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"Always laugh when you can. It is cheap medicine.

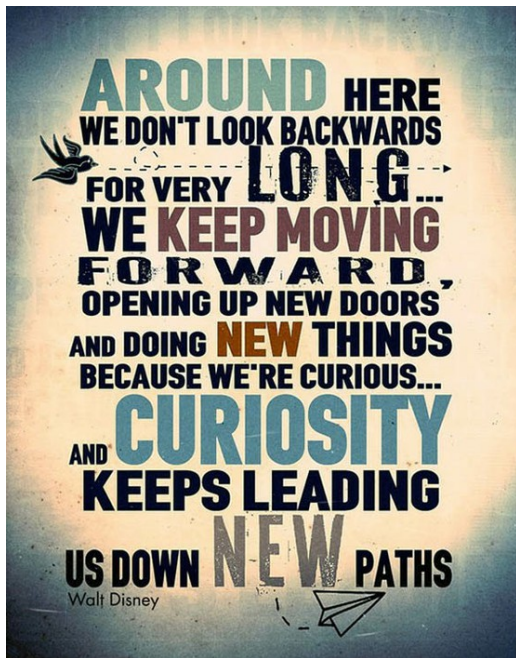
-Lord Byron

Dear Chapter Members and Friends,

Happy New Year! As I reflect on these words, I think... really? Is this a meaningful sentiment to those of us in the payroll profession? Those of us burning the candle on both ends - through year-end payroll issues, ACA reporting, acquisitions going live in January, systems not working the way they should, and then we have our day job on top of that, right? The New Year snuck up on us; and, I suspect that most of us still had much to do in 2015, which will now have to carryover into 2016. Happy. New. Year. ☺

Our nomination, voting and audit period concluded in early December; and, I am pleased to announce our new Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 period. I know that each person truly reflected on their commitment to our Chapter when they said yes. They will begin their leadership term in March. Please extend your congratulations and support to them?

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Past President:	Michelle Bacher, CPP



Our Chapter is committed to your continued education and has modified the Education Scholarship this year in support of opportunities to attend the APA Congress at Gaylord Opryland. We are offering one full registration to Congress, three one-day registrations to Congress, and one registration to the TN Statewide Payroll Conference. I have attached the application for your convenience and encourage you to apply. Machel Morris will lead our Scholarship committee and we will announce the awards in early March.

While we have received a few requests for a 2016 Spring CPP Study Group, we lack sufficient leaders to host the sessions. So, we will look forward to a summer study group.

As I approach the remaining days of my Chapter leadership, I can't help but think that the time flew...really fast. I began the year with a list of objectives that I hoped we could get across the goal line in 2015. We hosted two CPP study groups, many of you actively supported the very successful TN Statewide conference, and our commitment to our community was evident with the support of the Open Table Mission, the Heart Walk, and Hope Lodge...and each other. Talk about moments filled with goose bumps. YOU are the heart of our Chapter; and, with the generosity of your spirit, we rocked it out of the park this past year!

Thank you. Muchas gracias. Merci beaucoup. Danke schoen.

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Michelle Bacher, CPP

President