NEXT MEETING Wed, January 19, 2011
Place: DUBLIN Holiday Inn (ex-Radisson)
4:30 Board Meeting
6:15 Networking
6:45 Dinner Buffet
7:30 Program: “Basis & Balance Sheets”
Cost: $35.00 with reservation by Friday January 14
$45.00 with reservation after deadline

Sign up online at: https://www.123signup.com/calendar?Org=ebaea
(please print out your confirmation to ensure that you clicked all the right buttons to register)
Questions: email ebaea@ebaea.org (preferred) or call 800-617-1040.

January Topic: “Basis & Balance Sheets”
Speaker: Andrew Rogers EA
by Irene Moore, EA Program Chair

Basis problems can be deceptive: they appear simple, but answering them is at the root of
taxability issues. Compounding these issues for entities is deciding when a transaction is taxable at
the entity level, or at the partner/shareholder level. Using practical examples and case studies, Andrew
will speak about: property contributions to an entity; inside and outside basis; taxable and non-taxable
income; sale of an entity; deductibility of losses and why we should care.

Andrew is Second Vice President of EBAEA and Mini-Seminar Chair. Andy has been an
Enrolled Agent since 1999 and currently works in Alameda as Tax Buddha. Andy has been conducting

seminars for the public as well as professional education mostly in California, presenting his own ma-
terial on Household Payroll, Schedule C, S Corporations and IRS/EDD material on Payroll. Andy has
publications available on Amazon and has been published in CSEA's monthly magazine.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
by Tom Johnston, EA

Are you prepared? Not just for tax season but
for another year of life? This time of year is normally a
time of preparation for us as we gear up for another tax
season. There are things we can do to make it less tax-
ing.

We can decide now what our priorities are and
plan ways to keep them in proper perspective. We can-
not afford to ignore our basic physical and spiritual
needs, nor lose sight of our internal compass. We all
have a juggling act between our family, professional,
and spiritual responsibilities. At various times during
each day our attention to each may shift as needed.

Each day we need to nourish our physical body
and our spirits so we can do what we need to do when it
needs to be done. We need to exercise and play regular-
ly to clear the cobwebs out of our heads and excise stress
so we can be rejuvenated.

We need quiet time and a place of refuge from
the clutter of the world so we learn to listen to our hearts
and internal compass as we navigate between our vari-
ous responsibilities. A friend gave me the following
counsel to avoid going off the deep end: Stop and
change what you are doing when you are:
H – hungry
A – angry
L – lonely, or
T – tired

We cannot remain healthy for long if we ignore
our physical and emotional needs. Also we cannot ig-
nore our family, our clients, or our spiritual relationships
and survive unscathed. We need balance in our lives.
We can schedule ahead time for soccer games and date nights; time for lunch and exercise; time for worship and service. We can resolve to refuse to allow clients to manipulate us and rob us of our own basic needs and priorities. Occasionally we will have to adjust our schedules and change our plans. But that should be the exception not the normal practice.

We can plan ahead and have some healthy snacks available and order lunch brought in when there is an emergency. We can have proper back up of our sensitive files and programs so we can recoup quickly from a power failure, equipment failure, natural disaster, theft, or computer virus. We can have professional liability insurance to cover our inadvertent screw ups. We can have a plan to call a colleague if we suddenly get ill and need some help. We can have 72 hour emergency kits in our office, car, and home in case of a disaster or even a power failure. We can train others now and delegate during our busy time so we don’t have to do it all ourselves. Indeed, doing a few things now will make it easier this tax season to…

Stand as beacons on the East Bay Hills.

HAPPY NEW YEAR – CSEA IN 2011
By Patty Pringle, EA CSEA Director

There are many upcoming events at CSEA if you want to get involved. On January 7, 2011 is Jim Stern Legislative Day. Improve your understanding of CSEA’s legislative activities. Represent the Enrolled Agent profession at the State Capitol. Visit with legislators or legislative staff (CSEA will schedule visits for you). This is your opportunity to meet with your elected officials and let them know how you as an Enrolled Agent can be of assistance with any tax questions that they or their constituents may have. This year the keynote speaker is Gary Dietrich, Nonpartisan Political Analyst. For additional information and to register visit the CSEA website at csea.org.

Another way to get involved is to come to the CSEA Committee and Board of Director Meetings. The next opportunities are on January 7, 2011 (Friday immediately following Jim Stern Legislative Day) thru January 9, 2011. The meetings are held at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza. You also won’t want to miss the CSEA Member Dinner on Saturday evening (following the Committee Meetings). Register on the CSEA website.

Some of the items included on the agenda for the Board are the Public Information Awareness (PIA) Committee’s recommendation to allocate funding for a statewide advertising campaign to promote the Enrolled Agent profession. Also a discussion of whether the Board of Directors should hold online board meetings. In addition the CSEA Executive Committee will ask the BOD to ratify the hiring and employment agreement of new EVP Scarlett D. Vanyi, CAE. Ms. Vanyi will replace current EVP Cathy Apker who is retiring after many successful and dedicated years with CSEA.

The East Bay Chapter and the Big Valley Chapter of Enrolled Agents are teaming up for the bid to sponsor the 2013 Annual Meeting. We will make our presentation before the Board on Sunday. The presentation is kept secret but is quite a production and lots of fun. Come join in and see what we have lined up.

Please be sure to visit the CSEA website for educational opportunities and other updates. Be informed. Your CSEA membership is priceless.

NEW OAKLAND BREAKFAST GROUP

After an extended hiatus, Andy Rogers and Ann Opara announce the resumption of the monthly small group meeting in the Oakland area. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Buttercup Grille in Jack London Square on Broadway near 3rd. For more details, contact Andy at (510) 522-2300 or email Andy@TaxBuddha.com.

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MEMBERSHIP

BAH HUMBUG!

By Peggy Hall, EA

Why do we solicit new members? More people to network with and more legislative power…NAEA sent a letter out to all nonmember EAs in California, and we are sending out a postcard inviting them to our local meetings, so they are primed for a word from you. Contact your buddies in the EA, or CTEC world to become members during this time of discounted dues. Also invite them to our Chapter Orientation on January 19. The greatest value of membership is the intangible camaraderie and help of fellow tax practitioners. You can best convey this by word of mouth.

EBAEA was on the cover of the September EA journal because we won the Membership Drive last year. NAEA is helping CSEA by mailing out letters to nonmember EAs. Included in this mailing will be a letter from Kim Kastl, CSEA President, a newly revised brochure describing the benefits of membership, and a membership application. These letters will be going out soon.

Please talk with nonmember EAs about membership. The dues for dual membership are reduced to $285 for the period through the Membership Drive.

HELP WANTED: EA FOR SEASON

Established Hayward tax office seeks EA with minimum of 5 years current experience. Contemporary, pleasant office environment. Responsibilities include preparation of simple to complex tax returns for individuals and small businesses. Must be computer literate, 2 yrs + experience using Lacerte, Excel, Word; assemble returns for signature, use of work papers & documentation management. Must have good communication skills and an eye for detail. Please fax or e-mail your resume including a cover letter and salary requirements to:

Kim Kastl, EA
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DINNER RAFFLE SAVED!

by Peggy Hall, EA

They don't call him the Terminator for nothing. New member Dan “Terminator” France, chief enforcer of T3 Tax Terminators, has tenaciously spoken up to conduct our sorely missed raffles. Dan has the right attitude: if you are going to attend a new organization, make yourself known from the beginning. Please welcome him, and give him some helpful suggestions about what you really liked in the raffle program.

BADGES! BADGES!

Joanne Anderson has accumulated a stockpile of spiffy EBAEA name badges for these members. Please contact her (925-938-9086) or, better yet, come to a meeting to pick up your badge:

| Jack Anderson | Richard Ahern |
| Debra Block   | Tina Bolden  |
| Herman Catalan| Cherry Comstock|
| Elizabeth Crayton | Lynn Crossman |
| Phil Fleschler | Gina Fresquez |
| Mitchell Friedman | Carol-Ann Glyder |
| Sidney Hwahn  | Monty Lee |
| Janice Perkins | Carol Robinson |
| Ursula Santos  | Barbara Simon |
| Jenni Stone    | Dale Stone |
| Jan Zobel      |               |

BULLETIN ADVERTISING POLICY

by Duncan Sandiland, Bulletin Editor

To encourage more Members to use the Bulletin to fill their needs, we present the Bulletin advertising policy:

1) All Bulletin notices are run for a maximum of three months. If you wish to run a notice for a longer period, you must resubmit it.
2) Maximum notice size is 1.5 column inches. This equals a space one and one-half inches high by one column (3.5 inches) wide. The standard Bulletin font is Times New Roman 11 point.
3) The Bulletin Editor reserves the right to edit any notice for style, content and length.
4) All notices must be submitted (and payment received) by the 25th of the month prior to initial publication. Send the desired text to: bulletin@ebaea.org
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MEMBER ORIENTATION – OLD OR NEW!
By Peggy Hall, EA
Just in time for tax season, it’s our annual Orientation meeting. By popular request, this is open to ALL members, and will cover some of the most-frequently-asked questions, plus lots of goodies and practice tips. Please call or email me so I can prepare a goodie packet for you. (925) 388-1040 or halloftaxes@gmail.com.

MEMBERS SPEAK
For EBAEA members to list speaking engagements next month, please email details to Andy@TaxBuddha.com

January 4 Andy Rogers “Basic Payroll” for IRS/EDD, 455 Market St, 6th Floor, SF, 9-3 pm. Contact Andy for more info (510) 522-2300 Andy@TaxBuddha.com

January 18 Andy Rogers “Your First Schedule C”, 455 Market St, 6th Floor, 6-8:30 pm. Contact Andy for more info (510) 522-2300 Andy@TaxBuddha.com

January 19 Andy Rogers “Basis and Balance Sheets”, 6 pm for EBAEA in Dublin. Sign up for the EBAEA dinner meeting to attend.

January 20 Andy Rogers “Basic Payroll” 9-3 pm, Elihu M. Harris State Building,1515 Clay Street, Second Floor. Contact Andy for more info (510) 522-2300 Andy@TaxBuddha.com

January 24 Andy Rogers “Household Payroll Tax”, 10-3 pm, 100 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette CA in the Chamber of Commerce conference room. Contact Andy for more info (510) 522-2300 Andy@TaxBuddha.com

February 3-6 Tina Bolden, EA “Last chance to PASS” SEE Exam, 675 Hegenberger, Oakland. Contact Tina for more info/times (925) 473-1800 www.irsexamclass.org

February 8 Mark Bole, E.A. “Basic Payroll” 9 3 pm, 1350 Galindo Street Concord. Contact Mark for more info (925) 287-0366 mark@bincomputing.com

SPEAKER DEVELOPMENT
By Andy Rogers, EA
The next Speakers Development meeting will be post EBAEA Dinner Meeting on January 19 where Andy will be speaking about Basis and Balance Sheets. We’re looking for constructive criticism on that evening’s presentation: what could have been better, what parts were confusing and what parts were clear.

This group meets to encourage the development of speakers specifically in regard to taxes and is a function of Public Information and Awareness.

Please call or email Andy Rogers at (510) 522-2300 with any questions or ideas. ALL are welcome!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2011
7 Jim Stern Legislative Day
@ Capitol building, Sacramento
7-9 CSEA Board & Committee meetings
@ Sacramento
19 EBAEA Member Orientation 4-6pm
@ Holiday Inn, Regional St, Dublin
19 EBAEA Dinner Meeting: “Basis & BS”
@ Holiday Inn, Regional St, Dublin
19 Speaker Development meeting
@ after EBAEA Dinner Meeting

February 2011
16 EBAEA Dinner Meeting: "CA Panel": starring Karen Brosi and Steve Sims
@ Holiday Inn, Regional St, Dublin

March 2011
16 EBAEA Dinner Meeting: "IRS Panel": starring Karen Brosi, Joe Calderaro, Sharon Krieder
@ Holiday Inn, Regional St, Dublin

April 2011
No Dinner Meeting – have a nice nap!

CSEA SuperSeminar
March 15 Discount registration deadline
May 10-12 SuperSeminar @ Las Vegas
June 2-4 SuperSeminar @ Reno
HUMMM... Since being taken over 2 years ago (on 9/7/08), taxpayers have paid $148 billion to sustain Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. (Treasury) (Ed note- and the damage is ongoing as they are both still bleeding red ink)

Health care spending in the USA reached $2.5 trillion in 2009. Government spending on health care (Medicare, Medicaid, health care for military and government employees) reached 46.1% of the country’s total medical bills as of 6/30/10. (Bureau of Economic Analysis)

The public debt levels of the G-7 countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, USA) has increased from 35% of GDP in 1974, to 80% of GDP in 2007, to 110% of GDP in 2010. (IMF)

An individual living on a fixed income over the last 20 years (1/90-12/09) would have suffered a 40% loss of purchasing power over the 2 decades using the CPI as a gauge of inflation. A married couple both aged 62 have a 47% chance of at least one of them living to age 90 or older. (DOL and GAO)

HUMOR

Speeding in Oregon: GOOD ~ In Bend, Oregon, a policeman had a perfect spot to watch for speeders, but wasn't getting many. Then he discovered the problem. A 12-year-old boy was standing up the road with a hand painted sign, which read “RADAR TRAP AHEAD.” The officer also found the boy had an accomplice who was down the road with a sign reading ‘TIPS’ and a bucket full of money. (And we used to just sell lemonade!)

BEST ~ A young woman was pulled over for speeding. An Oregon State Trooper walked to her car window, flipped open her ticket book. She said, “I bet you are going to sell me a ticket to the State Trooper’s Ball.” He replied, “Oregon State Troopers don’t have balls.” There was a moment of silence. He then closed his book, tipped his hat, got back in his patrol car and left.

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Household Worker Payroll Tax Update Seminar

January 24, 2011
10 AM – 2:30 PM
$75
100 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette CA-Location Subject to Change

Why Should You Attend?

- Because the Household worker will file for unemployment (despite what they agreed to when hired).
- Because by not declaring them and paying the tax, homeowners insurance will not cover them when they are injured and your clients will lose your house (and sue you).
- Because the government classifies non payment of payroll tax as tax evasion.
- Because your clients will pay penalties you can’t afford.
- Because you need to know if the babysitter should be on payroll or not.
- Because household employment has weird rules, due dates and forms.

What We Will Cover:

- Who is a household employee?
- Practical Examples with completed forms for a sample family.
- We’ll sort out the blizzard of California and IRS forms you may have to file including the new EDD forms for 2011.
- When do you have to withhold from Payments to Workers?
- Payments in the form of Meals and Lodging.
- When and how do you send payments to the government?
- “I ‘forgot’ to withhold:” how to gross up wages.

Andrew S Rogers, E.A. presents seminars for the IRS, the US SBA, and Tax Buddha™
People have said: “Very clear explanations, easy to understand and funny!”
“Informative and easy to follow, Andy is Great!”