



Chapter News and Events



May 2009

North Atlanta Chapter

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President's Message

This month's meeting is bittersweet for me; this will be the last meeting of the year, which means installation of officers and the last meeting that I'll officially be President of the North Atlanta Chapter. The year went by quickly, and I want to thank you all for participating in the monthly meetings. I got to meet many of you for the first time, and we had a good number of new members who chose our chapter. I'm not biased or anything, but I personally think our chapter is the best of the all the chapters in the Georgia Society of CPAs. I know for a fact that we have the best attendance record of any other chapter, and we can all give Ron Wrenn, our VP and incoming President credit for great choices this past year. While all the board members participate in the choice of speakers, Ron has gone above and beyond the call in finding most of them this past year. The other person that stands out is Al Grothe who keeps finding new sponsors. For those of you that don't know, sponsors pay \$250 for the opportunity to give a 5-6 minute "commercial" to our group, and we're always on the lookout for sponsors for our meetings.

Friday, May 1, I was honored to present to two future CPAs the two \$1,500 scholarships our chapter awards annually to the "best and brightest" Kennesaw State University students. Christine Nguyen and Angela Whittle both graciously accepted the award, and will join us at our June meeting. Special thanks to Doyle Williams who headed up the scholarship committee with Cathy Bowie and Denise O'Connell.

Finally, you won't want to miss the May meeting; our Society President, Stewart Carlin will speak as well as Dr. Govind Hariharan from Kennesaw State University who will speak on "The Great(er) Depression? Not so Easily". We'll meet by the pool and for the price of admission, you'll receive two adult beverage tickets as you enjoy the evening (if it doesn't rain!). By special request, we'll have a Mexican meal (thank you Tom Cook), install our new officers, and enjoy two hours of CPE to boot!

I want to thank everyone for their support over this last year. I enjoyed serving as president and look forward to seeing what our new officers will plan for us.

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

See you there,

Jim Ray, Chapter President

Chapter Meeting Information

When: May 21, 2009

Where: Doubletree Hotel NW Atlanta off Windy Hill Road. From I-75 in Cobb County 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.

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Upcoming GSCPA Events

[2009 Annual Convention](#)

June 28-July 1, 2009

Ritz Carlton

Amelia Island, FL

Time: 5:30 p.m. registration, 6 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, May 18.
Register: Send [email](#) or visit the [chapter's web page](#). Remember to include (1) your name, (2) GSCPA member number and (3) contact phone number.

Mexican Dinner Buffet

- Green Salad with Cilantro Lime Vinaigrette
- Mexican Layered Dip Served with Blue and White Tortilla Chips
- Black Bean and Cheese Quesadillas
- Marinated Chicken and Beef Fajitas Charbroiled with Onions and Peppers
- Spanish Rice
- Refried Beans
- Southwestern Corn and Red Peppers
- Churros with Honey and Chocolate Dipping Sauce
- Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee and Iced Tea

Speaker Before Dinner: (1 hr CPE):

"The Great(er) Depression? Not so Easily" presented by Dr. Govind Hariharan of Kennesaw State University. (1 hours CPE)

Speaker After Dinner:

Our GSCPA President, Stewart Carlin will install the officers and speak on the State of Accounting Profession (1 hour CPE)

Meeting Schedule

North Atlanta Chapter - In it's 29th Year Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 21, 2009 - Doubletree Hotel
The Great(er) Depression Not so Easily (1 hour CPE)
State of the Accounting Profession (1 hour CPE)

Thursday, June 18, 2009 - Doubletree Hotel
Foreign Accounts and Related Issues – 2 hours CPE

Thursday, July 16, 2009 - Doubletree Hotel
"XBRL" – 2 hours A&A

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