



Greater Nashville Chapter of the APA

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Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

Wow...is all that I can say after experiencing the 2015 Payroll Roundup (aka Tennessee Statewide Payroll Conference)! I arrived early on Wednesday to see if I could be of service; but I was way too late. Sherry Dwyer, the TSW Board, and an army of volunteers had it going on just fine without me. From the Wednesday night networking event to Friday's closing session, the conference was jam-packed with educational workshops, really great speakers, generous vendors and supporters, surprising entertainment (more on that later), good food, and absolutely fabulous participants. This conference had the highest attendance to date; and, now we are challenged to see if we can top it next year in Knoxville. Bring it on!

Not to be over-shadowed is our CPP study groups in Franklin and Nashville. Do you know that we had 43 registrants within four days of placing the information on our website? The groups are already halfway through The Payroll Source and are anticipating taking the exam in the Fall testing window. Kudos to our volunteer study group leaders: Tomicka German, CPP; Robin Massaro, CPP; Laura McCarthy, CPP; Howard Wimsatt, CPP; Lisa Shell, CPP; Barbara Hinshaw, CPP; Janet McReynolds, CPP; Sherry Dwyer, CPP; and Lisa Greer, CPP. Also, a loud shout out to Renae Leroy, Payroll Operations Supervisor, at BenefitMall who opened her door to host our Franklin study group. We are already receiving inquiries for a Spring 2016 study group. Clearly there is a need to support our payroll professionals; and, we'll need a Committee Chair to lead the charge next year. Please don't be shy - your Chapter needs YOU!

Your Board of Directors is now fully staffed! Janet McReynolds, CPP has graciously accepted the role of Chapter Secretary and will attend her first Board meeting this coming Saturday. Please extend your appreciation the next time you see her?

We are moving and shaking! Here's a preview of what's happening in the next few months:

September 2nd: GNC APA is hosting an evening dinner with musical accompaniment at the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge in conjunction with our National Payroll Week celebrations. Our chapter does have a sweet spot for the residents of Hope Lodge and this is truly a feel-good event. Check your inbox for an email from Ekaterina (Katya) Manning as she's coordinating the menu. If you have never attended this event, you don't know what you're missing. Seriously.

September 17th: The GNC APA Chapter Meeting celebrating National Payroll Week is THE premier event of the year as our participation level goes through the roof. Once again, Lisa Odom, FPC is our NPW Queen (and she has awards to prove it). The Board agreed that we truly can impact lives in the Nashville area and we are continuing our support of [Open Table](#). We'll be sharing their wish list soon. I also just found out that our NPW meeting room can hold 70 people; and, I would be silly-happy if 70 of us came to the celebration.

September-October: Our 2015-2016 Membership Campaign begins and Lisa Wachter, CPP, Director of Membership, will communicate the special rates soon. We sincerely hope that we've brought value to your professional life; and, not only will you renew your membership, but also invite a colleague to join the Chapter.

October 2nd: GNC APA has formed a walking team for The American Heart Association's Heart Walk at Vanderbilt. Our modest goal was to raise \$600 and we've already met that goal. 52 days to go and I know that we can rock this out of the park. A few of you have mentioned to me that you're still on the fence about participating. I'll go Nike on you.... Just Do It. (smile) Click [here](#) for our team page and join us while it's fresh on your mind?

May 10-14, 2016: APA Congress will be held at Opryland here in Nashville! Our chapter will host the [Southern] hospitality booth and the planning has already begun. Stacey Dion and Nancy Parkinson, CPP will need committee members and volunteers to bring it all together. Stay tuned.

Here are a few noteworthy items:

Food Allergy Update: Second Harvest requires a 7-day notice of a food allergy so that they can plan our menu. If this impacts you, would you consider registering for the meetings early so that we can accommodate your needs?

We're Listening: Requests for invoices and "official" receipts prompted us to update our procedures, we've added a calendar of events to our website, and we're working on a concise mission statement.

Now back to the surprising entertainment at the Payroll Roundup. Who knew that our very own Director of Education, Charla Dailey, FPC could belt out Carrie Underwood's "Before He Cheats"? Your rendition was brilliant, Charla...you had me singing along and waving my cell phone light. To those of you who snuck out before the real entertainment began...see what you missed?

Warm regards,

Michelle Bacher, CPP

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