



# Chapter News



West Georgia Chapter

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## President's Message

It's almost the end of the year, and I want to take the time to say how much I have enjoyed being the president of the West Georgia Chapter for the past two years. Due to many upcoming obligations, I will not be able to serve next year. However, I will be more than happy to assist the incoming president. If you are interested in being an officer, call me as I need to submit this to the state office in the next week.

Our April meeting is going to be changed to April 16 to accommodate those who are CPAs in public practice. Our speaker will be Hale E. Sheppard, Esquire from Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Martin in Atlanta. His topic will be "New Standards, Severe Fines, and Conflicting Rules." This should be especially beneficial to our CPAs who are tax professionals. It focuses on the expanded definition of "return preparer," increased return signing obligations under Section 6695, new penalties for return preparers under Section 6694 (including the confusing interim guidance from the IRS in a series of notices), and recent changes to Circular 230.

Please don't hesitate to call me 678-839-4819 or [email me](#) if you have any questions or suggestions for the upcoming year!

Sondra Smith  
President 2007-2008

## Chapter Meetings

The West Georgia Chapter generally holds meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at the Sunset Hills Country Club. This is a great opportunity to hear interesting speakers for one hour CPE, meet and interact with other accounting professionals, discuss current news and events in the accounting profession, and enjoy a good meal. Our goal for the upcoming year is to increase membership, have a half day CPE seminar, and offer continuing member benefits. We can't achieve this alone – we need your participation. We will keep you posted on upcoming events and activities – hope to see you at our upcoming meeting.

### April Meeting

Our April meeting will be on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Sunset Hills Country Club in Carrollton, Georgia. Our speaker will be Attorney Hale Sheppard. Please RSVP [Kathy Moffeit](#) no later than noon on Monday, April 14, 2008 to let us know if you will be able to attend. The cost (including gratuity) is \$15.

## Chapter Officers and Meeting Schedule

### Chapter Officers

[Sondra Smith](#), President  
[Joe Cali](#), Vice President  
[Kathy Moffeit](#), Secretary  
[Christine Swanson](#), Treasurer

### Meeting Schedule

April 16, 2008	Student Night
May 14, 2008	Lunch Meeting