



CSTC Orange County Chapter Monthly Newsletter

September, 2009

ORANGE CHAPTER DINNER MEETING LOCATION IS CHANGING TO THE PHONEIX CLUB—NOV 11TH (SEE BACK PAGE.)

President's Message

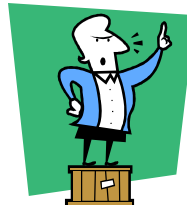
President's Message
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Another "Endless Summer" is giving way to Fall and the kids are going back to school. This happens every year, but this year things are different. Unemployment in California is at its highest level since World War II, home foreclosures are still occurring at above-normal rates, and, with California's severe financial troubles looming over us, for who knows how long, schools will face budget shortfalls and that usually means funding cuts for the classroom and lost jobs. So what can we do with all this bad news? Well, we can take this opportunity to provide our clients, or prospective clients, with some relevant and helpful tax advice where applicable. Such as: letting our currently unemployed clients know that Unemployment Insurance is taxable income on their federal return & that they will need to plan for this with appropriate federal income tax withholding; also, advising those clients with children in, or planning to attend, college of the related tax deductions and/or credits available for eligible education expenses; and finally, advising those clients who have had property foreclosed that there may be debt cancellation income forthcoming that they may need to plan for. By the way, our dinner meeting speaker this month should be able to provide us with some useful information for folks in the latter situation. I know we all advise our clients on these matters during tax season any way, but if we make an extra effort to reach out to those clients who are, at this time, directly affected by these current events, and our advice saves them some money on taxes, or, prepares them for additional taxes on unemployment benefits or cancelled debt, these clients will likely be very appreciative. One final note on the subject, just as we have a cycle of seasons during the year, this recession cycle will have to end sometime and give way to another growth cycle. Let's hope this happens sooner rather than later and that unemployed folks in California and the rest of the country can get back to work. Along these lines... Happy Labor Day!

Last month, David DuVal, EA, from TaxResources, Inc., presented a seminar on "Ethics" as prescribed per Treasury Department Circular 230. I missed Dave's presentation as I was away on vacation. But I've been told that Dave, as usual, did a superb job of engaging those in attendance with lively interactive exchanges regarding this topic.

This month our speaker will be attorney, Richard Barnett, a principal in the firm of Barnett & Rubin, which is located in Irvine, CA. Mr. Barnett will be presenting information on handling bankruptcy and the related tax implications. This is a very timely topic considering the tough economic times we are experiencing. We should take away some valuable information from this seminar that will be helpful to many of our clients at this time.

Meeting Speaker & Topic



Bankruptcy

SPEAKER: Richard Barnett

Richard Barnett is a Principal in firm of BARNETT & RUBIN, A Professional Corporation in Irvine, California. He is AV rated by Martindale Hubbell Legal Publications, is a California State Bar Certified Bankruptcy Specialist and a Member of the Central District of California Bankruptcy Mediation Panel. He has a degree in Accounting and has been involved in numerous cases, including public company reorganizations. His firm concentrates upon commercial, business litigation, debtor, creditor, and bankruptcy matter. He has been practicing in this area since 1979.

CTEC: [1000-CE-2872](http://www.ctec.org) Hours: 2 Federal

This presentation, if qualified, has been designed to meet the requirement of the director of Practice of the Internal Revenue Service; The California State Board of Accountancy and the California Tax Education Council, including Code 31 of Federal Regulation 10.6(g). This does not constitute an endorsement by these groups. A listing of additional requirement to renew tax preparer registration may be obtained by contacting CTEC at PO Box 2890, Sacramento, CA 95812-2890, phone CTEC at 916-492-0457 or on the Internet at www.ctec.org

President's Message, cont'd

As part of CSTC's "We Care Enough to Share" speaker development program, we would like to encourage those members who have not previously presented tax related information at a chapter meeting before to share their expertise and experience with the rest of us. Sharing your knowledge, with your fellow members, will strengthen your skills and enhance your professional development and theirs as well. Even if you only wish to give a 15 minute presentation on your topic, we will be glad to accommodate this.

And finally, let's please continue our efforts to meet CSTC's goal of "2012 in 2012". Though this is a daunting challenge, we believe it is definitely achievable and that CSTC should be the "Tax Professional's Choice" organization for education and networking opportunities.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick L. Jenkins, President Orange County Chapter CSTC

“2012 by 2012”

Society Membership Drive

CSTC is offering a \$25 Education Voucher for any member, in good standing, who brings in a new member (for each new member).



New Members

Greg Norris, Mission Viejo, OC Chapter
 Vincent Sinohui, THE TAX PLACE, Fullerton, OC Chapter
 Stella Martin, Anaheim, OC Chapter
 Susan Johnson, Dana Point, South OC Chapter
 Welcome!!!

South Orange County Monthly Meeting:

September 22nd meeting is tentative on a speaker. October 27th meeting-Ruth Godfrey, EA, speaking on Foreclosures. November 17th meeting-David Eastis speaking on the revised IRS form 990. We meet at 5:30PM on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Marie Callender's located at 31791 Del Obispo Str, San Juan Capistrano. The cost is \$29 for members with reservations and \$34 at the door and \$39 for non-members. For reservations, please contact Ms. Haydee Robinson at (949) 361-9373. Members: wear your name badge and be eligible to win a Marie Callender's pie

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To promote professionalism by providing quality education events for tax professionals, by creating and encouraging networking opportunities for members and by advocating professional standards and positions within the tax industry.

The chapter newsletter is designed to provide accurate and authoritative information about the subject matter covered. It is provided with the understanding that the publisher is not engaged in giving legal, accounting or other professional service. If legal advice or other expert help is required, the services of a competent professional person should be sought. Statement of fact and opinion are made on the responsibility of the authors alone. They do not imply an opinion on the part of the officers or members of the California Society of Tax Consultants, Inc.

Free Electronic Interactions Seminars

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To Be Held in Garden Grove—Sept 15th

Tax preparers and small business owners are invited to attend FREE e-File/e-Services seminars sponsored by the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB), Board of Equalization (BOE), Employment Development Department (EDD), Social Security and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The seminars will include the latest updates on individual and business e-file programs, e-Services for tax professionals and taxpayers, California mandatory e-File compliance efforts, and electronic payments.

Due to budgetary constraints, FTB will not be able to attend the seminars, but will provide e-file materials and information at each seminar.

A Question and Answer session will follow the BOE, EDD, SSA and IRS presentations. E-file Application registration, including fingerprinting, will also be available.

All seminars scheduled from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

* CPE credits will be offered to Enrolled Agents, CPAs and CTEC registered preparers for these seminars

Location:
September 15, 2009 (Tuesday)
Embassy Suites
11767 Harbor Blvd.
Garden Grove, CA 92840

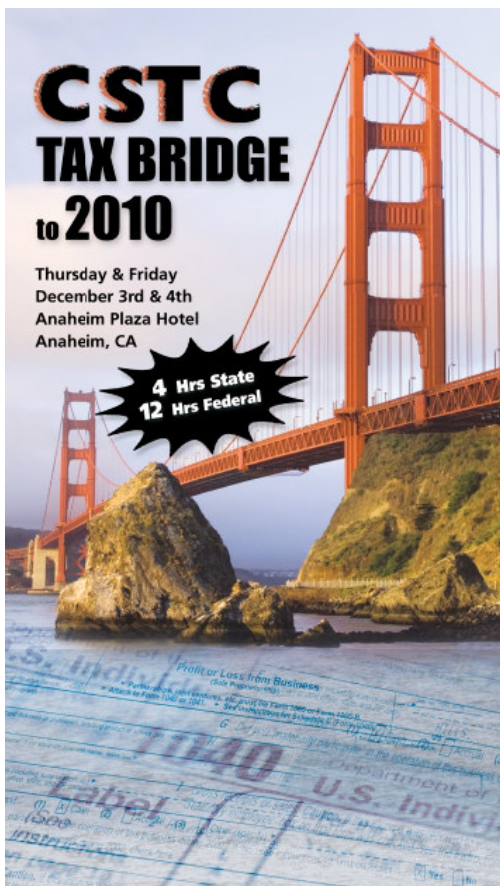
Additional Information
Other dates and locations, and Registration (required) available online on the California Franchise Tax Board web site
www.ftb.ca.gov

CTEC

Changes are a Comin'

Three new policies regarding CRTP education and registration requirements are set to take effect over the next two years.

1. Starting January 1, 2010, education providers that teach "contact" qualifying education (QE) courses will have to require students pass a test before they can receive CTEC credit. To be clear, the QE provider, not CTEC, will administer the test.
2. Starting the 2010/2011 registration cycle, all CRTPs will have to complete two hours of ethics as part of the 20 hour continuing education requirement (12 hours federal, 4 hours state, 2 hours of federal or state, and 2 hours of ethics).
3. Starting October 31, 2012, *CRTPs can no longer renew late*. CRTPs that fail to meet the October 31st deadline will be required to start over, retake the 60-hour qualifying education course and register as a *new* CRTP.



Quiz

1. A partner's investment in a partnership is recorded in a _____ account.
2. A sole proprietor's investment in the proprietor's business is recorded in a _____ account.
3. An owner's investment in a corporation is recorded in a _____ account.
4. If you paid fourth-quarter property tax in September, then on Dec. 31, you dr. _____ and cr. _____.
5. Improvements by a lessee are deductible (not capitalized) if the costs are a _____ for _____, but the parties' _____ determines whether this is the agreement. To ensure such deductions, state the _____ in the lease.
6. For expenses to be deductible, a business must be functioning as a _____.
7. Expenses incurred before a business is underway are _____-_____ expenses, and these must be _____ and _____.
8. IRS proposed regs let employers reduce or eliminate non-elective contributions to 401(k) plans if they have a substantial _____, which can include _____ at a loss, substantial _____ in your industry, and _____ industry sales.

Answers: 1. capital 2. capital 3. Shareholder's Equity 4. Property Tax Expense, Prepaid Property Tax 5. substitute, ren intent, intent 6. going concern 7. start-up, capitalized, amortize 8. business hardship, operating, unemployment, depressed



Calendar of Events

MONTHLY DINNER MEETING - SECOND WEDNESDAY

PLACE: ELKS LODGE, 212 S. ELK LANE, SANTA ANA
COST: \$33 FOR MEMBERS WITH ADVANCE RESERVATIONS
\$40 FOR MEMBERS AT THE DOOR, STAFF/SPOUSE
\$45 GUESTS

OC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 4:30 PM

TIME: REGISTRATION 5:30 PM

DINNER 6:00 PM

SPEAKER 7:00 - 7:50 PM

BREAK 7:50 - 8:00 PM

SPEAKER 8:00 - 8:50 PM

Excellent Speakers & Topics for Continuing Professional Education Credits for CTEC, CPA's & EA's

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Quickfinder Workshop, January 8, 2010, Anaheim

Tax Bridge December 3 & 4, 2009, Anaheim

Society Events

OC Meeting—September 9th

South OC Meeting—September Meeting TBA

Society Board Meeting—September 21

Society Board Meeting—November 16

OTHER CHAPTER MEETINGS . . .

Greater Long Beach Last Wednesday monthly
Call Shirley Blanton 562-433-3420

Los Angeles 1st Tuesday monthly
Call John Caven 818-842-5193

South Orange County 4th Tuesday monthly
Call Haydee Robinson
1-949-361-9373

DINNER RESERVATION

Please reserve _____ place(s) for the dinner meeting of the Orange County CSTC on **Wednesday, September 9th**
All reservations must be received by **noon FRIDAY, September 4th or please call by Thursday pm September 3rd.**

Name: _____

Enclosed is my check payable to CSTC for \$ _____.

Advance Registration \$33 members only. Members at the door and Staff/Spouse \$40. \$45 non-members

ENTREE CHOICE: Chicken Cacciatore _____

Fish of the Day _____

Vegetarian Platter _____

Entrées come w/mixed vegetables, salad, hot rolls & butter, dessert, coffee (decaf/reg/ hot or Iced Tea)

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(714) 879-9880 ext 105

Fax 714-879-0710 e-mail fsaah1129@aol.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST, Zip. _____

Registration Number: TPP _____ EA _____ Other _____

Name(s): _____ Affiliation: _____

Guests Name

RESERVATIONS: Notify **FRED SAAH** if you wish to be on the permanent list for the year. Remember that if you are on the permanent list, you must still pay unless you notify at least one day before the missed meeting. Your reservation and payment must reach FRED by noon the Friday before the Wednesday meeting. Members not making reservations will pay \$40 at the door. Guests pay \$40. All reservations (permanent or not) that are no shows will receive a bill for the missed meeting. (A paid missed meeting does not qualify as a meeting for the free RIA books.) You must cancel by the Tuesday before the Wednesday meeting.



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15 CHAPTERS STATEWIDE

OUR NEXT MEETING:

Time: 5:30 pm to 9:00pm

Wednesday September 9th



TO:

Directions to Santa Ana Elks Lodge...

Conveniently located off the 55, 5 and 405 Freeways.

57/5 Freeways Southbound -

57 South merge onto Hwy 5 South. Take Fourth St/First St Exit. Stay in lane to go straight through Fourth St and First Street, which will be Mabury Street then turns into Elk Lane. Go 0.1 mi. Lodge is on the right. Park in parking lot right past the lodge.

55 Freeway Southbound -

Take Fourth St Exit. Turn right onto Fourth Street and follow approx 0.7 mi to Mabury and turn left. Stay in lane to go straight through First Street. Mabury turns into Elk Lane. Go 0.1 mi. Lodge is on the right. Park in parking lot right past the lodge.

5/405 Freeways Northbound -

55 North-Take Hwy 5 North ramp. Exit Fourth St/First St. Merge into middle lane to go straight through First Street. You will be on Mabury, which turns into Elk Lane. Go 0.1 mi. Lodge is on the right. Park in parking lot right past the lodge.



Effective November 11th

**MEETING LOCATION IS CHANGING!!
 (same day-2nd Wednesday each month)**

**Starting with our November Meeting we
 will be moving to:**

**The Phoenix Club in Anaheim
 1340 S Sanderson Ave
 Anaheim, CA 92806-5629
 (57 FREEWAY NEAR BALL RD)**