



Mid-Willamette Valley Chapter

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Upcoming Events

- March Meeting – 3/15
- Morning Meeting – 4/6
- Safety Net – May 2006
- Convention – June 2006
- Back to Basics – September 2006

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President's Corner – Message from the 1st VP

If by now you have not realized that continuing education is vital to our business, you have not started tax season. Your chapter vice presidents are doing all they can to help with this knowledge. Robin is lining up monthly education all year long. You just missed the March morning meeting held at Novaks on March 2nd with a panel discussion of current tax problems. Next is the regular monthly meeting at Sizzler's restaurant in Albany on March 15, with a panel discussion of current problems and solutions. Bring your skill and problems as we help each other. Then April 6th is the morning meeting at Novaks, with a panel discussion of problems and solutions.

There will not be a regular April meeting, go and celebrate (sleep)

the end of tax season. Rest up and get ready for the Safety Net seminar to be held Thursday May 11, in Albany. A 6-hr seminar on "retirement issues". If you cannot make the Albany location, Safety Net will appear in 9 other cities in Oregon. Watch your mail for registration information.

Don't forget convention in Pendleton June 21 thru 24. The focus this year is on "selling the ranch" and all that that implies. Buy script from our chapter for both convention and safety net. The cost to the member is the same it just helps the chapter convert script to cash. Also convention is a fun and educational experience. If you have never gone you should and you get \$25.00 off the cost of a complete enrollment. That plus 20+ hours of

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More Taxpayers E-filing Than Ever Before

In the first release of tax filing statistics this year, the Internal Revenue Service announced that electronically filed returns have increased, led by a big increase in home computer use.

Through early March, more than 39.5 million taxpayers have e-filed this year. Home computer use is up

16.5 percent, with e-file by tax professionals up nearly 4 percent. Out of 54 million tax returns filed so far this year, e-file represents 73 percent of the total returns. By comparison, 72 percent of returns were filed electronically for the comparable period last year.

Upcoming Education

March 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 **Sizzler's Restaurant** (2148 Santiam Hwy.) in Albany.

Please Note: THIS IS A NEW LOCATION!



Upcoming Topics & Speakers

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

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

April: NO REGULAR MEETING

May 17th: Dwayne Hunter will be speaking on the topic of consultant/preparer laws. Location TBA.

June 21st: Speaker & Topic TBA

July 19th: Speaker & Topic TBA

August 16th: Speaker & Topic TBA

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education, more if you include headstart. Include the ability to network with professionals from all over the state and you have one of the Best deals in town. All of this plus a reason to spend some time in Eastern Oregon. Talk to Bev Deirks, Robin Machado, or Debbie McKinney for more complete information on this years Convention.

Also plan on Superstar Seminar - I believe in July and Back To Basics in September. Then in

September or early October our chapter will have our own 6 hour seminar--Topic and date to be announced.

So plan your educational needs around OATC provided education for your 'BEST BANG FOR THE BUCK'.

AVE GIDDINGS
1st Vice President

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.

Education Happenings – Message from 2nd VP

Novaks have added breakfast items and has a full course breakfast now. March's morning meeting was well attended and the discussion informative. Thanks to everyone who brings resource material.

Sizzler will be our meeting site for March's evening meeting. Pizza Hut was booked and the prices are better at Sizzler as there are no charges for people who just show up. Randy is easy to work with also. Lets show our support for education. New preparers come, meet people, learn, network – we are nice people.

May's education will be Dwayne Hunter reviewing all the laws a consultant and preparer should know that he works with daily in his job. This

will be a review for some and a time for questions and answers for others. Plan on attending. I have asked him to review it section by section to assure we all are refreshed on the laws and regulations.

Looking forward to seeing the experienced tax people as well as the new people to our field at Sizzlers on the third Wednesday in March. Also, do not forget the Thursday April 6th meeting at Novaks.

Robin Machado,
2nd VP Mid-Willamette Education

Hmmm, did you know?

- The Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service wished the Academy Award nominees the best of luck at Sunday's presentation, but he reminded celebrity recipients of the six-figure goodie bags that they qualify as taxable income and must be reported on tax returns. "We want to make sure the stars 'walk the line' when it comes to these goodie bags" said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson.
- Individuals in six eastern states and the District

of Columbia will have an extra day, until April 18, 2006, to file returns and pay any taxes due. Taxpayers, served by the Andover, Mass., IRS processing center, will receive an additional day to file and pay because April 17 is Patriot's Day, a state holiday in Massachusetts. Thus, the April 18 deadline will apply to individuals in Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont and the District of Columbia.

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. Be sure to get your information in by the first week of the month.



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