



Chapter News



Augusta Chapter CPA Update

December 2008

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President's Message

I would like to thank Abram Serotta and Mike Hill for their great presentations at the Student Outreach Luncheon. This is our signature event, and was once again successful.

Each year at the December meeting, we try to give back to the local community. This year we will be collecting money for the Augusta Chronicle's Empty Stocking Fund. If you would like to donate, you can make your check out to Empty Stocking Fund, and we will deliver all the checks at once.

Also, please remember to make your donation to the Educational Foundation by year end if you are planning to do so.

I look forward to seeing you there and hope that you had a Happy Thanksgiving.

If you have any dietary requests for the luncheon, please let Sharon know when you call in or [email](#) your reservation. We will do our best to accommodate those needs.

Sincerely,

Chris Etterlee

Chapter Meetings

December Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2008

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Place: The Marbury Center
1257 Broad Street

Cost: \$15

Speakers: Tom Ledford, Chairman of the Lenox Group, LLC

Topic: Challenges of Selling a Business in Today's Environment

CPE: 1 credit hour

For reservations, please call or email:

[Sharon Key](#)

706-724-3557

In order to make the appropriate accommodations, please notify Sharon by:

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9

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Upcoming CPE in Augusta

The Real World Guide to Compilation and Review Engagements for the Local Firm

December 16, 2008 • Doubletree Hotel, Augusta

Objectives:

In its 30 years of existence, the Accounting Review Services Committee, the writer of the SSARS, has produced a grand total of 16 pronouncements governing the performance and reporting of compilation and review engagements. In fact, the entire set of standards related to the local firm's biggest area of reporting is only about an inch thick. This course, presented predominantly in a current event and case study format (25 NEW cases for 2008), covers every performance and reporting requirement included in the SSARS as well as, a detailed review of any new exposure drafts coming down the pipe from the perspective of a local firm operating in the real world. Topics also covered include ethics interpretation updates regarding performing non-attest services for attest clients (compilations are attest services per Ethics Interpretation 101-3), and how to implement those updates in your practice. This course is geared toward those with some experience performing compilations and reviews although beginners can learn a lot too.

Finding Fraud in Client Data

December 17 • Doubletree Hotel Augusta

Objectives:

This course focuses 100 percent on frauds that have actually occurred in the past 10 years in businesses with less than 100 employees and less than \$20,000,000 in revenue (i.e., the majority of clients of the local firm in the real world). The 2008 course is a complete re-write from the courses offered in past years in that it changes from a "how-to potentially defraud" approach to a "how-did-they actually defraud" and adopts an actual case study approach complete with financial statements, realistic reproductions of documents investigated in the fraud, etc. and asks the participants to assess unusual items and to design tests to fox out the fraud as well as design procedures to protect against it happening in the future. This course is designed so that those with little experience or those with 30 years of experience will benefit.

Each of the above courses includes 8 hours of CPE credit.

For more information on the above listed GSCPA courses, visit the web site at <http://cpe.gspa.org> or call (800) 330-8889, Opt. 3.

Spotlight – 2008 Governmental Accounting & Auditing Conference

Friday, December 12, 2008

Cobb Galleria Centre

Two Galleria Parkway

Atlanta, GA 30339

This conference is designed for CPAs in the government sector and those who serve government entities. National speakers as well as local experts cover a variety of current topics.

For more information or to register, please [click here](#).

Upcoming Conferences

2009 Healthcare Conference

Tuesday, February 24, 2009 • Atlanta, GA

This conference is a must-attend event for financial professionals who work with healthcare providers. This year's agenda features general sessions of interest to all healthcare financial professionals and concurrent sessions on more specific issues of interest. There are topics of interest for those working with physicians, hospitals, and other providers.

For information or to register, please [click here](#).

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

Dates: 04/23/09

05/21/09

06/18/09

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place at the Marbury Center (1257 Broad St.) and begin at 11:30 a.m.

Newsletter Announcements

Please submit announcements for inclusion in this newsletter to [Abby Smith](#) at 706-722-9090.

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