

CPA NEWS

PERMIAN BASIN CHAPTER TEXAS SOCIETY OF CPAs

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March 2011

Message from the President

Hello everyone. It is hard to believe that it is March already. While our chapter has accomplished much the last two years, the most significant is developing a long-term strategy for increasing the number of CPA candidates from UTPB who can stay in our local community.

Please see Ryan's article about the check the box option we have added for your membership renewal form so you may direct money towards local scholarships. It is a great way for each of us to assist the chapter's scholarship fund.

[Click here for full article.](#)



**Phil Davis,
CPA**

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Permian Basin Chapter President**

Scholarship Fundraising

According to current TSCPA statistics, the Permian Basin Chapter continues to have the greatest percentage of CPA members over the age of 50 (at 70.7 percent). This compares with the 56.6 percent of CPA members in the entire state Society who are over the age of 50. It is apparent to our board of directors that we need to address this issue and invest in our community's future. We believe CPAs to be a vital backbone to the future of our community. [Click here for full article.](#)

Business & Industry Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, March 24

If you're a CPA in business and industry, make plans to attend the Permian Basin Business & Industry Town Hall Meeting. TSCPA would like the opportunity to talk to you about ways to improve products and services for business and industry members to help you in your career. You'll also have a chance to meet and interact with fellow CPAs and TSCPA leadership. After the Town Hall Meeting, TSCPA is offering all attendees one hour of FREE CPE on Controller/CFO Update. [Click here for full article.](#)

VITA Program Seeking Volunteers

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is designed to assist low and moderate income clients through free tax preparation services, while promoting awareness of the Earned Income Tax Credit and other tax credits that brings money back to working families and the community. It is a non-profit volunteer program that runs almost entirely on volunteer assistance. VITA welcomes volunteers of different levels of experience and aptitude. [Click here for full article.](#)

Follow the Permian Basin Chapter on Facebook

The Permian Basin Chapter is communicating with members through Facebook.

[Link up on Facebook.](#)

Welcome New Members

- Trista L. Dutchover - Student
- Delvin Thurman - Student

Opportunities to Participate - We Need You!

- UTPB April Campus Event for CPAs and Students
- Career Awareness
- Fundraising
- Media Relations
- Membership
- Scholarships

To serve on one of these committees, please contact Phil Davis, Crystal Baylor, Billy Kelley, or Ryan Bartholomee.

Permian Basin Chapter Calendar of Events

- B&I Town Hall Meeting: March 24
- Mixer for CPAs and Students: April 20
- Member Meeting: May 19
- Free CPE: May 19
- S Corporation Tax Issues & Update: July 21-22

TSCPA Calendar of Events

- B&I Town Hall Meeting: March 24
- Annual Meeting of Members – Fort Worth: June 24-25, 2011

TSCPA CPE Opportunities

- [Personal and Professional Ethics for Texas CPAs](#): May 16
- [Construction Industry Accounting and Tax Issues](#): May 18

Did You Know: Chapter members who serve as on-site coordinators at TSCPA CPE programs will be reimbursed one-half of their registration fee? For more information, please contact TSCPA's Juli Cleland at jcleland@tscpa.net or 800-428-0272, Ext. 665.

TSCPA NEWS AND INFORMATION

Visit the Online BV/FLS Community

The Business Valuation, Forensics and Litigation Services Committee has unveiled a newly updated BV/FLS community on tscpa.org. Members should consider this community a one-stop shop for industry related news, resources and tools. Here you will find links to recent articles on the web, additional TSCPA and AICPA resources, member profiles, a list of relevant blogs, and upcoming CPE courses. Interested members should also join the BV/FLS LinkedIn group to help create a forum that will spur collaboration and interaction.

[Visit the BV/FLS Community.](#)

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Financial Fitne\$\$ Calendars Are Here

Free Financial Fitne\$\$ calendars are a great way to save money throughout the year, with tips and pointers for every month. Order yours today by sending your name and mailing address to Avery Roth at aroth@tscpa.net.

[They are also available to download.](#) (.PDF)

Please note that there is a limited number of printed calendars available.

Tax Season Interview Contact List

As we prepare for tax season, one of TSCPA's task items is to create a volunteer list of CPAs willing to do newspaper/on-camera media interviews. If you know someone who has the time and would be a great candidate to represent the Society, please contact Kelly Hardwick by e-mailing or phoning 800-428-0272 ext. 652 / 972-687-8652. He will contact those recommended and obtain their commitment to participate.

[E-mail Kelly Hardwick.](#)

Business and Industry Center Keeps You In the Know

Are you looking for a way to stay up to date with the latest industry news or to keep in contact with other Business & Industry CPAs? If so, TSCPA has the perfect tool for you: the Business and Industry Center under the Resource Center tab on the TSCPA website. There you will find specialized neighborhoods (CFOs, Healthcare, Energy, Nonprofit, Education and Government), social networking, member profiles, and everything else in between.

[Visit the Business & Industry Center.](#)

Depression Can Be Helped

Sad and tired all the time? Feel the pressures of your job are crushing you? It could be more than the winter blahs; you might be suffering from depression. The TSCPA Accountants Confidential Assistance Network (ACAN) is there for you. Phone **866-766-ACAN**. We're here to help.

TSCPA Blogs

Keep up-to-date on TSCPA and accounting profession news through the Society's blogs. The following blogs are available on the TSCPA website:

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