

Happy New Year 2010

Greetings from the Chicago South Chapter of the Illinois CPA Society.

The Illinois CPA Society's fiscal year ends March 31st this year so we are quickly approaching the end of another year. We had a very successful turnout for the Peer Review Program in September and IFRS Presentation in October. During the coming months, the Chicago South Chapter is planning a number of programs and events to serve our membership. Our annual Tax Update program will be on Thursday, January 21st for 5 hours of CPE Credit.

Many CPAs are in transition at this time, so it's worthwhile to be involved in Chapter activities, maintain our professional skills and keep in contact with other professionals. You never know when you might need some help or support from another CPA.

We now have 14 Networking events throughout the Chicago-land area where groups of business professionals meet and share ideas. We launched the Chicago South Industry and Business/CFO Forum at the end of December which will meet on the Tuesday following the regular chapter meeting this coming year. We have the Practice Management Group, the Brain Trust, for practitioners who meet regularly to share our best practices and work to enhance the image of the smaller practitioner. These forum groups provide additional resources for other segments of our professional network.

We also provide social opportunities for members to meet one another. Once you get to know us on a social level, I think you'll be more comfortable to walk into that chapter meeting or forum group. The Chicago South Women's CPA Forum will begin in late Spring. The South Chapter hosts an outing at Balmoral Racetrack after tax season, a Thunderbolt's baseball game in August, and the Chicago Metro Chapter coordinates a cruise on Lake Michigan in June. All of these events are open to everyone. Check the website for further details.

Feel free to call or e-mail me with your questions, suggestions and concerns. We're always looking for new ideas and suggestions for programs that you feel are timely and useful in your professional career. I welcome your input and I hope to see you at a Chapter Meeting soon.

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