



Mid-Willamette Valley Chapter

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Upcoming Events

- February Meeting – 2/15
- Morning Meeting – 3/2
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- Safety Net – May 2006
- Convention – June 2006
- Back to Basics – September 2006

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President's Corner – Message from the president

Hi,

President

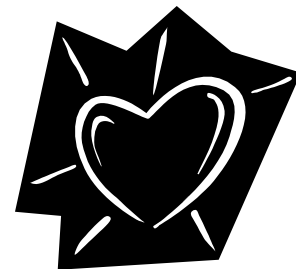
This is going to be real short. I hope that everyone is staying healthy and busy.

We need to be thinking of election of officers. If you think that you may be interested in serving, please talk with Geisla Zirkel or Tom Dundas.

We had a great morning meeting at Novak's on February 2nd. The next morning meeting will be March 2nd at Novak's. Plan on attending, they are very informative and informal. See you the 15th of Feb.

Cindy Clark

Have info for the newsletter? Please get it to Mandy Jansen during the **first** week of the month to make sure it gets into the newsletter.



Be My Valentine!

Clean Fuel Vehicle Deduction

The Internal Revenue Service has certified the model year 2006 Toyota Prius Hybrid for the clean fuel vehicle deduction. This certification means that taxpayers who purchased a 2006 Toyota Prius new during calendar year 2005 may claim a tax deduction of up to \$2,000 on line 36 of Form 1040.

The agency stresses that the \$2,000 deduction is for tax years 2005 and earlier. Starting in 2006 the deduction is replaced with a credit, which will require a different certification. The tax credit for hybrid vehicles applies to vehicles purchased on or after January 1, 2006 and may be as much as \$3,400 for those who purchase the

Upcoming Education

February 2006

You are invited to come early for a no-host dinner beginning at 5:45. The business meeting will follow at 6:30. Roundtable Discussion will begin at 7:00.

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

Please Note: Next Month we will be meeting at Sizzler in Albany!

Upcoming Topics & Speakers

February 15th: Roundtable Discussion – Elmers Restaurant in Albany

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

March 15th: Roundtable Discussion – Sizzler's Restaurant in Albany

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

April: NO REGULAR MEETING

Oregon State Stakeholder Liaisons

We know you are busy all year round but especially so during filing season. The last thing you need is wasted time looking for the right IRS contact. If you need assistance, call your local Stakeholder Liaison office. We may be able to answer your question or refer you to someone who can.

If you need assistance in Oregon State, contact one of the Stakeholder Liaison employees below.

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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.

IRS Releases Annual Tally of Most Notorious Tax Scams

The Internal Revenue Service today issued the 2006 “Dirty Dozen”—its latest annual tally of some of the most notorious tax scams—along with an alert to taxpayers this filing season to watch out for schemes that promise to reduce or eliminate taxes.

Two new schemes have worked their way onto the list in 2006. In recent months IRS personnel have noted the emergence of the two scams—“zero wages” and “Form 843 tax abatement”—in which filers use IRS forms to claim that their tax bills have been wrongly inflated.

Also high on the list in 2006 is “phishing,” a favorite ploy of identity thieves. Over the past few years, the IRS has observed criminals working through the Internet, posing even as representatives of the IRS itself, with the goal of tricking unsuspecting taxpayers into revealing private information that can be used to steal from their financial accounts.

Several of the usual suspects from last year remain on the list. The IRS, for example, continues to see schemes designed to

exploit charitable organizations. Some taxpayers, meanwhile, still use frivolous arguments to claim they do not owe taxes, despite the fact such reasoning has been thrown out of court time and again.

“When it comes to taxes, everyone has to pay their fair share,” IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson said. “I urge taxpayers not to be taken in by hucksters who promise to lower or eliminate taxes. Getting caught up in the Dirty Dozen or similar schemes can lead to big headaches.”

Namely, involvement with tax schemes can lead to imprisonment and fines. The IRS pursues and shuts down promoters of these and numerous other scams. Anyone pulled into these schemes can also face repayment of taxes plus interest and penalties.

For info and a complete list of these “dirty dozen” scams log onto the IRS website at www.irs.gov.

Morning Meetings To Be Held At Novaks Again

We will once again be having 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. There will be one hour education credit with these. They will run a bit over an hour. Bev Deircks, Barb Jenkins, & Donna Banks will be on the panel.

Mark your calendars now for these meetings – 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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