



Chapter News



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President's Message

Thanks to everyone who came to our October meeting. The lively discussion about IFRS was exciting to see. I look forward to more such meetings; the involvement of our members is nice to see, and thanks to Jennifer Birtz for getting us such a good speaker.

At our November meeting, Dr. Audrey Gramling of Kennesaw State University will be speaking to us on "COSO's New Guidance on Monitoring Controls" for 2 more hours of A&A. Before Dr. Gramling's talk, we will hear a short presentation from Parky Rogers of Georgia Junior Achievement, who will share with us some of the volunteer opportunities and needs they would like our chapter members to help with. I know we have had member who participated in the past and look forward to seeing more of us get involved this year.

Your Chapter Board of Directors met after the October meeting. The following items were approved: (1) Ellen Sweatt will be our chapter's nomination for the GSCPA Nominating Committee. This is the committee that nominates individuals to be future officers and board members at the state level. At the Fall Council meeting on November 10, council members will vote on which two nominees are added to this year's committee; (2) Chapter members in good standing who attend GSCPA Council meetings will be eligible for reimbursement of expenses, subject to Board approval. Members who would like to apply for reimbursement or need additional information should contact a board member; (3) The Chapter will pay for the GSCPA student membership fee (\$25 per student) for all scholarship recipients who are not already members, beginning with the recipients who received scholarships this past June; and (4) Up to four student memberships will be given out to eligible recipients at Financial Literacy Day. This is in addition to the \$1,000 support the chapter gives to as general support to the program.

The Chapter Nominating Committee will be meeting shortly to make recommendations on next year's officers and 3 Board positions. If you are interested in serving in some capacity or would like to nominate someone to be considered for any of these positions, please contact [Brandon Verner](#) (chair), [Jennifer Birtz](#) or [myself](#).

Congratulations to Tony Luchtefeld on winning last months' drawing.

Menu:

Classic Caesar Salad in a Parmesan Basket
Hanger Steak Provencal with a provencal ragu
Pan Roasted Chicken Breast stuffed with boursin cheese and a Madera wine sauce
Creamy Parmesan Polenta
Sautéed Spinach with garlic
Scented Pound Cake with Zabaglione

Larry Cohen

2008-2009 Meeting 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) to the chapter. You can register for the meeting by [email](#) or on the [North Perimeter Chapter web site](#).

Directions:

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

November 18, 2008 - "COSO's New Guidance on Monitoring Controls" presented by Dr. Audrey Gramling of Kennesaw State University (2 hours A&A)

December 16, 2008 – Carolyn Turnbull – Current Hot Topics – tax update. (2 hours CPE)

January 20, 2009 – "Turning Exits Into Opportunities: Growing Your Business By Helping Business Owners Plan For Exiting Theirs." Presented By Patrick Ungashick Of E.M. Stephens PR (2 Hours CPE)

February 17, 2009 – 2 Topics Presented Consecutively

- "GSCPA Update" – Presented By Stewart Carlin President Georgia Society Of CPAs (1 Hr CPE)
- "Changes in the Georgia Tax Credits in 2008 and Proposed Changes in 2009" – Presented By Jim Tinsley of Alpharesults, LLC. (1 Hr CPE)

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 – TBA

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

2008-2009 Chapter Officers and Directors

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