

**Debbie Bason, CPP, GNC Secretary
Payroll Manager
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Debbie Bason is the Payroll Manager for Wirtgen America Inc., a position she has held since 2005. Wirtgen America Inc. is the North American subsidiary of Germany based Wirtgen Group, the marketer of the world's most technologically advanced road paving equipment. Her position is a one person payroll office that processes payroll in multi states and Canada.

Debbie began her payroll career in 1995 as a Payroll Coordinator at PRIMUS Automotive Financial Services in Franklin. After two weeks on the job, she was given the opportunity to take the Pay Train payroll course at Middle Tennessee State University which was the first time it was offered. After five years and three promotions, the payroll department was eliminated due to an acquisition by Ford Motor Credit Corporation. Debbie acquired a Payroll Specialist position at the Southwestern Company. Six months later she received a Payroll Administrator position at Manchester Tank and Equipment which was her first one person payroll office position with an in house payroll system. After five years she left to assume the position she holds today.

Debbie became a member of National APA and the Greater Nashville Chapter immediately upon entering the payroll field in 1995. She received her CPP certification in 2003. She did not become an active GNC member until 2003 when she was elected Chapter Coordinator. She was the Director of National Payroll Week in 2004 and the Director of Social Communications in 2005. She has also chaired committees for the KY/TN Statewide Payroll Conference. In 2009 she was honored as Volunteer of the Year for the Greater Nashville Chapter.

Debbie has been married to her husband, Ken for 30 years. They have two adult children. Chelsey Riemann (28) has been married to Aaron for 6 years. Jordan (24) is a recent graduate of the University of Tennessee and is pursuing his first full time employment. They have one precious granddaughter, Abigail, who turned 1 in January. The Riemanns live in Knoxville so Debbie and Ken travel I-40 East often visiting their family. Debbie and Ken love sports so they attend sporting events as much as possible (particularly UT and TN Titans). After becoming empty nesters, Debbie and Ken acquired two Havanese dogs, Asa and Zoe, who bring lots of energy and joy to their home life. Debbie and Ken have also been involved in Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization since 2009. Spending time with their Little Brother, Marquis continues to be a delight. Free time is spent being involved with her church community, outings with friends, reading, and traveling.