

Summer 2009

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

The Illinois CPA Society's fiscal year ends May 31st, so we are at the beginning of another new year. During the Summer months, the Chicago South Chapter is planning programs and events to serve our membership. We had a huge turnout for the Enron movie in November and Tax Update program last January. I hope we can enjoy similar success in the year ahead.

In order to be successful, I'm asking you, the members, for ideas and suggestions for programs that you feel are timely and useful in your professional career. Many of us 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.

There are numerous networking events throughout the Chicagoland area where groups of business professionals meet and share ideas. We have the Practice Management Group, the Brain Trust, for practitioners who meet regularly to share best practices and work to enhance the image of the smaller practitioner. We're hoping to expand the Controller/Business & Industry forum this year and develop a Non-Profit Group as well. These forum groups will 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. The South Chapter has a Racetrack outing after tax season, a Thunderbolts baseball game in August, and the Metro chapter coordinates a cruise on Lake Michigan in June. All of these events are open to everyone. Check the website for details.

I celebrated my 20th year as a CPA this May. It's an interesting time to be in business, and I've seen many changes over the years. Along the way I've gained an invaluable network of friends and business contacts and I urge you to get involved. You never know when you might need some help.

Feel free to call me with your questions, suggestions and concerns. I welcome your input and I hope to see you at a Chapter Meeting soon.

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