

Payroll News

National Payroll Week and September Meeting!

Join us for our Annual Celebration of National Payroll Week at our chapter meeting on Thursday, **September 14, 2017 at 7.30 a.m.** We are delighted to have speaker, Caroline Reddington, Senior VP, Wells Fargo Bank, present on the topic of Same Day ACH.

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Upcoming Events:

- Monthly Meeting - 9/14 at 7:30 AM
- Local Income Tax Compliance - 9/15
- Monthly Meeting - 10/12 at 5:30 PM
- Statewide - 10/13
- Payroll Issues for Multi-State Employers 10/23
- Government Public Sector Payroll Issues for Multi-State Employers 10/31

Let a Social Security Account Guide you back to work - Special Blog Post:

A [my Social Security](#) account makes it easier than ever to manage disability benefits. In the new guest [blog post](#), *Let a my Social Security Account Guide You Back to Work*, guest blogger and Acting Deputy Commissioner for Social Security's Office of Communications, Jim Borland, discusses Work Incentives and the benefits of creating and maintaining a [my Social Security](#) account.



IRS Updates

Be Alert to Scammers Who Pose as the IRS: Scammers pretending to be from the IRS continue to target taxpayers. These scams take many different forms. Among the most common are phone calls and fake emails. Thieves use the IRS name, logo or a fake website to try and steal money from taxpayers. Identity theft can also happen with such [scams](#). Taxpayers need to be cautious of phone calls or automated messages from scammers who claim to be from the IRS. These criminals often say the taxpayer owes money. They also demand immediate payment. Scammers also lie to taxpayers and say they are due a refund. They do this to lure their victims into giving their bank account information over the phone. The IRS warns taxpayers not to fall for these scams.

Below are tips that will help avoid becoming a victim during the summer months and throughout the year:

The IRS will **NOT**:

- Call to demand immediate payment using specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS first mails a bill to taxpayers who owe taxes. If the IRS assigns a case to a Private Debt Collector (PCA), both the IRS and the authorized collection agency send a letter to the taxpayer. Payment is always to the United States Treasury.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.
- Demand payment of taxes without giving the taxpayer the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

If a taxpayer does not owe any tax, they should:

- Contact the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration. Use TIGTA's "[IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting](#)" web page to report the incident.
- Report the incident to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "[FTC Complaint Assistant](#)" on FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your report.

If a taxpayer is not sure whether they owe any tax, they can [view their tax account](#) information on IRS.gov to find out. Taxpayers should also watch out for emails and websites looking to steal personal information. An IRS phishing scam is an unsolicited, bogus email that claims to come from the IRS. Criminals often use fake refunds, phony tax bills or threats of an audit. Some emails link to fake websites that look real. The scammers' goal is to lure victims to give up their personal and financial information. If they're successful, they use it to steal a victim's money and their identity.

For taxpayers who get a 'phishing' email, the IRS offers this advice:

- Don't reply to the message.
- Don't give out personal or financial information.
- Forward the email to phishing@irs.gov. Then delete it.
- Do not open any attachments or click on any links. They may have malicious code that will infect your computer.

More information on how to [report phishing or phone scams](#) is available on [IRS.gov/phishing](https://www.irs.gov/phishing).

Avoid scams. The IRS does not initiate contact using social media or text message. The first contact normally comes in the mail. Those wondering if they owe money to the IRS can [view their tax account](#) information on IRS.gov to find out.

Help Those in Need

Our Chapter and its members take pride in having to participate in our communities for those in need. Due to the catastrophic events in Houston, TX and surrounding areas. Listed below are charitable organizations that are collecting money and items for those affected by Hurricane Harvey:

- [American Red Cross](#)
- [Houston Food Bank](#)
- [Galveston Food Bank](#)
- [Corpus Christi Food Bank](#)
- [Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group](#)
(assists with long-term assistance after natural disasters)
- [SPCA of Texas](#) (help out furry friends)



Through Thursday, August 31st Only!

Donations of bottled water will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at WSB studios at 1601 West Peachtree St. Truckloads of water will be taken to impacted Texas areas over the weekend. Convoy of Care is a partnership effort by WSB-TV, News 95.5 and AM 750 WSB, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, KISS 104.1, B98.5 and 97.1 The River.

Volunteering

Keep an eye on your emails and our social networks for volunteer activities for yourself and often the family as well. A few organizations we support are:



Annual Statewide

The 2017 Georgia Statewide Payroll Conference **Payroll: The Fifth Element**, will be held on Friday, October 13, 2017 at The Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel, 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, GA 30346. Look for more details in the September newsletter.



36th Annual Congress

Registration is now open for Congress next year in National Harbor, MD May 15th – 19th, 2018. If you register by December 31st, you will save \$100.

Meeting Speakers and Partnership

Do you have a vendor or contact that would be willing to speak at one of our meetings? Please speak with [CJ Easterling](#) to coordinate this. We welcome partnership from businesses and higher education institutions.

If interested in being a partner, please review our [partnership opportunities](#) page.

Wish Them Well!!!!

Congratulations to all of those that participated and completed the CPP / FCP Study Group Sessions. Let's send our very best wishes our test takers – they will be sitting for these certification in the month of September!



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Meetings held the second
Thursday of the month at
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