

Chapter Tip Sheet For February 2009 newsletters

Get IRS Information Online

Obtain up-to-the-minute information on tax and IRS changes by visiting the TSCPA Tax Issues online community at <http://tscpa.org/resource/membercommunities/taxissues/index.asp>. After logging in as a member, you'll find links to a variety of resources.

You can also receive the tax issues e-newsletter (at no charge, as a member benefit) by sending a subscription request to pw Wyatt@tscpa.net.

Raising the Profession's Profile in Your Community

As part of TSCPA's effort to connect CPAs with community service opportunities, the Society has prepared a list of five ways you can make a difference where you live.

1. Sponsor a team or take part in a tournament for charity. Bring along your spouse, children, friends, and co-workers for added fun.
2. Let a high school student see what being a CPA is all about by participating in Junior Achievement's Groundhog Day job shadowing program. Get more information at www.jobshadow.org.
3. Help low-income people who cannot prepare their own tax returns by participating in the IRS' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. To locate the VITA site nearest you, call 800-829-1040.
4. Join the local board of a nonprofit organization that helps those in need. (To broaden your skill set and get a break from the tasks you perform at work, don't hesitate to request volunteer assignments in areas other than finance.)
5. Tutor students in math or reading as they prepare for statewide testing.

Financial Literacy

If a personal finance resolution tops your list or the list of someone you know this New Year, stop by www.ValueYourMoney.org. Texas Society of CPAs' free consumer financial literacy Web site features practical articles and helpful resources to get your finances on track in 2009. Be sure to check out the new downloadable financial fitness wall calendar on the homepage under Personal Finance Tools. Also, visit the Parenthood section for information about the children's book club, which promotes literature to help them learn that money really doesn't grow on trees.

Membership Recruitment

The autumn recruitment campaign has come to a successful close. TSCPA welcomed 360 new CPA members and 440 new student members. Many thanks to those who recruited new members!