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President's Corner — Message from the president

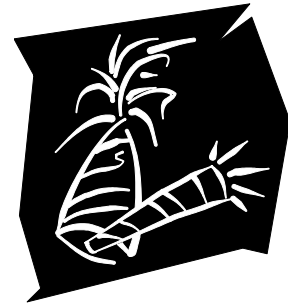
I want to wish everyone a belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I hope that everyone is well and ready for the new tax season.

There will be no joint update with Eugene this year for IRS update as the IRS needs at least 150 people to attend. Our chapter will have ODR update this month.

There will be morning meetings at Novak's in Albany the first Thursday of the month for February, March & April. Plan on attending, they are very informative. There will be the regular roundtable meetings for February and March. We still need volunteers to be moderators for the meetings – please contact Robin Machado if you are interested in being on the panel.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for an office, please contact the nominating committee (either Tom Dundas or Gizela Zerkel). We will be voting in new officers this year!

Cindy Clark
President



Happy New Year

Job Bank

Are you looking for a job, or maybe you are looking for some new employees for this upcoming tax season? If so, please contact Monica Banks-Figueroa. She can put you on a referral list for those needing employees or employers. Monica can be reached at 928-9628 (home) or 928-9265 (work).

Call her today, it's not too early to begin thinking about the upcoming tax season – it will be here before you know it!



Upcoming Education

January 2006

You are invited to come early for a no-host dinner beginning at 5:45. The business meeting will follow at 6:30. Education will begin at 7:00. Deanna Mack will be presenting an ODR update.

This meeting will be at *Elmer's Restaurant* (2802 Santiam Hwy – Across from First Assembly of God Church) in Albany.

Please Note: This is a new location for Albany – Elmer's Restaurant!

Upcoming Topics & Speakers

January 18th: ODR Update – Elmer's Restaurant in Albany

February 2nd: Morning Meeting @ Novaks – 6:30 am

February 15th: Roundtable Discussion

March 2nd: Morning Meeting @ Novaks – 6:30 am

March 15th: Roundtable Discussion

April 6th: Morning Meeting @ Novaks – 6:30 am

April: *NO REGULAR MEETING*

Deanna Mack to present ODR Update – January 18th

Deanna Mack, the assistant tax policy coordinator for the Oregon Department of Revenue, will be presenting our ODR update for our January meeting.

Deanna Mack has worked for the State of Oregon for ten years. Ms. Mack is the Assistant Tax Policy Coordinator for the personal income tax program of the Oregon Department of Revenue.

In this role she writes administrative rules and tracks

legislation for the personal income tax program. Before this position, she was the auditor liaison for software developers and practitioners for the electronic filing program, an author of Oregon forms and instructions, and a field auditor and filing enforcement agent in the Tualatin District Office.

Other experience in state government includes two years at the Secretary of State's office. She lives in Woodburn with her husband and two young children.

Safety Net Seminar

Safety Net Seminar is scheduled for this coming May – it's never too early to begin thinking about life after tax season! This year's topic will be "Retirement Issues".

5/11 – Thursday	Albany	Albany
5/12 – Friday	Bend	Metro West
5/13 – Saturday	Eugene	North Coast

5/18 – Thursday	Ontario
5/19 – Friday	Pendleton Medford
5/20 – Saturday	Metro East South Coast

Don't forget Convention 2006 – June 21-24th! Watch the newsletter for more information regarding upcoming education.

IMPORTANT – From November Meeting

Time for Leah to put in her two cents worth again! So pay attention, this is important. As you know we will no longer be meeting at Burton's Restaurant because the portion of the facility that we have used for our meetings has been sold. It is very difficult to find an acceptable facility in the Corvallis area and being able to use the Burton facility meant that we had a minimum purchase per person in lieu of a rental charge – the chapter has been picking up these charges for five or six individuals who chose not to participate and that is just okay! But in November we had a wee bit of a problem – five individuals left Burton's without paying for their dinners. Below you find the list of what was ordered and the total bill amount. I went down to the restaurant the next morning, personally paid \$47.44 and sincerely apologized for this oversight – this has never happened before

and it was most embarrassing. I cannot imagine how this has happened, Burton's has a very efficient ticket system and they can easily identify where someone is sitting as well as cross reference for payment. These are the dinners which were not paid:

S.B. & Dessert – \$10.29

Salad Bar – \$7.99

¼ lb Burger & soft drink – \$9.72

Wed dinner #2 – \$14.32

Coffee and onion rings – \$5.12

If you recognize yourself, please contact me ASAP – 929 3125. Possibly you paid with a credit card or have a receipt which can be presented to clear our name. This is not exactly the kind of public relations that we as professional business people like to see happening. We need your help. – *Leah Stewart*

Morning Meetings To Be Held At Novaks Again

We will once again begin our morning meetings during this upcoming tax season. They will be held at Novaks Restaurant in Albany on the first Thursdays of the month during the months of February, March and April. These will be one-hour roundtable discussion meetings that begin at 6:30 am.

Novak's was voted best breakfast location for

the service, price, and privacy. February and March we are looking for people from within our chapter to help lead panel discussions. If you'd like to volunteer to be on the panel please contact Robin Machado.

Mark your calendars now for these meetings – February 2nd, March 2nd and April 6th.

Back to Basics

This year's Back to Basics Seminar will be on the topic of "Credits in-depth". Mark your calendar now for this great education!

9/9 – La Grande 9/23 – Klamath Falls

9/11 – Metro West 9/30 – Metro East

9/14 – Bend

9/15 – Eugene

9/22 – Medford

Do you have any info that you would like to see included in this monthly newsletter? If so, please contact the newsletter editor, Mandy, at 541-791-2357.



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