



# Mid-Willamette Chapter

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May 2008

## Meetings

May Meeting will be 5/21 in Lebanon at Wing Ming's. The address is 1170 South Main St. and their phone number, should you need it, is 258-5889

*No-Host dinner beginning at 5:45. Business meeting at 6:30. Education will begin at 7:00.*

## News From the Editor

*Because of "Operator Error" the e-mail addresses I received this past month were deleted before the e-mail list was updated. I apologize and ask you to please resend me your email address.*

*Thank you  
Jo Anne Vetter*

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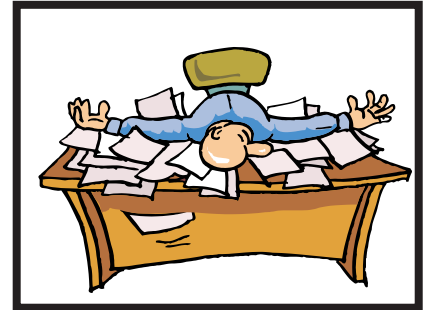
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## President's Corner *Message from the President*

I hope everyone had a very successful tax season, and now have had a chance to catch your breath. Now that the easy stuff is done we must get ready to go to work. Consultants you have all received your renewal notices from the Board, these require a minimum of 30 hours of CPE. OATC and your chapter have some help. You can get 6 hrs CPE from the OATC Safety Net Seminars check the OATC website as they run through May 17. Our chapter meeting the 21st of May will provide 2 hrs CPE. ODR Tax Practitioner meeting May 30 in Salem will provide 2 hrs of great CPE. After all of this if you are still short go to the OATC website and look for other chapter meetings that you could attend prior to your renewal.



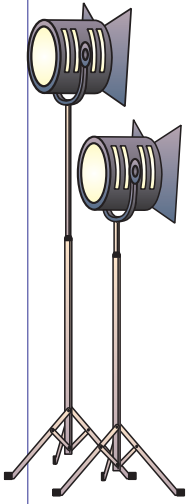
Next to insure that you will have no problem with hours for next year sign up for the convention to be held in Canyonville 6-25 through 6-28. This will provide you with up to 22 hrs of CPE if you include the head start portion of the convention. If you have never been to convention you will get a \$25.00 discount. I would recommend to all of our members that you attend the convention, as the education is fantastic and the networking possibilities are endless. Also the bingo is fun there ( and I hate bingo) if you have never seen Denny Perkey and Linda Musson call bingo it is worth the price of the convention for just this. Also you could win your fortune at the casino-- or help support the Indians -- as the case may be. I wish that everyone would really consider going to the convention for - EDUCATION - FUN - FELLOWSHIP - NETWORKING - and as a getaway after tax season.

Our May meeting will include election of officers-- the nominating committee has the following nominees: PRESIDENT-- BILL MCKINNEY, 1ST VICE PRESIDENT -- TINA FITZMORRIS, 2ND VICE PRESIDENT -- KARI LASSWELL.

We are still looking for a Secretary, a Treasurer, and two Board Members. If you are willing to serve as any officer please come forward and be nominated. OATC will provide Officers training July 11 and 12 at the Milwaukee religion center, to all newly elected officers.

I would ask all of our members to think of new members, we always need new members. Did you work with someone who is not a member? Have you hired someone who is not a member? Have you asked them to become a member? If not--why not? Your association has a lot to offer our members, reasonably priced education of the highest quality. Within our chapter we offer 22 hrs of CPE each year for the price of membership. Don't forget that Back to Basics seminars in the fall, this is the value for the money of all and it comes just before the preparers renew. So when talking to your co-workers or employees remember membership does not cost--IT SAVES. All of the above does not address the many other benefits of membership, all of this for \$90.00 a year plus a \$15.00 origination fee first year, and a \$10.00 script for use at OATC seminars.

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## Mr. Eric Arnoldus

Eric Arnoldus graduated from Eastern Oregon State College in 1989, and has been a Licensed Tax Consultant since 1991. He is the past president of the Blue Mountain Chapter of OATC. He is also the 3rd Vice-President of OATC. Eric feels that education is the most important benefit that OATC offers to practitioners. He feels qualified to speak on tax issues for military members, as a member of the Army's Reserve Component since 1985, and a survivor of a series of battles with the Army's pay branch. He was mobilized in 2004 and sent to Afghanistan for a year, where he assisted the Afghan National Army with starting their academy, and then with designing their force structure. While there, he was able to expand his knowledge of pay issues for military members, and enjoys sharing his experience with others..



This month's education will be in Lebanon at Wing Ming's - Wednesday May 21st - we are most fortunate to have Eric Arnoldus as our speaker. He will be speaking on Military Issues. You don't want to miss this opportunity! Eric knows his stuff.. This will be good for 2 hours of CPE.

## News From The IRS



The IRS announced that it will issue guidance for business on how the special 50 percent depreciation allowance that was included in the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 can be used to make capital investments this year. Please see IRS News Release 2008-58 for details.

### Upcoming Education

Salem Chapter is presenting Mr. Steven Cyr speaking on the IRS and Ethics on **Saturday May 17**. Mr. Steven Cyr is an *excellent* speaker, providing not only useful information, but in an unusual way. He will be talking on "The Other Side of IRS" - Everything you wanted to know about the IRS, but were afraid to ask. Some very interesting things that he guarantees you will not have heard before. And ethics - which qualifies for 3 hours of CPE. Seminar is being held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 4090 Commercial St SE, Salem. Sign in from 8 - 9 am, morning session starts at 9. Afternoon Ethics session is from 1 - 4:30 PM. Sign up for both sessions for \$80 or for the afternoon Ethics session for \$40. For more information, or to sign up contact Robert Kottke, phone: 503-873-2819, email: oatcsalem@verizon.net

### **OATC 36th Headstart and Annual Convention (up to 22 hours CPE)**



The 2008 Convention Committee invites you to join us for the 36th Headstart & Annual OATC Convention at the [Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino Resort in Canyonville, Oregon, June 25th - June 28th](#) for quality education, great food, entertainment and networking with a fantastic group of practitioners. The theme this year is "Capture Your Education", and follows a hypothetical group of OATC members as they explore whether they should combine their individual businesses - each with a different client focus - to everyone's advantage. There is a discount if you register by May 15th! For registration form and detailed information contact OATC Office 503-261-0878 or 800-478-4943. Registration before May 15 rates are: OATC members \$250 - June 26 - 28th, Headstart, June 25th \$95, Single Day Convention \$150. Rooms not included in convention price. Call Seven Feathers Hotel & Casino Resort for room availability and pricing - mention code 080623ORE for discounted rate.

*We will be including a copy of the previous month's General Business Meeting Minutes in the newsletter so that those of you who can't make it to the meetings have the opportunity to keep yourselves informed.*

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March 19, 2008

Attendees:

Cindy Clark	Tena Fitzmorris
Cathleah Bergey	Gisela Zerkel
Edward Dart	Dan Davis
Bonnie Davis	Ave Giddings
Georgie Lee Lowell	Bev Diercks
JoAnne Vetter	Kari Denison Lasswell

Meeting called to order by President, Ave Giddings at 6:58 PM. Self introductions were made. Minutes were approved as corrected. Gisela gave the treasurers report for Tom Dundas who is under the weather at this time. Kari gave the education report. The meetings will be held at Wing Mings in Lebanon for May, June and Jly and then we go to Albany for the remainder of the year.

Old Business:

Bev reminded us that Safety Net will be held on May 8th at \_\_\_\_\_.

New Business:

Cindy presented the new officers' elect for the coming year. We discussed the number of board members needing to be replaced. Dennis Seacrest will remain on the board. Bill McKinney and Linda Harding terms are up and the positions are open for election. Bill McKinney will run for President, Tena Fitzmorris will run for First Vice-President, Kari Laswell will run for Second Vice President. We still need a Secretary, Treasurer, and two board members.

Officer training will be held July 11 and 12 at the Milwaukee religion center that was used in past years.

Convention Report:

Bev Diercks answered questions about June convention. It is being held at Seven Feathers Casino in Canyonville (Exit 99). It begins on June 24th with early meetings, and officially starts June 25th to June 28th, (Wed thru Sat).

There being no further business, Ave adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Clark



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Material***

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### Association Officers

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