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SACRAMENTO CHAPTER – JANUARY 2009

Monthly Meetings are held on the Last Tuesday of the month May through January

Coming Attractions: Next meeting

May 19

Possibly an attorney on an advanced topic

Dear Members,

This will be my last letter as chapter president. The next one will be from Joan McHugh, who was just elected. Joan has been a member of CSTC for just a few months, but she has attended frequently for years, and she understands what we are all about: quality education, and sharing our wisdom with one another. She comes to meetings well prepared to listen, and willing to answer questions. I look forward to her leadership.

Names and contact information are on the back page of this newsletter. It should be a good board, with several newer members and several veterans. Keep in touch with them about your ideas and your needs. Joan will be getting newsletters from other chapters, so if you need a particular topic, and you are willing to travel, ask her for information.

In November, Steve Sims gave us a thorough update on Franchise Tax Board activities and programs. If you get a chance to hear him speak, please do! He was well prepared, and also flexible enough to respond to our questions.

Diane Lebbs and I plan to meet for dinner the last Tuesdays of February and March, probably in Rancho Cordova or Folsom. If you are interested in joining us, call me a 717-0876 for time and location.

Wishing all of you Many Happy Returns,

Teresa Brady

Advertising Policy

Members may place an ad of business-card size or 6 lines of text at no charge. Nonmembers pay \$15. Advertising does not constitute endorsement by the Sacramento Chapter of the CSTC.

MEMBER BENEFITS:

Do you ever need help on a return? Consider calling a fellow member. Look in your membership directory "yellow pages" for a topic and see who might be able to help. Or look in the "user group" listing for the software you use, if you have a data-entry question.

We are not allowed to take away a client.

I already called to find someone who could help a friend of a friend with foreign income. One year I had to find a new preparer for a client who had inherited some complex investments, which were beyond my ability at the time.

Much as I enjoy my independence, I appreciate being able to call for help.

IRS CONTACT INFORMATION:

Check out the attached letter from Joyce Peneau, IRS Stakeholder Liaison Area Manager. It has many website links and other useful contact information.

They also have an online video program called "A Dialogue with Practitioners" at http://216.12.134.241/ccs_adwp/. It's a good resource, especially for newer tax preparers.

STANDARD MILEAGE DEDUCTIONS:

	Jan-Jun 2008	July-Dec 2008
Business	50.5 cents/mile	58.5
Med/Moving	19	27
Charity	14	14

For 2009 (so far)

Business	55
Med/Moving	24
Charity	14

NEW GIFT AND ESTATE LIMITS FOR 2009:

The annual gift tax exclusion increases from \$12,000 to \$13,000 for 2009. The estate tax exclusion amount increases from \$2 million to \$2.5 million in 2009. The top estate tax rate remains at 45%. See Publication 950.

CSTC LOGO DRESS SHIRT:

Look in the CSTC Reporter for news of a new item available: A dress shirt with the CSTC logo. It has blue and white stripes and long sleeves. (Linda Morlang likes to roll her sleeves to the elbow.) Good for either men or women.

CSTC MISSION STATEMENT

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

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