



Chair's Message

Goethe stated "the man who occupies the first place seldom plays the principal part." As chapter chair this year, I can attest to this statement. All members of the Ottawa Chapter board have been working together as a team to accomplish goals and plan for a great year of chapter events.



Some of our board members have been privileged to represent CGA Ontario by attending the Sprott Accounting Students Association golf tournament, the Telfer School of Management golf tournament and the Sprott Accounting Student's Association Wine & Cheese evening during the month of September. These events are a wonderful opportunity to meet the future generation of accountants and promote the CGA brand as a designation of choice for their professional career.

Other members of our team have been busy planning and delivering our own events. We have completed our first two professional development events. On October 1st, Merge Gupta presented "Millennials Exposed" and on October 29th, Michelle Causton, FCGA, presented "Values & Ethics". Both seminars were enjoyed by all who attended. All upcoming events are listed in this newsletter so you can mark them on your calendar and prepare to be a part of our exciting year.

Our next big event will be our Ottawa Chapter Gala to be held on November 20th, 2009 at the Chateau Laurier Hotel. This promises to be a prestigious event reflecting on the achievements of our members, honouring our 25- and 50-year members and welcoming our new members. We look forward to sharing this evening with all who can attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Denis Bourguignon, CGA, for his contribution to the local chapter, his leadership and support as chapter chair for the 2008-09 year. I would also like to welcome Jennifer Ho, CGA, to the board of directors.

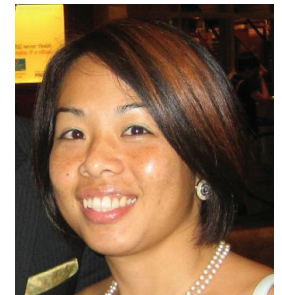
Finally, on behalf of our board, I'd like to encourage all of our members to attend and be involved with the local Chapter events. We hope to see many more of you at upcoming events.

Beverly Labbate, CGA
Chair, Ottawa Chapter

Introduction of New Board Member

Jennifer Ho, CGA Director-at-Large

Ottawa Chapter would like to introduce the newest board member, Jennifer Ho, CGA. Jennifer has several years of experience in financial and operational management in the not-for-profit sector through her past employment and volunteer work. Currently, she works for the audit division of the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). Prior to joining CRA, Jennifer was the



director of finance and operations at the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum, a national non-profit organization which promotes apprenticeship training in skilled trades. She started her accounting career in the not-for-profit sector with the Canadian Tulip Festival. In addition to serving on the Ottawa Chapter board, she is the treasurer for both the Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Support Programs (Ottawa Chapter) and the Ottawa Asian Heritage Month Society. Jennifer came to Canada from Hong Kong to complete her secondary education and obtained a bachelor of arts degree in economics and political science from the University of Western Ontario.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Peace & Environment Resource Centre (PERC) is seeking a volunteer bookkeeper. PERC is a small grassroots environmental organization working to educate Ottawa citizens about environmental issues through the Peace & Environment News (PEN) and other programs. The mandate of PERC is to educate the public about peace, environment and social justice issues, empower people to get involved in these issues, and support local groups who are involved. If you are interested in the volunteer position and would like further information about PERC please contact Rob Smith, CGA, at robert_smith@rogers.com.

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendars!

Come celebrate our 65th Annual Chair's Gala!

Save the date, November 20th, for an elegant evening at the Château Laurier with fantastic food, dinner and dancing! We will celebrate Ottawa Chapter's new members, 25- and 50-year members at this momentous occasion!

Date: Friday, November 20, 2009
Event ID#: 2009-1120o
Time: 6 – 7 p.m. - Registration and Reception
7 p.m. - Midnight - Dinner and Dance.
Cost: \$85 for CGAs and guests
No charge for new CGAs, 25- and 50-year members but registration is required to attend.

Come and enjoy an evening socializing with old friends and meeting some new ones! Live music will be provided by the Mick Armitage Band, a premier dance band well-known throughout the Ottawa Region. If you wish to continue the evening, we have set aside a block of rooms under CGA Ottawa Chapter, so you are welcome to stay at the hotel, (individuals are, of course, responsible for their own bookings and expenses). The room rates are discounted and are subject to availability so call the Reservations Department at 1-800- 257-7544 to arrange your stay.

\$139 Fairmont Room
\$169 Fairmont Room with a View
\$199 Deluxe Room

This is a great opportunity to vacation in your own city!

Senators Game (Senators versus the Columbus Blue Jackets) - Thursday, November 26

Calling All Hockey Fans: Come, bring the family and join us for a great evening of exciting, world-class hockey!

Date: Thursday, November 26, 2009
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Cost: \$55 per person (Seating in "The Ledge" including dinner)

Tickets can be purchased from: Jim Randall, CGA, at Jim.randall@cra-arc.gc.ca or jimrandall@sympatico.ca or by phone at 613-941-0209.

Upcoming Events – Details to come

January 2010: Career Fair
March 2010: Student Dinner
May 2010: Annual General Meeting

Professional Development Seminars– Details to come

February 2010: IFRS
March 2010: The Move to Ontario HST
April 2010: Enterprise Risk Management
May 2010: Public Sector PD Day

Thanks to the Examination Invigilators

Many thanks to the following members for their assistance in invigilating the September 2009 examinations:

Melanie Brunet, CGA
Joya Doub, CGA
Christine Duhan, CGA
Albert Malouf, CGA
Danny Rai, CGA (Chief Invigilator)
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Members interested in invigilating future exams should contact Danny Rai, CGA, Chief Exam Invigilator (see Ottawa Chapter 2009-10 Board of Directors Listing).

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