NEXT MEETING Wed, May 18, 2011
Place: DUBLIN Holiday Inn (ex-Radisson)
4:30 Board Meeting
6:15 Networking
6:45 Dinner Buffet
7:30 Program: “990 P&L”
Cost: $35.00 with reservation by Friday May 13
$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.

May Topic: “The 990 P&L: How is this one different from all others?”
Speaker: Eva Konigsberg, EA
by Irene Moore, EA Program Chair

I’m amazed when I talk to tax professionals who don’t touch 990s. Doing 990s is an incremental source of revenue. Besides that, you help great people working in organizations always beneficial and frequently eccentric. Now is the time to delve into the mystery with Eva Konigsberg, EA, MBA, the tax practitioner who started Savvy Tax in 2004 preparing 990s. The heart of what makes the 990 so different is its treatment of the expense portion of the P&L. Whereas on a Sch C you may puzzle over whether stamps are supplies, office expense, or ‘other’, the 990 P&L presents a far greater challenge. Every expense account must be allocated to either Program, Admin or Fundraising in a part of the return called the Statement of Functional Expenses (SFE). May’s dinner class explores the SFE and the allocation process. Eva will explain how the process begins in QB with the strategic use of classes, how some organizations allocate, how to do the allocations by global percentage, and how the SFE ties in with the annual report to the Attorney General’s Registry of Charitable Trusts. If you’re a 990 veteran, you will find this dinner meeting entertaining and informative. If you’re new to 990s, you will find it a crucial asset in your forward plunge. Either way you are cordially invited to an evening of fun and fact with Eva.

Eva Konigsberg, EA, MBA, is the president of Savvy Tax, an Oakland-based tax practice that works primarily with entrepreneurs and nonprofits. She has given classes in nonprofit tax issues for CSATP and the Bookkeeper’s Network. She is also a financial coach working with Conscious Bookkeeping, who teaches personal money management and entrepreneurial bookkeeping. She received her MBA from McLaren College of Business at the University of San Francisco. She became an EA in 2004. She currently serves on the Board of the EBAEA where she co-chairs the PIA Committee.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by Tom Johnston, EA

It has been said that no man stands as an island. As I think about this tax season and how taxing it was for me personally, I marvel at how my professional relationships were a bridge of refuge from isolation and despair.

My colleagues were just a phone call or email away with experience and solutions to share with me. I couldn’t but notice the emails from our chapter members filling my email box with a wealth of responses to whatever question was posed to the group.

My attorney colleague was always available for the thorny legal issues and readily available to my clients when they needed legal advice. Also available were the computer geeks and software support people when I needed them.

Our associations, NAE, CSEA, and EBAEA, were all available, accessible and watchful for us during
our busy time when important developments might not be noticed by us. They also were busy advocating for us. Notices from government and tax services kept me alerted to things I needed to be aware of.

And most of all was the support of my family, friends, faith, and the officers, directors, and committee chairs of the East Bay Association of Enrolled Agents. Thank you for your tireless work this year. It was an honor to stand with you …

As beacons on the East Bay Hills.

2010-11 EAST BAY CHAPTER REPORT
(submitted to CSEA)

Following the theme to “Stand as Beacons on the East Bay Hills,” the light from the officers and members of East Bay Chapter has extended from one coast to the other this year. New members have been welcomed with an excellent orientation and have increased attendance at monthly dinner meetings and the five small group meetings as well the e-mail group that helps with questions. The monthly newsletter has increased participation with timely articles. The fall tax seminar and mini-seminars have all been successful financially and have provided excellent CPE for the members and friends of the chapter. The success rate of those passing the SEE exam as a result of our SEE Prep class is impressive. Outreach to students at job fairs was expanded locally as well as out of state. The new Speaker Development program has resulted in opportunities to outreach to other organizations and provide them with speakers for meetings as well as promote the EA designation. This initiative is also developing skills and confidence of our own members to provide leadership within our chapter and beyond. The practice preservation group has provided council to retiring EAs and deceased EAs families. Our members have also been involved in training VITA program preparers and in instructing employers in the IRS/EDD program.

On a larger scale the East Bay member involvement in CSEA Leg Day was impressive as well as the many chairs of chapter committees that regularly attend and serve on CSEA committees. CSEA’s current president is a member of East Bay Chapter and East Bay’s current President is chair of CSEA’s E & PC Committee. Several members have contributed articles to CSEA publications and the chapter was honored with the cover and article in the September 2010 California Enrolled Agent. Two CSEA past presidents still serve actively at CSEA and one served as a member of the NAEA Board of Directors. One of our members is very active on NAEA’s PAC committee. The chapter has reached out to Big Valley Chapter to co-host CSEA’s 2013 Annual Meeting and continues to cooperate with other chapters in hosting the annual Town Hall Meeting. Our PIA outreach with other chapters using radio advertising this year has been very successful.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Johnston, EA – President

CSEA COMING EVENTS!
By Patty Pringle, EA, CSEA Director
The EBAEA Annual Chapter retreat is tentatively scheduled for June 18th at the Holiday Inn in Dublin. All EBAEA members are welcome to attend. Your new officers, Directors and Committee Chairs get together and brainstorm. Goals, objectives, opportunities, how can we best serve our chapter as leaders. Please join us. We want your input and ideas. This is a half day event and light lunch will be served. Just let us know you plan on attending ahead of time so we can plan accordingly.

There are many CSEA events coming up. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on May 31st thru June 1st followed by Super Seminars June 2nd thru 4th at the Grand Sierra Resort & Casino in Reno. If you want to have a voice in the future of CSEA and be part of the decision making you should attend. Everyone has an opportunity to be heard.

The 35th CSEA Annual Meeting will be held in Pasadena from June 20th thru 24th. Events include the Jim Reed Memorial Golf Tournament, Bowling Tournament, General Session, Town Hall Meeting, Grand Banquet Celebration Dinner, and Rise and Shine Breakfast. In addition several educational classes are also offered. You don’t have to attend all of the events you can pick and choose. Go to csea.org for information and to register. Our chapter reimburses part of the cost for EBAEA members to attend. Last year many of our members were able to attend using our reimbursement program. Details on qualifying reimbursement costs associated with attending will be announced at our May Dinner Meeting. You can also email capattypringle@sbcglobal.net with questions.

Mark your calendar Tax Talk 2011 in Dublin November 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Great education and speakers at a price you can afford. Details on speakers and the cost to attend will be in the June EBAEA Bulletin.

SPEAKER DEVELOPMENT
By Andy Rogers, EA
The next Speakers Development meeting will be scheduled for after the tax season. If you’d like to be on the mailing list, please send an email to Andy@TaxBuddha.com with “speaker development” in the subject line and ask to be added to the list. This group meets to encourage the development of speakers specifically in regard to taxes and is a function of the Public Information and Awareness Committee. Please call or email Andy Rogers at (510) 522-2300 with any questions or ideas. ALL are welcome!
**NEXT YEAR’S BOARD SLATE ANNOUNCED**

*by Duncan Sandiland, EA*

Per the requirements of the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of candidates for our 2011-2012 fiscal year:

- President: Patty Pringle EA
- 1st Vice President: Andy Rogers EA
- 2nd Vice President: Gail Nanbu EA
- Secretary: Linda Koziol, EA
- Treasurer: Marjorie Williams-Jones EA

Director 2011-2013:
- Mark Bole EA

Director 2011-2013:
- Cherry Comstock EA

Director 2011-2013:
- Sal Romo EA

Director 2011-2012:
- Eva Konigsberg EA

Director 2011-2012:
- Morris Miyabara EA

Director 2011-2012:
- Irene Moore EA

The election for these positions will be held at the May Annual Meeting. Per the Bylaws, eligible Members can run from the floor with no advance notice. However, as a courtesy to those planning the meeting (which is already under a very tight timetable), it is requested that any floor candidate provide advance notice to the Nominating Committee through its Chair, Duncan Sandiland at (925) 691-1040.

**PIA – OUR NEW RADIO AD**

*by Peggy Hall, EA*

If you haven’t yet heard this great piece on the radio, click on the link to the CSEA website and give it a listen: [http://www.csea.org/about-newsroom.asp](http://www.csea.org/about-newsroom.asp). And in case you want hard copy, here’s the script:

When it comes to preparing your tax returns, how can you be sure that your tax preparer is fully qualified to help you receive all the deductions and credits available to you? One way to be sure is to have an Enrolled Agent prepare your returns.

Members of the Bay Area Chapters of the California Society of Enrolled Agents are tax professionals, licensed by the federal government, and required to know all the latest tax law changes. We have the knowledge and expertise to sort through the tangled web of federal and state tax regulations. We are the experts who can help you create and implement an effective tax strategy for this year and for the future.

When you don’t fully understand tax laws, you may pay too much or risk an audit. Don’t take that risk. Before trusting your tax returns to anyone, ask them if they are an Enrolled Agent.

Find an Enrolled Agent in your area online at [csea.org](http://csea.org) or by calling 1-800-TAXPRO-5. That’s [csea.org](http://csea.org) or 1-800-TAXPRO-5. Enrolled Agents, The Tax Professionals.

**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.

**NEW GROUP – AUDIT REPRESENTATION**

Announcing the new “Audit and Representation Group”. We’ll present an audit ‘case’ and discuss audit and representation in general. The next meeting is on Wednesday, June 8 at 9am at Millie’s Kitchen 1018 Oak Hill Rd, Lafayette (just off Highway 24). You may want to park in the Safeway parking lot and walk over. For more info contact Andy Rogers 510-522-2300 or better: Andy@TaxBuddha.com

**EBAEA EMAIL LISTS**

EBAEA sends news to Members via two one-way (send-only) email distribution lists. Subscription is free and completely voluntary, and you can subscribe or unsubscribe to either list any time you wish. For more information and to manage your subscription, visit: [http://ebaea.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi](http://ebaea.org/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi)

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**Small Group Tax Meetings**

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<td>Dino’s, 1 block W of I-880 on Industrial Blvd, Hayward</td>
<td>(510) 487-1691</td>
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USEFUL TAX RESEARCH SITES
(Ed note: this was taken from an email from CSATP.
Click on the links and save the bookmarks in your browser). Where do you go when you need the answer to a tax question now? And it's too late to call anyone. And you neglected to renew your tax research subscription service. Fortunately, there are a number of very good free sources available.

- The IRS website is a great place to start. Try the IRS Tax Map.
- Taxsites is a directory of tax, accounting and payroll sites. It includes direct links to the tax websites of all the states and most foreign countries.
- Tax Almanac has links to a research library that includes the Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulations and has discussion forums on tax and accounting topics.
- Legalbitstream is a source for free federal tax law research with comprehensive and updated databases. This is a great place to find specific court cases and Revenue Rulings and Procedures.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
By Peggy Hall, EA

While we did not “win” the Chapter Membership drive, we did win! We have 16 new members from the past few months. Welcome to those of you who are new! Please feel free to call any of the board members, or me Peggy Hall, 925 388-1040, if there is some way we can help you. We know we need to help each other, as many of us operate a solo practice. No questions are stupid questions.

On a wider front, the Board of Directors voted to purchase a “Booth in a Box.” This is a professional looking display to take when going out in the public to promote EAs. I have attached a picture of it so you can see how proud you will be when you take it to functions. So keep this in mind and help us find places to take it.

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
5) Member notices seeking or offering employment, clients or EA-practice-related matters are run at no charge as a Member benefit. This includes an ad run by a firm which employs a Member. Member notices offering other services or products, and all non-Member notices are run at the standard fee of $150 for the three-month insertion. The Bulletin Editor reserves the right to modify or reject any notice which, in the sole opinion of the Editor, violates any of the principles of EBAEA.

MEMBERS SPEAK
For EBAEA members to list speaking engagements next month, please email details to Andy@TaxBuddha.com
(It seems all our members are busy recovering from taxes this month – what a surprise)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2011
10-12  CSEA SuperSeminar
       @ Bally’s Las Vegas
18     EBAEA Dinner Meeting: “990 P&Ls”
       and Annual Corporate Meeting
       @ Holiday Inn, Regional St, Dublin

June 2011
2-4    CSEA SuperSeminar
       @ Grand Sierra Resort, Reno
8      Audit & Representation group meeting
       @ Millie’s Café, 1018 Oak Hill Rd, Lafayette
15     EBAEA Dinner Meeting: “tba”
       @ Holiday Inn, Hegenberger Rd, Oakland
18     EBAEA Annual Chapter retreat (tentative)
       @ Holiday Inn, Dublin
20-24  CSEA Annual Meeting/Board Meeting
       @ Hilton Pasadena
HM MMM...  
A n estimated 30% of the US population (@94 million Americans) has a body mass index (BMI) measurement of at least 30, i.e., they are obese (Society of Actuaries).

Under current law, a New York City firefighter or police officer can collect a full pension after 20 years on the job regardless of age (NY Times).

Missouri state employees hired as of 1/01/11 are eligible for a defined benefit pension plan at age 67 assuming they have at least 10 years of service. Workers hired before 2011 are eligible at age 62 assuming they had at least 5 years of service. The new pension plan rules also require an employee contribution of 4% of pay into the plan, whereas the former plan was 100% employer funded (STLToday.com).

HUMOR

Saving up deductions in case you might be audited is like letting a shark nibble on your arm in the hope that it will get full and go away. – Unknown

A CPA walks into a pet shop to buy a parrot. The shopkeeper shows him three identical parrots on a perch and says, “The parrot on the left costs $500.” “Why does that parrot cost so much?” asks the CPA. “It knows how to do complex audits” replies the owner “How much does the middle parrot cost?” asks the CPA. “That one costs $1,000 because it can do everything the first one can do plus it knows how to prepare financial forecasts.” The startled CPA asks about the third parrot, to be told it costs $4,000. Needless to say, this begs the question, what can it do? To which the owner replies, “To be honest, I have never seen him do a darned thing, but the other two call him Senior Partner.”

“I want to be sure that he is a ruthless son of a bitch, that he will do what he is told, that every income tax return I want to see, I see.” - Richard M. Nixon commenting on the kind of IRS Commissioner he wanted.
2011 SPECIAL ENROLLMENT EXAM PREPARATION CLASSES

Presented By EAST BAY ASSOCIATION OF ENROLLED AGENTS

Part 1 – Individuals  Dates: July 9, 16, 23  CPE 18 hrs*

Part 2 – Businesses  Dates: Aug 13, 20, 27,  Sep 10, 17  CPE 30 hrs*

Part 3 -- Representation  Date: Oct 29  CPE 6 hrs*

  * You must attend all 6 hours per day for credit  See pg 2 for CPE

Review – Part 1 (morning) Part 2 (afternoon) Date: Oct 22

Time: Saturdays 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Lunch is on your own)

Location: Holiday Inn Hotel, 6680 Regional St, Dublin CA 94568

Instructors: Pat Golden, EA; Tom Johnston, EA; Peter Lingane, EA; Andy Rogers, EA; and Bart Rugo, EA

Prerequisite: Basic knowledge in tax preparation of Form 1040

Total Price for all three parts and review - $700

Early discount by July 2 - $625

Separately - Part 1 $225, Part 2 $400, Part 3 $100, Review $100

Text Books are not included and must be ordered directly from publisher


Register online at: www.123signup.com/calendar?Org=ebaea

Information: Tom Johnston at 925-828-4500 or taxtomea@comcast.net

Scholarships: See CSEA and NAEA Websites for information.

To apply for Enrollment: www.irs.gov/taxpros/agents

To schedule exam: www.prometric.com/irs
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<td>866-455-7438</td>
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<td>IRS Federally Declared Disaster or Combat Zone Inquiries Hotline</td>
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IRS Help - Getting Ready for the 2011 Tax Filing Season

**Communications**

- **Tax Information for Tax Professionals** – Information Center for tax professionals.
- **Follow us on Twitter!**
- **Follow the Nationwide Tax Forums on Facebook!**
- **Check out IRS on YouTube**
- **IRS e-News for Tax Professionals**: Subscribe to the IRS e-newsletter for tax pros
- **IRS Video Portal** - Find video clips of tax topics, archived versions of live panel discussions and webinars, as well as audio archives of national phone forums.
- **Outreach Corner** – Subscribe to have access to ready-to-use articles, widgets, audio/video materials, and publications/flyers for you to use.
- **QuickAlerts “More” e-file Benefits for Tax Professionals** – Subscribe to receive “up-to-the-minute” information on e-file events.

**Contacting IRS**

Your local Stakeholder Liaison office establishes relationships with organizations representing small business and self-employed taxpayers. They provide information about the policies, practices and procedures the IRS uses to ensure compliance with the tax laws. To establish a relationship with us, use this list to find a contact in your state.

**Tools for You**

Want to find the pages your need on IRS.gov more easily? **Basic Tools for Tax Professionals** has a comprehensive list of what you need to help prepare your clients’ tax returns and information on representation. **Electronic IRS Online Tools** will help you and your clients conduct business quickly and safely – electronically.

**Help IRS Resolve Problems**

With your help, we have identified hundreds of large and small issues that were getting in the way of efficient tax administration. Continue to contact us when you or your clients notice something isn’t working. The **Issue Management Resolution System** gets to the bottom of the problem. Check out some of the issues practitioners have raised, what we’ve done to resolve them and what we are currently working on.

Want quick access to more information? Click on the links below.
17th Annual Tax Practitioner/IRS TOWN HALL MEETING

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Topics may include (subject to change):
* Update on Audits using Quickbooks
* Domestic Partner & Married Filing Separately
* Audit & Collections—Rumors & Reality
* Amended Returns
* TIGTA - Treasury Inspector General for Tax Admin
* FBAR--Foreign Bank & Financial Accounts
And much more……….NOT TO BE MISSED!

$150 FEE includes continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments. ($125 Early bird registration on or before September 9, 2011.)
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