

Message from the Chair

It is my honor to serve as the returning chair of Sault Ste. Marie Chapter for the 2009-10 year. It seems like just yesterday we were attending Interaction 2008, and now, here it is summer again.

This year we have a number of changes on the board of directors. I would like to thank all the chapter board members for their hard work and commitment to the chapter. It is the volunteers that make all the annual events possible. Three great volunteers who are not returning this year are David Petersson, CGA, Cindy Godson and Pina Pacione, CGA. We are, however, very fortunate to have two new board members join us. We welcome Tammy Buchanan, CGA, who will be acting as our education representative, and Sharron Denny, CGA, who will perform the function of treasurer. Sharron is also a new member who received her designation in 2009. We presently have five vacancies on the board. If you or any member you know would like to join the board, please contact us for more information.

We have many events planned for the 2009-10 year. Most dates are still to be confirmed but the following page outlines our tentative schedule for the year. If you have an idea for an event that would be fun to attend, feel free to contact me and offer the suggestion. We are always looking for new ideas to involve all members in.

As one of our goals this year is to increase event attendance, we are trying a new promotional drive. When you attend an event, you will receive a coupon which will entitle you to attend another event for one-half (½) price or 50% discount, IF you bring another person with you who has not attended a Sault Ste. Marie Chapter event during the past year.

Also in this issue is information about our upcoming golf tournament on September 26, 2009. Hopefully you can join us for a great day of fun and friendly competition.

This will be the last issue of printed newsletters. The newsletters from this point on will be electronic only. If you wish to have a paper copy and do not have access to a computer please contact any of our board members and we will see you receive a printed copy.

I am hopeful that many of you will participate in some of our events this year. Please watch for information which is sent to chapter members prior to each event. These events are an opportunity to meet other members and share similar experiences with other professionals.

Hope to see you at one, or all of our chapter events.

Darlene Purawec, CGA
Chapter Chair

Going Green

It is the dawning of a greener era for CGA Ontario's communications. This issue marks the beginning of a more effective means of communications that will maximize timeliness and cost efficiencies. CGA Ontario's chapters will transition from a print to online newsletter format. As this transition from print to online newsletters proceeds, CGA Ontario will continue to seek ways of maximizing communications content, efficiencies and delivery.

The undertaking of this initiative follows a consultation process with chapter officials. The decision to move forward with this transition will help CGA Ontario align with the best practices of the not-for-profit sector. It is also a natural extension of the socially-conscious and environmentally-friendly practices that we have been implementing for a number of years now. And with the unveiling of the new CGA Ontario website (www.cga-ontario.org) now is the perfect time to make the move to e-delivery.

In order to make this transition a success it is important for all CGAs to provide a current, working email address. Please confirm that the primary email address listed in your account at www.cga-ontario.org is both valid and preferred as your delivery option.

Statements will continue to provide CGAs and students with pertinent information through a print format.

Condolences to the family of Gerry Henson, CGA

Gerry Henson, CGA, passed away on February 22, 2009, after a courageous battle with cancer. Gerry was a member of the board of directors for a number of years, serving in a number of positions. He was always willing to organize events, invigilate exams, and was fantastic at collecting donations. Gerry was also a great supporter of Teen Challenge and was one of their top fund raisers. His outgoing nature and friendly personality made him a favorite at functions and events. He will be missed by his extended family of CGAs.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada Update

We raise funds every year for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada (BBBSC). Last year was the most successful to date, with funds raised in excess of \$1,600. Our representative on the chapter board, Cindy Godson, worked with BBBSC, selling raffle tickets, getting together a team and completing pledge forms for the BBBSC Bowl for Kids Sake event. This year she attended their AGM as the board representative and received a plaque of appreciation for the Sault Ste. Marie Chapter. Also included in the total was donated revenue from the curling seminar and donations received from the clients of tax preparation services.

Upcoming Events

Student night	October 2009
Seminar - International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)	November 2009
New Member Event	Fall/Winter
Curling and TBD seminar	February 2010
Tax Seminar	January or February 2010
Greyhound night	Winter 2010
Tax Preparation Services	March 2010
BBBSC Bowl For Kids Sake	March 2010
Annual General Meeting	May 2010

Golf Tournament

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2009
(Rain Date: Sunday, September 27, 2009)

Tee Time: 3:30 p.m.
9 holes of golf with cart - best ball format.

Location: Root River Golf Club, 85 Old Highway 17 N

Cost: \$35 per person includes golf and dinner
\$65 per couple includes golf, dinner
\$25 per person dinner or golf only

Dinner: 6:30 p.m.
Dinner Menu (Family Style):
Choice of Chicken Supreme, Pork, Ribs, Beef or Fish
Penne in Tomato Sauce
Roast Potato
Vegetables
House Salad
Lemon Tart
Coffee/Tea

Contact: Lynn Smith, CGA, smithl@sah.on.ca or 705-759-3434 ext. 4232

Registration deadline: Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Note: This year a coupon shall be given to each attendee at an event which will be good for one half (½) price admission to another event **IF** the attendee brings a person that has not attended a Sault Chapter event during the past year.

Congratulations to the New CGAs

Marc Coletti, CGA

Marc obtained a bachelor of commerce (honours) degree from the University of Windsor. As well, he has an MBA from Lake Superior State University. He is currently employed at Superior Dodge Chrysler as a controller. Previously, Marc was employed at Algoma Steel as a senior financial analyst, and at KPMG as a staff accountant. The CGA program of professional studies has enhanced his knowledge of accounting and has opened many doors for him in his professional career.

Marc is married and has two daughters, ages five and two. Now that he doesn't have to study anymore, he plans on spending more time with his family. He also enjoys playing sports such as baseball and hockey.

Sharron Denny, CGA

Sharron is a member of our chapter board of directors. She returned to school after raising three children. She obtained a bachelor of business administration from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology and then finally achieved her CGA designation in 2009.

She is currently employed as the Internal Auditor/Risk Manager at Community First Credit Union. Her previous professional experience was obtained during seven years in public practice. She moved to Sault Ste. Marie with her family in 2006. Sharron enjoys reading "just for the fun of it" and staying active.

The CGA designation, and the path to it, should not be underestimated. In addition to the accumulation of a vast amount of academic knowledge, Sharron has learned the incredible importance of ethics, integrity and perseverance in her work life as well as her personal life. It truly has been one of the most challenging, yet rewarding, experiences of her life.

She would highly recommend this program to any individual pursuing a career in business. And to those still studying, hang tough, it is totally worth it!

Carol Trotter, CGA

Carol Trotter, CGA has completed her requirements and is our most recent CGA. Carol is current employed as a Financial Analyst at Children's Aid Society of Algoma. In addition, she is also a member of our chapter board of directors. Those of us who know Carol, know that her strong sense of commitment to the CGA program is also due to the influence of her uncle, Lorne Findlay, FCGA, past chair of CGA Ontario as well as a long serving member of the Sault chapter. Lorne is surely doing a happy dance for Carol!

Congratulations to the three of you on this magnificent milestone!

Congratulations

Congratulations go out to Darlene Purawec, CGA, and husband, Peter, on the birth of a new granddaughter, Ava Cate Campbell, weighing in at 8 pounds 13 ounces. She was born in Ottawa, Ontario on September 9, 2008, to parents Bruce and Natalie Campbell. Welcoming Ava to the family are proud big sisters Chloe and Amelia, and big brother Ethan.

Annual General Meeting (AGM), May 20, 2009

The Sault Ste. Marie Chapter AGM was held on May 20, 2009, at the Algoma Watertower Inn. Kim Sacchetta, FCGA, past chair of CGA Ontario was the guest of honor. Several local CGAs and students attended the dinner. Also in attendance was Bill Malpass, member, CGA Ontario's board of governors.

Let Your Chapter Members Know

Have you recently been promoted, retired, started a new job, had an addition to the family, got married or been appointed to a board of directors?

Let other chapter members know about your news in Soo's News. Submit your information and details of your special announcement to:

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Would you like to get involved in your local chapter, and be part of planning the events of the year? Interested members of the Sault Ste. Marie Chapter are invited to contact any of the local board members listed at the end of this newsletter. You could be part of the local board of directors and become more involved and instrumental in arranging the activities of your chapter.

Message from the Newsletter Editor

Greetings everyone!

As this is your newsletter, feel free to submit your articles or share information. This will be our final print newsletter. We are now going online. Please ensure that your contact information, particularly email address is up-to-date so that you do not miss any future newsletters.

I encourage each of you to attend a chapter event this year. We generally send invitations by mail; however, we encourage you to visit our chapter area within CGA Ontario's website. With the gracious assistance of the wonderful people at CGA Ontario, you often receive reminder emails. If you will be attending an event, please register early as we have had to cancel events in the past due to low registration.

We also continue to look for exam invigilators. Let us know if you are interested in committing to spending an evening, supervising examinations.

Martha Brant, CGA
Newsletter Editor

Past Event: Tax Preparation Services

Thank you to Pina Pacione, CGA, for organizing the 2009 tax preparation services (TPS). Each year, hundreds of experienced CGAs and students in the CGA program volunteer to help thousands of lower-income earners and/or seniors by preparing their income tax returns, free of charge.

As in prior years, a TPS session was held for the senior residents of Columbus Towers.

Pina would like to extend her appreciation to the volunteers who helped out this year for the TPS. It went very well!

A very nice thank you card was received from Columbus Towers as well as a very nice thank you email from a CRA Volunteer representative thanking us for our services.

Thank You...

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

December 2008

Joe Guzzo, CGA
Lynn Smith, CGA
Tony Avati, CGA
Darlene Purawec, CGA
Shelley Glover, CGA
David Petersson, CGA

March 2009

Pina Pacione, CGA
Sharron Denny, CGA
Lynn Smith, CGA
Darlene Purawec, CGA
David Petersson, CGA
Tammy Buchanan, CGA

June 2009

Lynn Smith, CGA
Darlene Purawec, CGA
Sharron Denny, CGA
Kim Sacchetta, CGA
Pina Pacione, CGA
Martha Brant, CGA

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Board Members

Keith Bradimore (new board member)

Welcome aboard Keith!

Keith Bradimore joined the CGA program in 2007. He is married and has two children, a nine-year old girl and seven-year old boy. Keith is currently working as controller of Anthony Domtar, where he has worked for four years. They make wooden floor/ceiling I-joists. He always liked to build things and is happy to be involved with a company that is part of building homes. Prior to his current position, Keith spent five years as controller/programs manager for a property management company that specialized in low income housing. Keith is trying to maintain that fine balance between work, studying, volunteering and family.

Lynn Smith, CGA

Lynn Smith, CGA, graduated from Algoma University with a BA Accounting in 2003. She completed a co-op placement at Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) and was soon hired in the revenue recognition department. After a short time there, she moved to the capital assets department and began her studies in the CGA program. The next five years were a blur of text books and online courses. In the mean time she switched career focus to healthcare and accepted a position as an accountant at the Sault Area Hospital. Finally, in January 2008, Lynn met the qualifications to receive the CGA designation.

2009-10 Sault Ste. Marie Board Members

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