



Chapter News



Buckhead Chapter

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Dear Fellow Buckhead Chapter Members,

Please join us for a joint evening meeting with the Institute of Management Accountants for networking and fellowship. Details are included in the section below the president's message. We would like to see a great turnout for this event, so invite colleagues and friends.

Date: May 20, 2008

Time: 5:30 p.m. Cocktails

6:30 p.m. Dinner and Speaker

It was great to see many of you at our recent meeting! For those of you unable to attend, we had a very engaging (and somewhat sobering subject) presentation from Hale E. Sheppard, J.D. of Chamberlain Hrdlicka, regarding liability to tax preparers and advisors. We were also fortunate to have a cadre of accounting students from Oglethorpe University join us as scholarship award recipients. We are excited about the quality and caliber of students entering the profession from our sponsor school, Oglethorpe University.

Officer nominations will be voted on during our joint meeting with the Institute of Management Accountants on May 20th (see meeting details below). Officer nominations for 2008-2009 are:

Geoff Rhines	President	Marsh & McLennan
Don Bravaldo	Vice President	Bravaldo Capital Advisory
Carolyn Turnbull	Treasurer	Grant Thornton LLP
Deborah Reeder	Secretary	Georgia Society of CPAs

In addition, we discussed our initial conversations with the Atlanta Chapter and the possibilities of joint meetings at a new venue in the Midtown area with additional input from chapter members to consider the synergies of merging the two chapters in the future. We are exploring these possibilities to strengthen our leadership and succession planning, provide for a more robust presence in the metro Atlanta community and increase our ability to make significant impact on projects we may choose to champion in the future. We are taking these initial steps with guidance and direction from the Board and executive team at the GSCPA.

Currently, there are no provisions in the bylaws to address chapters who may wish to merge for a host of reasons. However, a task force of the GSCPA is initiating steps to propose bylaw changes to be considered to accommodate chapter mergers. Exciting times!

As a reminder, please consider joining us with your family at the GSCPA Annual Convention to be held at the Sandestin Beach and Golf Resort in Sandestin, Florida, June 22 through June 25. It's a wonderful venue for CPE and to fellowship with family and friends within your profession.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Geoff Rhines

Meeting Information

Meeting Notices:

We are scheduled to hold two more meetings this year (May and June) before summer break. As a tradition, the Buckhead Chapter does not meet during July and August.

Please stay tuned for emails later in the summer notifying you of the start of fall meetings beginning in September.

Date: Tuesday, May 20, 2008

Time: Cocktails and Networking 5:30 p.m.
Buffet Dinner and Speaker 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$45 (includes one cocktail ticket)

Location: Maggiano's Restaurant
3368 Peachtree Rd NE in Buckhead
Phone: 404-816-9650

Speaker: John Arnold Smith, MBA of Lee Hecht Harrison

Topic: Managing and Engaging the Different Generations

CPE credit: 1 Hour CPE

RSVP deadline: Wednesday, May 14 by 11 a.m.

RSVP contact: [Deborah Reeder](#)

Door Prize: \$25 American Express Gift Certificate

Must register in advance to be eligible to win

Speaker's Biography

John Arnold Smith, MBA

Senior Leadership Consultant, Executive Coach

John Arnold Smith is a Senior Vice President with Lee Hecht Harrison, where he leads the leadership consulting practice for the Southeast Region. John has 18 years experience in management consulting, coaching, training and organizational development with Fortune 500 companies. He has an extensive background in assessing, designing, and delivering talent management strategies and leadership programs.

As a speaker and trainer, he delivers high impact workshops to all management levels, while partnering with business leaders to create a winning culture, optimize business results, manage diversity and achieve objectives aligned with overall corporate strategy.

Spotlight on Conferences

2008 Georgia Federal Tax Conference

Atlanta, GA

Thursday, June 12, 2008 - Friday, June 13, 2008

Cobb Galleria Centre

Two Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339

[Register for Course #13075,13076,13077](#)

The Georgia Federal Tax Conference is designed for experienced tax professionals who deal with sophisticated tax issues. The program will bring you up-to-date changes in the tax law, and the latest from Washington, DC in anticipation of future developments.

Real Estate Conference

Atlanta, GA

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Cobb Galleria Centre

Two Galleria Parkway, Atlanta, GA 30339

[Register for Course #13001](#)

Technology Conference (new for 2008!)

Atlanta, GA

Thursday, June 20, 2008

Gwinnett Center, Duluth

6400 Sugarloaf Parkway, Duluth, GA 30097

[Register for Course #13040](#)

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