

Upcoming Seminars

Income Tax Update and Refresher

Speaker: *Thomas McCallum, FCGA, past chair, CGA Ontario, contributor to CGA Magazine*

Come and discover what's new in the world of income tax and get an update on corporate and individual income tax for the 2009 filing season in this full-day seminar.

Continental breakfast, two refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010
Seminar ID#: 2010-0116f
Location: Brampton Golf Club
 7700 Kennedy Road, Brampton, ON L6W 0A1
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Cost: \$150 per person
CPD: 7 hours

For more information please contact Parveen Bansal, CGA at parveen@pbansal.ca or by telephone at 416-818-4010.

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) - Overview and Financial Statements

IFRS is coming to Canada. By 2011, all publicly accountable companies, public companies listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, and crown corporations, will be required to report their financial results using IFRS instead of Canadian GAAP. Anyone working within the accounting field needs to be just as comfortable with IFRS as they are with Canadian GAAP. There are a lot of changes IFRS will bring to us, including a new look and feel to the format of financial statements. Imagine having a balance sheet that doesn't look like it balances! This event will provide an overview of IFRS and some of the major changes that will affect the look and feel of financial statements.

Date: Thursday, February 4, 2010
Seminar ID#: 2010-0204f
Location: Brampton Golf Club
 7700 Kennedy Road, Brampton ON L6W 0A1
Time: 6 - 9 p.m.
Cost: \$35 - CGAs and students
CPD: 3 hours

Please contact Paul Triska, CGA for more information by email at paultriska@gmail.com.

The Wealthy Accountant

Speaker: *Vincent Spadafora from Investors Group*

Vincent Spadafora is a well known financial educator. His

financial planning experience enables him to teach retirement classes that have been widely attended. Wealth management, estate planning and charitable giving are the other main areas of his practice.

Date: Thursday, February 11, 2010
Seminar ID#: 2010-0211f
Location: Brampton Golf Club
 7700 Kennedy Road, Brampton ON L6W 0A1
Time: 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
Cost: \$35 - CGAs and students
CPD: 3 hours

Please contact Parveen Bansal, CGA for more information by email at parveen@pbansal.ca.

Personal Professional Image - The Winning Image

Speaker: *Karen Brunger, director of International Image Institute Inc. and international past-president of the Association of Image Consultants International.*

A recipient of the international award of excellence in image consulting, Karen is known for her holistic, inspirational and dynamic style. As a trainer, keynote speaker and consultant, she has presented on five continents, and her systems and products are in over 60 countries. Karen is co-author of Executive Image Power and a contributing writer to B Magazine. Media-trained and a regular guest expert, Karen has appeared in most major print and broadcast media in Canada. Her private clients include executives, entertainers and politicians. She has conducted corporate 'playsops' for many of Canada's Fortune 500 companies and has coached some of the world's top image consultants.

How do you feel about your image? Totally confident? Your image can hold you back, or propel you forward. You'll receive personal recommendations for an image with impact that will lead to greater success in both the business and social arenas.

- Identify points of self-sabotage and ways to avoid them.
- Choose the colours and styles that are appropriate for you.
- Dress appropriately for any professional situation. Identify the parameters and distinctions between business, business casual, and casual.

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2010
Seminar ID#: 2010-0217f
Location: Brampton Golf Club
 7700 Kennedy Road, Brampton, ON L6W 0A1
Time: 6 - 9 p.m.
Cost: \$35 per person
CPD: 3 hours

Registration deadline: Monday, February 15, 2010
 Cancellation deadline: Friday, February 12, 2009

An Evening in Italy

In support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel
You are invited to join in!

Come out and be entertained in true hospitable Italian fashion at this fundraising gala with net proceeds from the event going to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel.

You will enjoy the company of fellow CGAs, students in the CGA program, their families and friends. You will also get an opportunity to mingle with local, provincial and federal government officials as well as prominent members from the business community. The evening will be full of fun: live entertainment, delicious dinner, dancing, an auction, raffle and prizes.

Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010
Event ID#: 2010-0327f
Time: 6 p.m. – Reception
Location: Speranza Banquet Hall
510 Deerhurst Drive, Brampton
Cost: \$75 per person (cash bar)

Registration will be open through CGA Ontario's website for students in the CGA program of professional studies and CGAs. Pre-registration for the event is required and will be done through Peel Chapter only! For details please go to <http://www.cga-ontario.org/EventReg/search.aspx>.

Sponsorship and advertising opportunities and corporate tables are also available to advertise your business or employer. For further information regarding this, please contact Resty del Rosario, CGA at resty.delrosario@rogers.com or Leslie Davidson, CGA at ldavidson@wajax.com.

Be sure to register for this exciting event in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel!

Volunteers Required for Tax Preparation Services

Last year Peel Chapter's government and public relations committee volunteers contributed to the community by preparing and filing more than 600 tax returns free of cost for low income groups.

During the months of March and April, volunteers contributed their time and skill during weekends at different agency locations in Mississauga and Brampton, assisting their clients in the tax preparation and e-filing of tax returns.

We are looking for students in the CGA program who passed the TX1 course or CGAs who are not in professional practice. If you are interested in volunteering your time and expertise to help those in need and are available on weekends in March and April 2010, please send your name and contact details to Peel Chapter at peel@cga-ontario.org or ramvenkat@sympatico.ca.

Together we can make a major difference in promoting the CGA brand in the community by participating in this service.

Donation request for laptops for tax preparation services

Peel chapter is requesting donations of laptops to be used for the tax preparation services in March and April 2010. The laptop would preferably have Windows 98, the capacity to load the UFile tax program, Excel, Word, printer connection capability and internet. If you have any unused laptop and wish to donate to Peel Chapter please contact Peel Chapter at peel@cga-ontario.org or ramvenkat@sympatico.ca.

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An Afternoon at Woodbine Racetrack

By Rakesh Dewan, CGA

For the past few years, Peel Chapter has been organizing an exciting event at the Woodbine Racetrack in Mississauga. However, this year was special as it was a joint event organized together with Toronto Chapter on Saturday, November 14, 2009.

We were fortunate to have a bright sunny weather on that fun-filled Saturday. Our group was seated in the Favourites dining room on the 2nd floor overlooking the track, and there was a TV monitor provided on each table.

The group started with a delicious buffet lunch. At about 1 p.m., the horse racing started and there were 10 races, each twenty minutes apart, which ran into the evening. There was a guide available visiting our tables to explain about the various types of bets that could be placed and we were also given a booklet that contained odds of winning on betting on different races, standings of jockeys, trainers, owners, and the horses.

Everyone enjoyed the fun-filled afternoon of races and gaming. Some won and some lost in the betting but everyone came away refreshed.

Thanks to Savita Pathak, CGA of Peel Chapter and Randy O'Malley, CGA of Toronto Chapter for organizing this joint event. More joint events should be organized in the future so participants can take advantage of the opportunity to mingle and develop new friendships. It is important that CGAs from each chapter reach out to members of other chapters. There are a few upcoming events in the calendar year 2010 that are planned to be organized jointly with Toronto Chapter and we hope you will be able to join!



New CPD Policy of Self-Declaration

CGA Ontario is pleased to announce the implementation of a new continuing professional development (CPD) policy of self-declaration. This policy, which was approved by the board of governors in November 2009, will replace the current reporting policy as of January 1, 2010. The new policy does not change current CPD requirements. It changes the method by which CGAs report CPD to the Association.

CGAs have until March 31, 2010, to declare the fulfilment of mandatory CPD requirements for the 2009 calendar year, ending December 31, 2009. CGAs will be responsible for the tracking of CPD, including the recording of verifiable and non-verifiable hours, and the maintenance of supporting documentation. These records shall not be submitted to CGA Ontario. A random audit process of the membership will ensure compliance with mandatory requirements.

Members may declare their CPD fulfilment online as of February 1, 2010. CGA Ontario has provided a helpful tracking form to assist in the recording of CPD activities, which may be downloaded from the professional development page of CGA Ontario's website. CGA Ontario will also send declaration reminders to members prior to the deadline of March 31, 2010.

This policy, which is administratively efficient and in keeping with the best practices of professional associations, recognizes the commitment of certified general accountants to the practice of lifelong learning. If you have any questions or require more information regarding self-declaration, contact Laurel Shaw, program assistant, mandatory professional development, at lshaw@cga-ontario.org, or by telephone at 416-322-6520 or 1-800-668-1454, ext. 8259.