



# Chapter News



Augusta Chapter CPA Update

November 2008

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## President's Message

Dear Members:

Didn't Barry White give a good presentation last month? He is always inspiring and a true professional. I am sure we will have him back in the upcoming years.

As I mentioned in October, this month we will have our annual student outreach luncheon. At this meeting we will present scholarships to students from Augusta State University and Paine College, as well as present each respective institution with a check. In addition to the scholarship recipients, we will have students from both colleges in attendance. Moreover, we will have two speakers representing the profession. Abram Serotta, of Serotta Maddocks Evans & Co., will represent the public side and Clay Sprouse of Morris Communications will represent the private arena.

I look forward to seeing you there and hope that you have 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

### October Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, November 20, 2008

**Time:** 11:30 a.m.

**Place:** The Marbury Center  
1257 Broad Street

**Cost:** \$15

**Speakers:** Abram Serotta, CPA, Partner at Serotta, Maddocks, Evans & Co., CPA's  
Clay Sprouse, CPA, Director of Internal Audit at Morris Communications Company

**Topic:** Accounting Perspectives – Public & Industry

**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:**

9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 18

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### **Upcoming CPE in Augusta**

Critical Skills for Creating Great Budgets: Maximizing Profits, People, and Power  
November 12 • Doubletree Hotel Augusta

The 2007 Revised Yellow Book: Government Auditing Standards  
November 19 • Doubletree Hotel Augusta

Taxation of LLCs, LLPs, LPs, and Other Partnerships  
November 24 • Doubletree Hotel Augusta

AICPA's Hottest Tax Topics for 2008  
December 1 • Doubletree Hotel Augusta

Finding Fraud in Client Data: How to Examine Financial Statements and Client Supporting data with an Eye Toward Uncovering Fraud  
December 17 • Doubletree Hotel Augusta

Each of the above courses includes eight hours of CPE credit. For more information on the above listed GSCPA courses, visit the [web site](#) or call 800-330-8889, Opt. 3.

### **Spotlight - 2008 Georgia Tax Forum**

Thursday, December 04, 2008 – Friday, December 05, 2008 • Coastal Georgia Center  
305 Fahm Street  
Savannah, GA 31410

For over 40 years this event has provided information on new tax legislation and pertinent business and individual tax updates. Topics include estate planning, taxation, and everything you need to prepare for the upcoming tax season.

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

### **Upcoming Conferences**

#### **2008 Firm Practice Management Conference**

Sunday, November 16, 2008 – Tuesday, November 18, 2008  
The Ritz Carlton Lodge at Reynolds Plantation, Greensboro, GA

This conference is designed around the fundamentals of firm leadership and will bring participants an increased understanding of: identifying and developing leadership skills within your firm; firm governance; partner compensation; succession planning; staff compensation; advancement of partners; and more.

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

#### **Greenwood Land Investor Summit**

November 22 • Lawrenceville, GA  
Call 1-800-466-1163 for details.

### **Upcoming Chapter Meetings**

Dates: 12/11/08  
04/23/09  
05/21/09

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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