040

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877-423-6711

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Internal Revenue Service
www.irs.gov

Georgia Department of Revenue
www.etax.dor.ga.gov

Georgia Tax Center
www.gtc.dor.ga.gov

Georgia Secretary of State
www.sos.georgia.gov

Georgia NATP
www.georgianatp.com

GA NATP Facebook Page
www.facebook.com/GANATP

Georgia Express Corporations System Launch

Source: Office of the Georgia Secretary of State

The Georgia Secretary of State's office will be implementing a new corporations processing system in July 2015. Once the system goes live, you will need to create a NEW username and password. Your old credentials will not work in the new system although you are allowed to use the same username that you had in the old system. The new website URL is <http://ecorp.sos.ga.gov>. When creating a new entity/company, you will be asked for your NAICS code.

Attention Georgia Members attending the National Conference in New Orleans!

For any Georgia members attending the National Conference in New Orleans, July 20 – 24, 2015, please join us for a Board sponsored get-together at Gordon Biersch, conveniently located across from the conference hotel:

Date: July 19, 2015

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Gordon Biersch
200 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA

RSVP to sheila@askmyaccountants.org or 706-718-6005

Supreme Court Rules Same-Sex Marriage Legal Nationwide

Source: NBC News Website

The U.S. Supreme Court has made marriage for same-sex couples legal nationwide, declaring that refusing to grant marriage licenses to gay and lesbian couples violates the Constitution.

The landmark ruling will produce the most significant change in laws governing matrimony since the court struck down state bans on inter-racial marriage almost 50 years ago.

A total of 36 states now permit gay couples to get married, covering roughly 70 percent of the US population. This ruling means the bans must end in the other 14 states — Alabama, Arkansas, **Georgia**, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas.



~ Member Highlights ~

Sam Grubbs Memorial Scholarship Foundation

The Sam Grubbs Memorial Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is actively seeking eligible recipients for our Annual Scholarship Award. There are two separate classes of scholarships awarded. The traditional scholarship shall be awarded to persons associated with GA NATP, related as described in IRS regulations for Qualifying Child and enrolled in a traditional college or technical school. The second nontraditional scholarship shall be awarded to a member of GA NATP in good standing for financial assistance in obtaining a certification to practice such as an Enrolled Agent. Access the scholarship application at www.georgianatp.com or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GANATP.

Deadline for submitting the Scholarship application is extended to August 1, 2015

BLAZIN' PEACH

1 part Cinnamon Whiskey
1 part Peach Schnapps
Splash of Grenadine
Splash of Lemon-Lime Soda

Pour equal parts Cinnamon Whiskey and Peach Schnapps with a splash or two of Grenadine. Mix and pour into a glass with ice, top with a splash of Lemon-Lime Soda.

**"CHEERS" FROM
YOUR EDITOR!**

Welcome



New Members

LYNN ANDERSON
ANGELIA AUSTIN
RAE DEANA BAUM
RAQUEL BUSH
ZEPHRINA CAZAUBON
WENDI COLLIER
AINSWORTH COORE
KIM EASTER
CHRISTENE JONES

WILLIAM DANIEL MAY
ISAIAH SAMUELSON
DONALD SHUBERT
CATHLEEN MENEREY
FATE RUNAE SIMMONS
VIBHA SINGLA
BRYAN TOTRI
PAUL SCOTT LOMINACK

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:

Public Relations/Marketing:

Sheila Oakes
Becky Leggett

Education:

Josh Podczervinski
Jerry Oakes

Chapter of the Year:

Bobbie Wainwright
Sheila Oakes

Chapter Showcase/Vendors:

Laura Morton
Cecil Norris
Mike Garrison

Nominations:

Brian Brewton
David Evans

Professional Standards:

Chuck Stephens
Jim Pennington