

AUGUST 2009 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fellow members,

A recent newspaper headline reminded me of an often-repeated adage, "Records are made to be broken". So it is with our present record setting heat wave. Thinking back over the last twenty years I have been in Victoria, there has been record heat, record snow, record drought, record rainfall, and even a record river flood. Another record (but not weather related) hopefully will soon be broken. The Number Crunchers are again working hard to win first place for the eleventh time during the 2009 YMCA Corporate Cup. So come out, participate, have fun, and support the team. Support is needed in the form of event captains and team members. A listing of all the events, dates, team captains, event captains, members, and rules, can be found on the chapter web site, <http://www.victoriacpa.org>.

This year's Corporate Cup Number Cruncher shirt is now being designed and pictures will be on the web site soon. The Chapter plans to provide T shirts free to all participants and other Chapter members who come out and support the team. This year we will be offering shirts for sale to outfit your entire family. Last year it was great to see those youngsters in our familiar "Number Cruncher" attire!

Our next Chapter luncheon is August 25th at the Victoria Country Club. Rhonda Fotiades, Executive Director of Sure B.E.T. (Business and Education Together) will be our guest speaker. Also, come and meet the Victoria College scholarship recipient. An invitation has been extended to the new accounting professor at University of Houston-Victoria to attend. One other agenda item will be a vote on the changes to the Chapter by-laws published in the July newsletter.

Upcoming events include the September Chapter luncheon and sixteen hours of CPE offered in October. Check out our web site to learn more about these and more.

Have a wonderful last few weeks of summer.
Mark

LUNCH MEETING—AUGUST 25, 2009

Date: August 25, 2009
Time: 11:45 a.m.
Place: Victoria Country Club
Speaker: Rhonda Fotiades, Executive Director
Sure B.E.T. (Business & Education Together)

To R.S.V.P., call 361-578-2915 or e-mail dgs@rhcllp.com by noon, Friday August 21st

Cancellations and no shows after R.S.V.P. deadline will be billed for the meal
The temperature in the rooms never satisfies everybody. Please bring a jacket if you tend to get cold.

Sure B.E.T. (Business and Education Together) is the award winning educational initiative of the Victoria Business and Education Coalition (VBEC). The program which was originally created in Victoria, has been recognized nationally and:

- Was a finalist for the United States Community Service Award in November 2007
- Received the Texas Governor's Volunteer Award in May, 2008
- Job Shadowing, Career/Job Fairs, Occupation Investigations, Business Cents, Recruiting volunteers for the HOSTS (Help One Student to Succeed) Mentoring/Tutoring Program and the annual YOUth LEADership Conference are all under the Sure B.E.T. umbrella
- To date over 5,000 sessions have been donated by local volunteers to assist area students

MEETING ATTENDANCE DRAWING

The person whose name was drawn for the \$50 drawing at the July 21st meeting was not present, so the drawing will be for \$100 at the August 25th meeting.

You must be present to win. Members in good standing per TSCPA the morning of the meeting are eligible to win. Good luck!

WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBER
Julia E. Smith Floresville, Texas

It's time to order your 2010 CCH U.S. Master Tax Guide(s)

Complete the form below and

Mail to: Victoria Chapter TSCPA
P. O. Box 1562
Victoria, Texas 77902-1562

Fax to: 361-578-7058

Order deadline is noon, Wednesday, August 12th

Name _____

Mailing address _____

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E-mail address _____

Number of books _____

The price per book will be determined by the total book order placed by all TSCPA chapters.
For more information, call Dorothy at 361-578-2915.



**TSCPA CPE - SATELLITE BROADCAST SCHEDULE
2009 - 2010**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>COURSE TOPIC</u>
August 19, 2009	Compilation & Review Update: Advanced Issues
September 16, 2009	Accounting & Auditing Update
October 21, 2009	Partnerships & LLCs Update
November 18, 2009	Business Fraud & Internal Controls Management
December 16, 2009	Annual Tax Update
May 19, 2010	Farm & Ranch Accounting & Tax Update

For more information and to register: call TSCPA 1-800-428-0272, or log onto www.tscpa.org
Walk-ins are welcome

Seminars are held at the Victoria College Student Center
2200 E. Red River Street
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

(Sites occasionally change so always reference the confirmation received to verify the location.)

August 2009 TSCPA Tips

Find a Mentor on TSCPA's Online Mentor Network

Are you weighing a career move and looking for a little guidance? Do you need advice on resolving a conflict in the office? Since you probably don't want to discuss these types of issues with your boss, TSCPA has developed a customized database for you to find a CPA mentor. Called Mentor Network, the program is available online at tscpa.org and lets CPA, candidate and student members search for potential mentors via criteria like chapter, years of experience and specialty area.

All you do is enter your desired specifications, choose a mentor from the list of matches, and then e-mail your question. It may be a one-time exchange or it may develop into regular e-mail correspondence. Besides finding a mentor on tscpa.org, you can also volunteer to become one.

Visit the Mentor Network: <http://www.tscpa.org/mentornetwork/index.asp>

Looking for Peer Review Resources?

Did you know that the members of TSCPA's Peer Review Committee are available to answer questions about the peer review process? These individuals from various chapter areas are excellent go-to people for your questions. To find out who may be available to help you, contact staff liaison Jerry Cross. (E-mail jcross@tscpa.net; phone 800-428-0272 ext. 617 or 972-687-8617.)

Tell a Student About Membership

If you know a business major who is not yet a TSCPA student member, send him or her to the Student Lounge section of the TSCPA Web site at <http://www.tscpa.org/studentLounge/>. Students who join now will enjoy membership until May 31, 2010, for only \$35. Benefits include a \$300 discount off Becker CPA exam review courses and other CPA exam review discounts, listing TSCPA membership on their resumes, unrestricted access to TSCPA's Members Only and Student Lounge sections of tscpa.org, receiving TSCPA publications, and more.

Four \$250 tuition/book reimbursements, provided by the Accounting Education Foundation, will be awarded through a random drawing in October. To be eligible, students must be valid student members (renewed by Sept. 1, 2009), majoring in accounting.

For more information or to receive an application by mail, contact Donna Fritz. (E-mail dfritz@tscpa.net; phone 800-428-0272 ext. 201 or 972-687-8501.)

Mark your calendars—upcoming Victoria Chapter events

September 22, 2009 Chapter Meeting

October 21-22, 2009 Seminar: Partnership/LLC Tax Issues & Update
Steven J. Tillinger, CPA

More details as soon as available

CORPORATE CUP 2009

September 17—26, 2009

To volunteer for an event contact Chris Janecek
cjanecek@rhcllp.com or call 361-578-2915

Go Number Crunchers !