

GNC President's Letter

August 2010

GNC Members ..

It's that time of year again. Summer vacations are drawing to a close and kids are getting prepared to head back to school. This is the time when upcoming events will mark a change for everyone's schedule. With the extended, possible record breaking, heat wave we have been experiencing, I urge everyone be sure to take the appropriate precautions when planning any outdoor activities. Several county fairs are starting up, offering activities for both kids and adults to enjoy that last summer fun.

With the onset of August, the time of year has arrived when members of the Greater Nashville Chapter have several important events that will be taking place and as President of the Chapter, I would like to encourage ALL members to be involved. You may ask yourselves, "What are the important events that are to be taking place?" Well, there are several:

- 1) National Payroll Week
 - a. Community Service
 - b. Special Speaker
 - c. Games
 - d. Giveaways
 - e. Proclamations
 - f. Money Matters
 - g. Celebration
- 2) Selecting a Nominations Committee
- 3) Membership Renewal
- 4) Nominating 'New' Officers
- 5) Voting on 'New' Officers

Remember, this is your chapter and each individual member is vital to all decisions and events that take place. Please make it one of your priorities to be involved - we want to know what you as members think.

National Payroll Week is the week of Labor Day in September and it is a "Celebration of ALL Payroll". Mark your calendar, plan to be involved, and make a special effort to celebrate at your office, in your community, and with your chapter. Even if you are a one-person payroll department or part of a large payroll department, you can celebrate. Put up the NPW poster you can download from the APA website, bring in cookies or ice cream or cake, organize and play games, send letters to your customers, put the NPW survey in your signature, and much more. You can also celebrate by participating in **Money Matters** and volunteer to teach students in area high schools on how to read their pay check. Volunteer to participate in any of the many Chapter events planned for NPW. Plan to attend the September Chapter luncheon and hear one of our own members, Bonetta Bond, CPP speak on Balancing and Reconciling Payroll Records and Taxes Quarterly. Watch to emails from our Director of NPW, Angie Sowers, CPP about celebrating NPW. Get involved!

The **GNC Membership Drive** runs from September to October each year and it is time to renew. Did you know if you renew and pay before October 5, 2010, your membership is only \$40 for the 2010 – 2011 year? If you wait, your cost is \$60. All 'new' members will pay \$60. Renew your membership NOW and SAVE. Look for emails from your Director of Membership, Marie Brock, CPP to learn more.

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During the end of September, beginning of October the President along with recommendations from the officers, will select a nomination committee to be in place by the October chapter meeting. After this meeting, nominations for **officers for the 2010-2011** term of office will be available on-line and once submitted by members, will be forwarded to the nominations committee. After the November chapter meeting, you will vote on-line and the newly selected officers will be announced at our December 2010 Chapter meeting.

For those of you who were unable to attend, there were two recent educational events available which furnished two exceptional education opportunities.

The Greater Nashville Chapter hosted a **½-day seminar** on July 23 which covered the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) presented by Susan Heard and Military Pay: How Companies Handle Military Presence in their Workforce presented by Sheri Fox and Lt Col (retired) Bill DeGray, with 4.0 RCH Credits.

The Chattanooga Chapter hosted this year's **3rd Annual Tennessee Statewide Conference** August 4-6 at the Double Tree Hotel in Chattanooga which offered a variety of workshops covering topics from SSA and IRS Updates to Immigration and I-9's to Employee Retention and Retirement Plans with a total of 7.5 RCH Credits. Attendees enjoyed a Mystery Dinner Theater, where good times and lots of laughs were had by all. Every attendee walked away with a give-a-way – see what you all missed! We all had a very good time.

The **4th Annual Tennessee Statewide Conference** will be held right here in Nashville, Tennessee – hosted by the Greater Nashville Chapter of APA. More details on this upcoming 2011 event will be forth coming.

Make the Greater Nashville Chapter a success by becoming involved! How? Consider doing one or more of the following:

- Volunteer for a committee
- Become an officer
- Participate in Community Service events or Fundraising events
- Make suggestions in the "suggestion box"
- Recommend topics and speakers to the Director of Education
- Complete Speaker Evaluations at all Chapter meetings
- Tell others about the Chapter
- Lead or assist with a CPP or FPC Study Group

Remember, this is your chapter. Every member's opinion matters!

Thanks ..

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President
Greater Nashville Chapter