NEXT MEETING Wed, July 17, 2013

Place: DUBLIN Holiday Inn (ex-Radisson)
(go to http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/dublin/dubrm/hoteldetail#Directions), or take BART!

4:30 Board Meeting
6:15 Networking
6:30 Dinner Buffet
7:00 Program: “Foreign Assets” 2 HRS

Cost: $35.00 with reservation by Friday July 12
$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.

July Topic: “What Do I Do With My Client Who Has Foreign Assets?”

Speaker: Steven Walker Esq
by Peggy Hall, EA  Program Chair

This topic can be complex, so to do it right will take TWO HOURS. You will get credit for 2 CPE hours for the price of one! NOTE CHANGED DINNER START TIME – PROGRAM WILL END AT 9PM.

Major questions to be addressed:
- What do I put on the FBAR (TDF 90-22.1)?
- What do I put on the 8938? What is an 8938?
- Does the foreign house get included?
- How about retirement accounts?
- What if I have a house in a Mexican Trust?
- The FBAR is due June 30th. No Extensions!

Steven L. Walker is a tax attorney in San Jose, California at the Law Office of Steven L. Walker, A Professional Law Corporation. His practice focuses on civil and criminal tax controversy work involving both federal and state tax agencies.

Mr. Walker is a former IRS Trial Attorney at the Office of Chief Counsel, where he furnished legal advice and representation to the IRS on all matters relating to the administration and enforcement of the Internal Revenue laws, including audits, administrative appeals, collections and federal and state litigation.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by P. Gail Nanbu, EA

As we turn the corner into July and rush headlong into 4th of July, many of us are still in the middle of extensions, some of which were necessitated by one of the most chaotic tax seasons resulting from the late passage of tax legislation, resulting in delayed IRS computer and form updates, resulting in even later 1099s, resulting in . . . . on and on!

We became aware of the drama of the Loving case, the abrupt stop of the RTRP program, issues about PTIN theft, and the many IRS headline producing activities! Against this backdrop, EAs then, as always, had to cope with the onslaught of client tax issues, and concerns of how the new tax laws and Obamacare will impact their 2013 taxes.

As EAs, who are “America’s Tax Expert(s),” we love any positive “marketing” of our credential. It was heartening to learn about the “Enrolled Agents Credential Act of 2013,” a bill that will protect federally-licensed Enrolled Agents from state regulations that deny them the right to identify themselves with the credential granted to them by the US Department of Treasury.” As California EAs, we take this right for granted. However, in some states, you cannot use your EA designation when representing tax clients or advertising tax services.

This is the most attention brought to the EA designation nationally that I can remember, and it appears against the backdrop of many dark IRS issues. We have the spotlight shining on EAs as “the” designated tax experts. NAEA advocacy throughout the years and their work in helping to bring this bill to fruition shows how
NAEA works to protect the interests of EAs. This will go a long way to enhancing the visibility and recognition of EAs as the preferred tax professionals. Regardless of what chaos surrounds us, let’s embrace this spot light and make sure our clients know that they have the “best” tax professional available to take care of their tax issues.

**BOARD RETREAT**
*by P. Gail Nanbu, EA*

At the June Board Retreat in Hayward, the Board and Committee Chairs met to review the history of EBAEA, and the procedures and responsibilities of the Directors and Officers. In attendance were Andy Rogers, EA, Al Wise, EA, Aida Torres, EA, Marjorie Jones, EA, Tim Hintzoglou, EA, Claire Ashby, EA, Mark Bole, EA, Carolyn Krieg, EA, Patty Pringle, EA, Sal Romo, EA, and yours truly. Attendees were queried as to their expectations for our upcoming year. This was not a silent group, and many viewpoints were expressed in the areas of education, membership, Chapter budget and finances, PIA, etc.

The EBAEA stated goal, adopted in September 2004, is “To be the leader in providing education and support to regional tax professionals.” The majority of the Board members were enthusiastic in trying to determine what EBAEA can do this year and into the future to provide our members with the education they need and want; and as our Immediate Past President, Andy Rogers, EA, stated, to establish systems to guarantee the future of our organization. We will host our very own Tax Talk Seminar in November. If you would like to volunteer in some way at Tax Talk, please contact Patty Pringle, EA. Dinner meetings with a variety of topics and speakers are ongoing. We discussed mini-seminars and what kinds of topics would be attractive to our membership. If there is a particular area of tax that you would like to see presented either at a dinner meeting or in a mini-seminar, please let us know. Peggy Hall, EA, is Chair of the Dinner Program Committee, and Mark Bole, EA, chairs the Mini-Seminar Committee.

The upcoming CSEA Annual Meeting, co-hosted by EBAEA and Big Valley Chapter, in Pleasanton begins the week of July 8th. There will be many fun events (Jim Reed Memorial Golf Tournament, Bocce Ball Tournament, Classic Car Show, EA Family Feud at the Member Dinner) as well as serious Board and Committee work and great education opportunities for all.

Thank you to all who attended the retreat.

**FREE DINNERS**

There may be no free lunches, BUT there is a free dinner or two with the Chapter. EBAEA Dinner Subscriptions begin July 2013. We again offer the popular Monthly Dinner Subscription. This plan grants you automatic reservations at all eleven EBAEA Chapter dinner meetings for one locked-in price. You pay for nine regularly priced meetings ($315) and get all eleven dinners (value $385). This plan is ONLY offered through our August meeting. Enrolling before the July 2013 meeting assures you all eleven meetings for $315; enrolling after the July meeting and before the August meeting assures you of ten meetings for $315, which still gives you one free dinner. April is always dark (with no meeting). There is no refund for missed meetings. You may send a substitute if you are unable to attend a specific meeting. Please call and cancel if you cannot attend.

**MEMBERSHIP HIJINKS**
*by Aida Torres, EA Membership Chair*

Did you know that at one time, the Board of Accountancy forbade the use of the designation EA? CSEA stood up for its Members and won. Imagine if you couldn’t even refer to yourself as an EA? And, CSEA continues to work to enhance the recognition, visibility, and image of EAs as “The Tax Professionals”. This is why our Chapter so actively strives to welcome and encourage all EAs, will-be EAs, and friends and colleagues of EAs to join EBAEA, our local CSEA Chapter.

We invite you to network, learn and teach! Network by attending our monthly dinner meetings and meeting other EAs; learn by attending our monthly dinner meetings to earn CPE credit and by attending EBAEA- and CSEA-sponsored tax education seminars (of course for CPE credit); teach by volunteering for the many activities in EBAEA and by becoming an instructor in our various educational offerings. If you have been a member for a while and want to help us – CALL us! If you are brand new and want to know how EBAEA, CSEA and NAEA function – CALL us! If you are not a member and wonder what the fuss is about – CALL us!

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following new (and returning) members and new Professional Associates and Professional Affiliate who have joined since January 2013:

**Enrolled Agents:**  
Denise Marie Foster, EA  
Rhodora E. Garcia, EA  
Richard J. Gould, EA  
Roy W. Johnson, EA  
Arash Kiadeh, EA  
Timoty M. Mulgrew, EA  
Sheilia L. Phelps, EA  
Lynette Christine Rue, EA  
Sarah Zimmerman, EA  
Varinder P. Singh, EA  
Robert L. Strawn, EA  
Richard L. Stucki, EA

**Professional Associates:**  
Penny L. Greene  
Dehwei Oshaughnessy  
icole Smith  
Linda SWATMAN  
Lisa Heutmaker  
Luciann Leraul  
Connie M. Tritt, CPA

If you have just joined and your name is not listed, contact Aida, aida@aidatorres.com. All new members and professional associates and professional affiliates
will receive a packet from CSEA. All new EA members will receive a packet and certificate from EBAEA. If you are a new EA member and haven’t received a packet from the membership committee, please let us know.

**EAS-ONLY MODERATED DISCUSSION GROUP on LINKEDIN**
by Mark Bole EA

There is a discussion group at LinkedIn which is limited specifically to EA’s (validated), and whose moderator, Charles Markham, is an EA I have interacted with successfully for several years on the NAEA webboard. (He knows a LOT about representation and collections, if only he wasn’t based in MA, I’d invite him as a dinner speaker).

http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=2170050

You are invited to join this group, no cost with a basic LinkedIn account. Feel free to check it out, you can lurk there without participating, but of course contributors are welcome. It is also possible to have email digests of the group activity sent to you. Here is the profile of the group:

- This group is for Tax Professionals licensed to practice before the Internal Revenue Service and designated as Enrolled Agents.
- In order to join, you must request membership and fax a copy of your IRS enrollment card to 781-659-6610 or 866-832-1139. Members of NAEA may skip this if they are in the online directory. Email a link to the NAEA directory.
- We are here to share tax practice info and to help each other with unusual tax situations. We will try to keep political discussions to a minimum and kept polite. This is a moderated group.
- This group does not encourage "cross-posting" which is defined as started the exact same discussion in more than one group. If you simultaneously post a discussion in this group and another group simultaneously, the moderator reserves the right to remove the discussion.

**WHAT IS THE CSEA ANNUAL MEETING and Why Should You Come?**
by Patty Pringle, Annual Meeting chair

Each year a different chapter hosts the annual meeting alternating between Northern and Southern Chapters of CSEA. Each year the chapters try to out-do each other to host the best annual meeting. The actual annual meeting is a small part of a fabulous week of getting to know each other, and also getting to know members of other Chapters who attend. It is a lot of fun!

So why should YOU come? We need our chapter members to come out as hosts and give our guests a good time. We want to show them that we are the BEST CSEA chapter, we are the nicest, most collaborative chapter. How can we do that if you do not attend?

DO YOU LIKE COMPETITION? Try these:
- Compete in the golf tournament
- Compete in the Bocce Ball tournament
- Play EA Feud at the member dinner

Please help us make this the best annual meeting ever. We need:
- Volunteers to help at various events
- Items to put in goodie bags we give to all participants. Do you have a client who can give you small bottles of wine, small packets of chocolates or jelly bellies, coupons to Pleasanton restaurants or anything we can put in a goodie bag. These items should represent the SF Bay area. These do not have to be edible.
- Items for the e-waste fundraiser. All proceeds will be donated to the CSEA Education Foundation
- Please see the “Save the Date” flyer at back of this bulletin for additional information.

**DINNER MEETING CE INFORMATION**
- IRS Program Number: WZA09-T-00438-13-I
- Qualifies for 1 Hour Federal Tax Law Topics
- CTEC Course # 1001-CE-0206 Federal 1 Hour
- Enrolled Agents – NAEA/CSEA 1 Hour
- Target Audience: Enrolled Agents, Attorneys, CPAs, Unenrolled Preparers
- Learning Level: Level 2 (Intended to expand the working knowledge of the practitioner and exposes them to specialized areas of taxation and tax management. This level explores the details about more unusual tax situations or consequences and gives the practitioner the tools to assist clients in these areas).

**2013 CSEA digiTAX SCHEDULE**
Looking for a bite-sized chunk of high-quality info on a subject? Grab your calendar, look over this list and mark the ones that sound tasty. Then head over to www.csea.org to sign up.

July 24: Bankruptcy
July 31: Offers in Compromise in the Era of Fresh Start
August 7: COD Exclusions
August 21: COD After Insolvency
August 28: AMT: A Different Approach
September 25: Circular 230 Ethics Update
October 30: Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)
November 6: Form 709: Gift Tax Return
November 13: Form 706: Estate Tax Return
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 the notice.
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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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TAX PROFESSIONAL WANTED
A well established, respected leader among public accounting firms in Walnut Creek is searching for a full-time experienced tax professional. EA or CPA required. Minimum 3-5 years of tax experience in the public accounting arena including trial balance and strong communication skills are required. See full job posting on our website at www.bprh-cpa.com or send resume along with references and salary requirements to jobs@bprh-cpa.com Reference JOB1

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TWO CASTRO VALLEY OFFICES
Very cozy offices available in a converted 1860 farm house. This historical landmark is known as Stanton House and is located across from McDonald’s at the west end of town. Both offices are on the second floor and are available now.

Suite E has 2 large rooms with a large closet in each. Rent is $1,000 per month. Suite H has one room with a large closet. Rent is $500 per month. Both suites are a one year lease, and then month to month.

Rent includes utilities, monitored security system, and janitorial services for the common areas. There are two restrooms in the building, one on each floor. All tenants have access 24/7.

Small Group Tax Meetings

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MEMBERS SPEAK
For EBAEA members to list speaking engagements next month, please email details to Andy@TaxBuddha.com
CHECK YOUR CE ONLINE @ IRS
by Mark Bole EA, Continuing Ed Chair

For most of us, our third annual PTIN renewal is coming up in less than six months. If you renew your PTIN by paper and mail, the rest of this note may not be helpful to you. But if you renew electronically, as most of us do, you should know that you can log in to your PTIN account right now and check how many official CE (continuing education, IRS uses “CE” instead of “CPE”) hours the IRS has on file for you in their database. (Log in the same way as if you were going to initiate your PTIN renewal).

The CE requirements to maintain EA status are documented in Circular 230. Effective 2013, any valid CE must have an IRS course number assigned in advance, and the course provider must report the information in a timely fashion back to the IRS for each attendee.

You can see fairly current info, for example in late June, my May dinner meeting CE was already recorded. My advice is if it has been more than 6 six weeks since you took a course and it still doesn’t show up, you should start inquiries now, rather than wait until year end. Any CE that you receive through EBAEA will normally show “CSEA” as the provider, since the state organization provides this service for its chapters. EBAEA could become a provider on its own, but is not planning to do so at this time.

Please recall, as previously reported, that no CE credit was provided for the January 16, 2013 dinner meeting, so you will not see this on your report.

HUMOR

“A tax shelter is a dumb transaction done by smart people that will put my kids through college.” Chuck Rettig, tax controversy lawyer, at a 2005 tax conference


A man dies and goes to hell and is shocked to see his former tax lawyer entwined with a beautiful woman while everyone else roasts in eternal flames. So he calls over the nearest demon and asks why the tax lawyer gets a girl while he just gets fried. The demon glances over and shouts “Who are you to question that woman’s punishment?”

A few years ago, a lot of taxpayers invested in tax shelters to save taxes. The biggest problem with most tax shelters is that they leaked.

Q. What does it take to be a good tax professional?
A. Two things - grey hair and hemorrhoids. The grey hair makes you look distinguished and the hemorrhoids make you look concerned.

All Israel was “dismayed and terrified” [at Goliath’s challenge] and, not surprisingly, there were no volunteers until the young harpist and poet, David, stepped forward. Now why would he be that foolish? Because Saul promised that the man who slays Goliath will receive riches, the king’s daughter, and exemption from all taxes! “Riches” is a relative term that could mean anything, and we all know that most women were virtually chattel, a dime a dozen, in the Bible, so it had to be the tax exemption that drove David to risk his life! -- Conrad Rosenberg

There is no distinctly native American criminal class...save Congress. -- Mark Twain

BIZARRE TAX LAWS
State tax law can take the oddest twists. These are current or past tax laws:
TX will tax hiking boots, but not cowboy boots
WI will tax disposable diapers, but not cloth diapers
OR has a tax credit for double amputees
TN allows anonymous tax on illegal substances sold
SC allows a $50 deduction for a dead deer donation to the poor
CA places a tax on fresh fruit purchased from a vending machine, but not fruit purchased at a retailer
IA/PA/NJ have an odd pumpkin tax; pumpkin purchased to eat? not taxed; carve it? then taxed

The moral of the story? Logic does not drive tax laws, legislatures do.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| July 2013 |
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| 5 | IRS FURLOUGH DAY |
| 8-11 | CSEA Annual Meeting |
| (see flyer for details) |
| @ Four Points by Sheraton, Pleasanton |
| 12-14 | CSEA Board and Committee Meetings |
| (see flyer for details) |
| @ @ Four Points by Sheraton, Pleasanton |
| 17 | EBAEA Dinner Meeting: “Foreign Assets” 2 hrs |
| @ Holiday Inn, Dublin |
| 22 | IRS FURLOUGH DAY |

| August 2013 |
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| 21 | EBAEA Dinner Meeting: “New Tax Laws” |
| @ Holiday Inn, Dublin |
| 30 | IRS FURLOUGH DAY |

| September 2013 |
|---|---|
| 18 | EBAEA Dinner Meeting: 2 hour topic - “Tax Prep from a Representation Perspective” |
| @ Holiday Inn, Oakland Airport |
### 2013 - 2014 Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

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Mark Your Calendars

CSEA Annual Meeting Comes to the East Bay

Chairperson for East Bay Chapter: Patty Pringle, EA

It’s time to mix business with pleasure. This year the CSEA Annual Meeting will be held in the East Bay at the Four Points by Sheraton Pleasanton. The East Bay Association of Enrolled Agents and the Big Valley Association of Enrolled Agents are joining forces to host the 37th Annual Meeting “Bits to Bytes”.

Events are kicked off on Wednesday, July 10th at The Jim Reed Memorial Golf Tournament at Las Positas Golf Course followed by followed by Bocce Ball at Campo de Bocce and then we close the day with a Classic Car Show. If you want to show your “cool side” and are interested in showing off your classic car email Jamie Peterson at Jamie@flavinea.com by July 1st.

Thursday, July 11th we get down to some serious business at the General Session where CSEA Members elect next year’s Officers and vote on Bylaws changes, followed by the Town Hall Meeting. Then it’s time to get all glammed and glitzed up for the Grand Banquet. The installation of Officers and Awards Ceremony are followed by a night of dinner and dancing. This year we have a great band so dust off the dancing shoes.

Friday, July 12th events include The President’s Workshop, Directors Orientation, Executive Committee Meeting and the Chairs Council. Friday afternoon features a fundraiser for the CSEA Education Foundation. We are hosting an e-waste event. This is a great opportunity to get rid of those old items you longer need (computers, cell phones, copiers, monitors etc.). Proceeds from this event will be donated to the foundation. We can also arrange to pick up items if needed. Please contact Patty Pringle, EA capattypringle@sbcglobal.net for East Bay donations or Connie Flavin, EA connie@FlavinEA.com for other areas.

More great fun on the evening of Saturday, July 13th. Come join in on the fun by attending the Member Dinner featuring Family Feud. Groups of EAs team up for a competition sure to be fun and entertaining. Those planning to participate should form “families” of four tEAm members with a theme and common attire, and be ready to answer questions about the EA profession. For additional information or to submit your tEAm name email Peggy Hall, EA halloftaxes@gmail.com by May 29.

This is also a great opportunity to attend a CSEA Board of Directors Meeting and CSEA Committee Meetings. This is your chance to see what goes on behind the scenes and meet your newly elected Officers.

Thank you to the following members of the East Bay Chapter for the wonderful volunteer work they are doing to help make this a successful even: Dagmar Bedard, EA Grand Banquet; JoAnne Anderson, EA Registration; Peggy Hall, EA Membership Dinner; and Sal Romo, EA Jim Reed Memorial Golf Tournament. If you are interested in volunteering please contact one of us.

Stay tuned for more information from the CSEA Magazine and CSEA e-blasts.
A young lady confidently walked around the room while leading and explaining stress management to an audience with a raised glass of water. Everyone knew she was going to ask the ultimate question, “half empty or half full?” She fooled them all. “How heavy is this glass of water?” she inquired with a smile. Answers called out ranged from 8 ounces to 20 ounces.

She replied: “The absolute weight doesn’t matter. It depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that’s not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I’ll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you’ll have to call an ambulance. In each case it’s the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes.” She continued, “And that’s the way it is with stress. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won’t be able to carry on.”

“As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we’re refreshed, we can carry on with the burden - holding stress longer and better each time practiced.”

So, as early in the evening as you can, put all your burdens down. Don’t carry them through the evening and into the night. Pick them up tomorrow.

1 * Accept the fact that some days you’re the pigeon, and some days you’re the statue!
2 * Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.
3 * Always read stuff that will make you look good if you die in the middle of it.
4 * Drive carefully... It’s not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.
5 * If you can’t be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
6 * If you lend someone $20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it.
7 * It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to serve as a warning to others.
8 * Never buy a car you can’t push.
9 * Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you won’t have a leg to stand on.
10 * Nobody cares if you can’t dance well. Just get up and dance.
11 * Since it’s the early worm that gets eaten by the bird, sleep late.
12 * The second mouse gets the cheese.
13 * When everything’s coming your way, you’re in the wrong lane.
14 * Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
15 * Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once.
16 * We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
17 * A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.