



Chapter News



Northeast Georgia Chapter

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President's Message

I would like to thank the members who attended our July meeting in Athens. We had an excellent turn out and an informative presentation by Roger Ward of Tarpley & Underwood Investment Advisors, LLC, on wealth management. I would like to congratulate the 4 winners of \$25 gas cards. We hope these door prizes added a little fun to the night's activities.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend our September meeting; our speaker will be Tim Shields, the Director of the Georgia Department of Revenue's processing center. This will be your opportunity to get all of your questions concerning Georgia income tax returns answered. Even if you are not a tax preparer, I hope you are a tax payer.

Our CPE Day committee is working on finalizing the program. We expect to have the schedule completed by the September 20 meeting. Registration forms will be available at the meeting.

I am adding a members' news section to the newsletter. If you have any announcements you would like included in future newsletters, please e-mail the information to jholden@rushtonandcompany.com.

John Holden

Chapter Meeting Information

Next Chapter Meeting

Our next Chapter meeting will be September 20, 2007, at the Georgia Mountain Center in Gainesville. Tim Shields, the Director of the Processing Center for the Georgia Department of Revenue, will be presenting a program that will cover an overview of the DOR Processing Center and include recent improvements, and then a brief discussion on how best to prepare tax returns.

The social will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tim's program will begin around 7:30 p.m.

Remember, to be eligible to win one of the four door prizes, you must be present during the drawing, which, of course, is at the end of the evening.

Please RSVP to [Lee Ellen Fields](#) at 706-886-3173 by September 14, 2007.

Speaker Bio

Tim Shields is the Director of the Processing Center for the Georgia Department of Revenue. In this capacity, he has responsibility for overseeing the processing of all tax returns and all payments by check. He leads a team of over 400 in focusing on processing all taxpayer payments and returns in an expeditious manner. Process improvement and customer service are the core values that the Processing Center is striving to implement and improve. With this dedicated team of seasoned veterans, Tim is committed to leading Georgia in becoming the best tax processing

facility in the nation.

Prior to the Processing Center, Tim managed the Department's Unclaimed Property Program and also served in the Program Management Unit. He has been with the Department since 2000.

Previously, Tim served in various project management capacities for consulting companies focused strategically on implementing technology to improve business practices. Additional management roles were held with several technology companies and with a Fortune 500 company in accounting and operations.

Tim is a graduate of the University of Maryland. He and his family reside in Gwinnett County.

Member News

Rushton & Company would like to congratulate Tiffany Whitmire, Clay Pilgrim, and Bob Williamson for recently passing the CPA exam. We would also like to welcome Duke Schork, who has joined the firm as a Senior Tax Associate.

2007-08 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Schedule

Please mark your calendars for this year's meetings:

September 20 - Tim Shields, GA Department of Revenue, Processing Ctr - Gainesville

October 18 - Mark Dawkins, University of Georgia - Athens

November 14 - CPE Day – Brenau University - Gainesville

December 16 - Christmas Party – Glen-Ella Springs Inn - Clarkesville

January 15 - Students' Night - Gainesville

May 15 - Gary Julian and Stewart Carlin, GSCPA - Gainesville

Unless otherwise indicated, meeting in Athens will be at the Continuing Education Center on the UGA campus and meetings in Gainesville will be at the Georgia Mountains Center.

Dinners for members and guests will be \$25; student members and new members will be free. Dinner for the Christmas party will be free for members and \$25 for guests.

The registration fee for CPE Day will be \$100; the discount for early registrations will be \$20, early registration date TBA.

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