

Chair's Message

My second year as chair of Sault Ste. Marie Chapter has flown by. A lot of events and seminars have taken place in the last couple of months. We started out with the new member lunch in January celebrating our three new CGAs. We held a tax and estate planning seminar and organized a tax clinic for seniors. I would like to thank all the chapter board members for their hard work and commitment to the chapter. It is the volunteers which make all the annual events possible. We will be winding up the year with our AGM on May 26, 2010. We hope a lot of members can come out to celebrate our last local AGM.



attend, feel free to contact me or another member and offer the suggestion. We are always looking for new ideas to involve all members in.

Darlene Purawec, CGA
Chair, Sault Ste. Marie Chapter

New Members Celebration

A new member celebration lunch event was held on January 28, 2010, at Casey's Restaurant. We were thrilled to welcome and celebrate our three new CGAs.

Fred Konkin, CGA gave a welcoming speech to the new members. The three new members are Carol Trotter, CGA, Sharron Denny, CGA and Marc Coletti, CGA. In attendance were six other members from the local CGA community.

CGA Ontario has undergone significant structural changes over the past few years. At a meeting in November 2009, the board of governors of CGA Ontario voted in favor of a motion that will result in CGA Ontario administration being responsible for directing volunteers at the local level to ensure their work aligns with the objectives of the Association. The governance requirements such as AGMs and reports to the board of governors will not be required as of fiscal 2010-11.

On January 16, 2010, the board and leadership team from CGA Ontario met with current chapter chairs and vice-chairs to discuss the best way to organize the new model that would work at the local level. CGA Ontario presented a potential model which would reduce the 18 chapters to eight regions. There was a lot of concern about this as the chapter representatives felt this would lead to smaller chapters receiving no activities or events in their area.

CGA Ontario board, staff and chapter officials met again on February 27, 2010, to continue discussions as to what the new volunteer structure would look like. Due to the concerns with the model presented at the January meeting, a new model was presented. As a result the chapters will continue but with a different structure that aligns with administration.

There will be a less formal structure to the board. Each chair of a committee or area of responsibility will work with a staff member at CGA Ontario to plan events for the year. Those events that are approved by CGA Ontario will be held during the year.

This will be the last local newsletter. For the next fiscal year, any local news will be included with all other chapters in a new 'Net Value' which will have all events broken down by regions. This will be circulated electronically twice a month.

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to send them to me, my contact information is listed in this newsletter. If you have an idea for an event that would be fun to



Left to right, Sharron Denny, CGA, Carol Trotter, CGA, Marc Coletti, CGA



Fred Konkin, CGA inspires our new members

Annual General Meeting

This year's annual general meeting (AGM) will be held at Delta Waterfront Hotel on Wednesday, May 26, 2010, at 6 p.m. Supper will be provided at no charge to local membership. Pre-registration is required by May 23, 2010. The business portion of the AGM will follow the meal.

Our guest speaker for the event is CGA Ontario's chair of the board of governors, Everett Colby, FCGA. This is a great occasion for networking and learning all the details about current developments for certified general accountants. You will get a chance to welcome our new CGAs for 2009-10. As this is our last local AGM, we hope to see many of you there. This event will earn attendees one CPD credit.

A formal invitation will be going out from CGA Ontario. You may register by phone with Darlene Purawec, CGA at 705-946-3700 or by email at dpurawec@nog.ca.

For 2009-10, here is the listing of the board members along with contact information:

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Tax Preparation Services - March

There were four CGAs that volunteered their time to prepare income tax for seniors. They prepared tax returns for residents on Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the Columbus Towers. We also received \$70 donation for Big Brothers. We would like to thank the following CGAs for their time:

Grant Dunlop Patrick Mistal
Joe Guzzo Pina Pacione

Lunch and Learn Sessions

Two lunch and learns were held this year at Gran Festa Restaurant:

Tax Session

The first one was held on February 23, 2010, and featured Grant Dunlop, CGA as our guest speaker. Thirteen registrants were educated on current income tax changes, registered education savings plan highlights, and information on the provisions for tax-free saving accounts and the renovation tax credit as well as general tax considerations on death.

Estate Planning

The second session was held on April 15, 2010, and featured Wayne Lion, CGA as our guest speaker. Registrants were educated on estate planning issues focused on power of attorney and will options.

Thank You...

Sault Ste. Marie Chapter would like to extend a sincere "thank you" to the following CGAs who invigilated the March 2010 examinations:

Martha Brant
Tammy Buchanan
Sharron Denny
Darlene Purawec
Carol Trotter

Congratulations!

Sault Ste. Marie Chapter would like to congratulate Lisa Grasley and family on their newest addition, Jocelynn Ruth Krug was born on May 13 at 8:37 p.m. She weighed 8lbs, 5oz and is 20 1/4 inches long.

Message from Martha

Happy spring to all! This is likely to be the last issue of Soo's News. It has been my pleasure to be the newsletter editor and I look forward to continued involvement with local CGAs. As we move into the new fiscal year, communication will be evolving. Be sure to check your email for updated information!