



Chapter News and Events



August 2009

North Atlanta Chapter

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President's Message

The July meeting was attended by over 50 people. Our speaker, Ernest Capozzoli, a PhD teaching at KSU, introduced us to "XBRL" and attendees earned two hours of A&A. One attendee at our July meeting remarked that our chapter meetings "are the best value in town". The meals are great and our speakers are interesting and informative. Either alone is well worth the low price, and the combination is an unbeatable bargain. I hope to see more chapter members take advantage of the programs your chapter officers and board members work so hard to provide.

As first noted in July's Newsletter; our line up of upcoming events at the bottom of this newsletter includes our annual A&A Forum worth 8 hours of A&A on Saturday, October 10, 2009, at Kennesaw State University. The price for GSCPA members is \$130 and for non-GSCPA members is \$150. The price covers the all day session which will include a continental breakfast, breaks and lunch. The proceeds raised from this event will be donated to the Accounting Department at Kennesaw State University. Please hold the date and let your colleagues know. A flyer containing a detailed agenda and registration form is now available on our [chapter web site](#).

Please join us for our August meeting. We will have two speakers and two topics that evening:

The first topic is: " Update on Compilations and Reviews" (1 hour A&A)

Our speaker before dinner is our own Alan Grothe, a long time chapter member. Alan is in his seventeenth year as one of the technical reviewers for the Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants Peer Review Program and reviews engagement and system reviews for report acceptance committee meetings and performs various peer review oversights. Before that he was a contract quality reviewer for the program for one year and was on the Peer Review off site committee for four years. He has performed peer reviews in 13 states since 1980. He was chairman of report review and peer review committees for the Colorado Society of CPAs.

His practice concentrates on accounting and auditing and also includes performing a number of peer reviews for other CPA firms annually and some consulting with other CPA firms in the areas of A&A inspections, pre-issuance or post-issuance reviews and other technical assistance. His firm is a member of the GAQC and EBQC sections.

Alan has taught CPE courses to CPAs in the areas of compilation and review, financial statement disclosures, emerging government audit issues and peer review. He is a sole member practicing on Interstate N. Pkwy in Atlanta. He has been licensed in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska and Georgia.

He is a graduate of Colorado State University and has been in public accounting since 1966.

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August 26-27, 2009
Georgia International
Convention Center
College Park, GA

He is married to Paula, who is an accountant in Alan's firm, and has two sons and three grandchildren including a set of twins. He has been president of three Optimist clubs, two in Georgia and one in Colorado.

He was named the outstanding large chapter president (for the North Atlanta Chapter) in the GSCPA for the year 1994-1995 and is now a chapter director for North Atlanta.

The second topic is : "The Well Organized Woman" (1 hour CPE)

Our speaker after dinner, Claire Kurtz, is a certified personal assistant and professional organizer who helps men and women increase their quality of life through organization and timesaving techniques. Kurtz provides everything from household management to administrative services for busy families, entrepreneurs, socially-engaged community members and executives who want to spend more time doing the things they love instead of juggling an endless list of errands and activities. Kurtz is a graduate of the Starkey International Institute for Household Management.

Our line up of upcoming events is at the end of this message.

Ron Wrenn,
Chapter President

Chapter Meeting Information

When: August 20, 2009

Where: Doubletree Hotel NW Atlanta off Windy Hill Road. From I-75 in Cobb Co. go west on Windy Hill Road (exit #260). Hotel driveway will be on your right located between Popeye's Chicken and Wachovia Bank. Phone: 770-272-9441.

Time: 5:30 p.m. registration, 6:00 p.m. First Speaker, 7:30 p.m. Second Speaker

Cost: Students \$15, \$25 for chapter members, with a *\$5 member discount available if registered by Monday, August 17th*. \$30 for nonmembers.

Register: Send [email](#) to or visit the [chapter's web page](#). Remember to include (1) your name, (2) GSCPA member number and (3) contact phone number.

Dinner Buffet

Oriental Noodle Salad

Honey Dew Slaw

Asian Style Pork

Beef Lo-Mein

Vegetable Fried Rice

Stir Fried Vegetables

Southern Style Green Beans

Rolls and Butter

Chef's Dessert and Assorted Doubletree Cookies

Coffee and Tea

Thursday, March 18, 2010 - Doubletree Hotel
TBA

Thursday, April 22, 2010 - Doubletree Hotel
TBA

Thursday, May 20, 2010 - Doubletree Hotel
TBA

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