



Chapter News and Events



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North Perimeter Chapter

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President's Message

As we all enter our busy season, auditors with their audits, industry CPAs with their auditors and tax folk with their tax returns, it's time to look at something completely different. This month we have Bill McDermott of Georgia Banking Company to speak to us on "6 Things You Need to Know to Understand the Nation's Financial Crisis and What We Can Do to Survive It". I hope this means he will tell us how to keep our clients in business so we have work to do, and how to get them to pay us after we finish their work.

I would like to thank our two speakers who gave us interesting and timely updates on their respective topics; Jim Tinsley on Georgia Tax Credits, and Stewart Carlin on the state of the GSCPA and to all of our members who came and kept our speakers on their toes.

At the last meeting, we elected the following new officers and board members for the upcoming year: President - Larry Cohen; Vice President - Jennifer Birtz; Secretary - Lee Height; Treasurer - Bob Johnson; Chapter Representative to Council - Ellen Sweatt; Members of the Board of Directors (term expiring 5/31/2012) Marian Macleod-Elliott, Yujia Chen and Paula Sands. Thanks to everyone for volunteering.

We held an Executive Committee meeting after last month's meeting. Even with finances getting tight and chapter funding being reduced from the GSCPA, we voted to keep chapter dues the same as it currently is and see how far our reserves will take us. Based on our current projection, we should be in good shape for the foreseeable future.

Congratulations to Barbara Pine on winning last months' drawing.

Larry Cohen

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Save the Date for Annual Convention

Catch the wave to success at the 2009 Annual Convention at the Ritz-Carlton in Amelia Island, Florida on June 28th – July 1st. Please join the Society for exciting CPE opportunities and fun in the sun with your fellow members at this wonderful resort. On Tuesday, June 30 Barry Melancon will be the keynote speaker. He will cover issues facing the profession. The full convention brochure and registration will be sent at a later date.

Meeting Information and Schedule

The cost is \$30 for current members of North Perimeter Chapter and \$35 for nonmembers. Payment is at the door by cash or check. The time of the meeting is 5 p.m. for registration. Student members of our chapter may attend free as guests (with proper RSVP) of the chapter.

Reservations can be made by [email](#) or on the [North Perimeter Chapter web site](#).

The Ravinia Club is located just across from Perimeter Mall. Heading north from Ashford-Dunwoody and I-285, go to the third light and turn right (just after Crowne Plaza Ravinia) on Ravinia North into the Ravinia Complex. Take the first immediate right and proceed down the hill. Go past One Ravinia Building and turn left between Buildings One and Two. Turn into the parking garage on the right. There is no charge for parking.

Meeting Schedule

March 17, 2009 – "6 Things You Need to Know to Understand the Nation's Financial Crisis and What We Can Do to Survive It" – Presented By Bill McDermott Of Georgia Banking Company (2 Hours CPE)

April 21, 2009 – "Update on PCAOB Auditing Standards" Presented By Robert F. Dow
of Arnall Golden Gregory LLP (2 Hours A&A)

May 19, 2009 – "Pension Plans and the Use of Cash Balance Plans" Presented By Tony Brizzolara of Louis Kravitz & Associates.

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