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PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORTS

Greetings from your President! Wow, can you believe it's August already? Where has this summer gone? It is my hope that your summer is going smoothly. Our first task this summer was the **Michigan Amnesty** program which finished up at the end of June. Now it is time to start finishing all those **extensions** in a timely fashion! There is always something to do!

National Conference in Saint Louis!

Speaking of something to do, it's that time of year for **National Conference!** By the time you receive this newsletter, most will already be on their way to beautiful Saint Louis, Missouri! If you will be attending, please stop by the Michigan Chapter table during **Chapter Showcase** and introduce yourself! There will be six Michigan Board members representing the Chapter at National Conference this year!



Changes!!

As we return from National Conference we will bring back the most up to date information regarding changes for the upcoming tax season. There are forms that we will no longer use such as the **Schedule M** and a new **form 8949** used in conjunction with the **revised Schedule D**.

PTINS now need to be renewed **EVERY YEAR** for those responsible for preparing tax returns. Testing starts in October for the **RTRP (Registered Tax Return Preparer) Designation**. There will be additional fees for fingerprinting and exam fees.

For Michigan the big changes don't occur until **2012** but 2011 is a big tax planning year for our clients as we prepare them for the upcoming changes!



Don't Forget!

I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming "2 for 1" Seminar on September 23 when Beanna Whitlock and Marilyn Meredith will bring us an exciting "Darndest Things" program! "Kids, Seniors, and Problem 1040's are the Darndest Things" and "The Tax Profession is the Darndest Business" promises to be an action packed tax seminar that you won't want to miss!

Valorie Anderson, EA President

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Awesome Tax Education Opportunities coming your way this fall!

"2 For 1" September

Coming **Friday, September 23, 2011!** Mark your calendars for this event! MI-NATP will be featuring Beanna Whitlock, EA, CSA and Marilyn Meredith, EA as our speakers. Discussions will include Kids, Senior Citizens, Problem 1040's, and the new rules regarding the Tax Profession. Register on-line at www.mi-natp.org. See you in Lansing!

(Registration Flyer enclosed)

Pure Michigan Tax Seminars



This little piggy went to the market;
This little piggy stayed home;
This little piggy had roast beef;
This little piggy had none;
This little piggyback went.....bye-bye!

The Michigan Piggyback Seminars are now known as Pure Michigan Tax Seminars!

With all of the Michigan changes coming our way, we could use a little extra help navigating through it all. Speakers will be Marilyn Meredith, EA, William Pratt, EA and Mary Jane Hourani, EA.

Evening classes are available in November on the following dates:

- November 3, 2011
- November 7, 2011
- November 9, 2011
- November 11, 2011

Daytime classes will be offered:

- December 1, 2011
- December 2, 2011 (2 classes)



Registered Tax Return Preparer (RTRP)

The RTRP exam is expected to start **October 17, 2011**. Now it's time to study! NATP and MI-NATP are offering review courses for just that reason! There will be 2 classes offered this fall:

- **Friday, September 9, 2011 (National NATP)**
Embassy Suites Livonia, MI
- **Wednesday, October 19, 2011 (MI-NATP)**
Treetops Resort, Gaylord MI

Please make sure you take advantage of these awesome opportunities to study for your upcoming exam!

Glen Mitchell, EA Vice-President

Michigan Treasury Trip**September 29, 2011 at 9:30 am**

It's our annual Michigan Treasury trip! If you are interested in going, please submit a Michigan tax question to either Glen Mitchell at tcglenmitchell@yahoo.com or Jim Barry at jbarry2395@charter.net or (734)-426-2395. Questions must be submitted by Tuesday September 6, 2011.

The TaxBook and Quickfinders

Don't forget to order your TaxBook or your Quickfinder through MI-NATP! When you order your books through MI-NATP it allows the chapter to provide you with reasonably priced education throughout the year!

Use the order form enclosed and return your orders to:
Valerie Anderson by November 16th, 2011!

Tax Professionals and the IRS: Successfully Working Together (IRSC)

This year MI-NATP will be assisting with the "Tax Professionals and the IRS Successfully Working Together" seminar located at the Suburban Collection Showplace (Formally Rock Financial Showplace) in Novi, Michigan. This year the seminar will be held on **October 20, 2011**. The cost is **\$129 for 8 CPE's**. For more information or to register please go to www.michcpa.org.

**Registered Tax Return Preparer (RTRP) Exam Review Courses**

In the upcoming months, the IRS will announce the details of it's impending Registered Tax Preparer Exam. Once this exam becomes available, **ALL paid Tax Return Preparers** must be either Attorneys, Certified Public Accountants, Enrolled Agents, or Registered Tax Return Preparers unless they are supervised by such individuals or prepare returns not covered by the Registered Tax Return Preparer exam. **To register for the course you must go to www.natptax.com.**

MI-NATP is gearing up in 2011 and will be offering a RTRP Exam Review Course located in Gaylord Michigan! **More classes and locations to come in 2012!** This Exam Review Course is interactive and will include practical examples and applicable review questions to make certain you understand the material.

Course Information:**Cost: \$159****Wednesday October 19, 2011****Treetops Resort, 3962 Wilkinson Road, Gaylord, Michigan 49735****Registration begins at 7:30am. Workshop begins at 8:00 am and ends at 4:30 pm.****MICHIGAN CHAPTER-NATP WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**

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WELCOME!!!Vickie Baker
Ypsilanti**See you at the Seminars!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2011-2014 BOARD MEMBERS!

AT THE 2011 MAY CONVENTION IN PORT HURON, OUR MEMBERSHIP VOTED IN THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE 2011-2014 TERM:

- ANNA MAYER
- SUSAN CULLEN
- JON GARLICK
- ARLEEN MUNDY
- DIANE SKOP

CONGRATULATIONS AS YOU SERVE YOUR 3 YEAR TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE MI-NATP!

THE FOLLOWING REGIONS ARE UP FOR ELECTION AT THE MAY 2012 CONVENTION:

- REGION 5 AND REGION 6
- AT LARGE (4 AVAILABLE)



DEANNA HAWKINS named 2010 Member of the Year!

Every year the MI-NATP chapter awards one person who has demonstrated continual support, dedication and a passion not only to the MI-NATP Chapter but also to the Tax Profession. This year the Board of Directors selected **Deanna Hawkins** to receive the prestigious Member of the Year Award for 2010! **Very special congratulations to Deanna** for your continued success in the Tax Preparer Community!



Why Attending The Annual Convention Can Be A Profitable Endeavor!



In May, I attended the **annual MI-NATP convention in Port Huron** and I learned something new that ended up being very profitable for me! While attending a seminar, Instructor **Marilyn Meredith** brought up that a self-employed person can deduct their contribution to **Medicare** as self employed health insurance. I was not the only one in



the room that was surprised to learn this fact! In addition, we could amend the 3 open years tax returns! I am self employed so I immediately went home and **amended 2 years of my own tax returns** and received the refunds in less than 1 month! The old adage of you can learn something new every day is so true and it can even be profitable for **YOU! Sign up for a seminar today!** ****Gayle Compton** MI-NATP Member**

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NEW MI-NATP GOLD CARD!

Do you consider yourself a Grade "A" Tax Professional?
Do you rank your Tax Education as a Top Priority in your calendar?
Do you attend at least 3 of our 4 annual education seminars?

The NEW MI-NATP Gold Card is for YOU!

Starting in September 2011, for only \$500 you can pay for your education in advance and you will be pre-registered for all 4 of the **MI-NATP** annual education events! That's like getting **ONE seminar FREE!** If you take advantage of this great offer your \$500 pre-registers you for the following seminars for 2012-2013:

- MI-NATP Annual May Convention (Both Days) 2012
 - "2 for 1" Seminar in September 2012
 - 1 Pure Michigan Tax Seminar 2012
 - "Last Chance" Seminar in January 2013



For additional information please go to: www.mi-natp.org.

MICHIGAN - NATP EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

September 23, 2011*	“2 for 1” with Beanna Whitlock	Lansing
October 19, 2011**	Registered Tax Preparer Review Course	Gaylord
October 20, 2011	Working Together with the IRS Seminar	Novi
November 3, 2011*	Pure Michigan Tax	Grand Rapids
November 7, 2011*	Pure Michigan Tax	Novi
November 9, 2011*	Pure Michigan Tax	Bay City
November 11, 2011*	Pure Michigan Tax	Lansing
December 1, 2011*	Pure Michigan Tax	Lansing (1-4pm)
December 2, 2011*	Pure Michigan Tax	Detroit (10-1pm)
December 2, 2011*	Pure Michigan Tax	Gaylord (1-4pm)
January 6, 2012	“Last Chance” Seminar	Lansing
January 6, 2012	Basic Tax & Office Procedure	Lansing
May 17 & 18, 2012	Annual Convention	Frankenmuth

*See Attached Flyer for more information and to register in advance!

** Please see information on page 2 regarding this exciting course!

Go to www.MI-NATP.ORG to register online

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