Columbus Chapter Chat
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Trick-or-treat …Smell my feet…

…give me something good to eat

The President's Letter by Robyn Maslouski, CPP – President, Columbus Area Chapter

I spent all day today with my nephew who's nine and my nieces who are five. By far, most of the conversation was about Halloween; how they were going to carve their pumpkins, what their costumes were, what they were going to take as treats to school. The kids love Halloween and can't wait to go trick-or-treating. I thought it was appropriate watching Morgan at hockey practice, practicing how to run into the wall and fall down given the fact he's going as a banged up hockey player for Halloween. While Claire was telling me she was going to be a bride and Taylor was going to be a cheetah—perfect for their personalities—they wondered how Halloween started.

While the history of Halloween goes back 2,000 years to when the Celts—who lived in what is now Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France—celebrated their new year on November 1, what we know as the modern day version of this holiday just occurred only a couple hundred years ago. November 1, All Souls Day or All Saints Day, was a day devoted to paying respects to the family's deceased relatives. It was believed that the spirits of the deceased came out the night before, October 31. So, individuals would leave their homes in costumes, so not to be recognized by the spirits that came back to haunt them.

Trick-or-treating on Hallow's Eve dates back to the All Souls' Day parades in England. Poor citizens would beg for food; families would give them "soul cakes" in return for a promise to pay respects for their families' deceased relatives. In addition, it was thought that if one left a bowl of food outside the front door, then the ghouls, ghosts and goblins would eat the food and not bother the living.

Another piece of food popular with Halloween is the pumpkin, which is frequently turned into a jack-o-lantern. The practice originated from an Irish myth about someone named Jack, which seems appropriate since Halloween's origin dates back to Ireland. "Jack's lantern" soon turned into "jack-o-lantern."

Aside from pumpkin carving, Halloween has many other traditions that we take part in. For thousands of years, apples have been considered a symbol of love and fertility. Around November 1st, festivals were held to honor the goddess for a bountiful harvest. This turned into what we know today as bobbing for apples.

The tradition of bonfires came from, what you can probably expect, as the practice to scare away the spirits that came back to visit on Halloween. Ghost stories did not begin as a way to scare off ghosts. Instead the beginning of ghost stories came from the practice of people sacrificing animals to the gods. Once the sacrifice took place, they would tell stories into the night about the sacrificed animals who supposedly gave insight into who would die in the upcoming year. And you thought they were just the result of trying to scare kids, huh?

Bats. Witches. Broomsticks. Jack-o-lanterns. Owls. Black cats. Ghosts. Skeletons. Masks. Full moons. Orange. Black. Scarecrows. Candy. Costumes. Ghost stories. Popcorn balls. Candy corn. Scarecrows. Corn stalks. Apple cider. You put it all together and you get a holiday that now-a-days is looked forward to by adults & kids alike. So, dress up in your favorite costume, grab your bag and start knocking!

Robyn

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Columbus Area Chapter Officers Needed

In our last edition of Chapter Chat, we announced our elected officers for 2008-2009. As we near the beginning of the new officer terms, we are still on the lookout for two additional officer positions:

- **Event Coordinator**: work on events for the chapter, such as meeting topic selection, site location, meal selection, etc.
- **Government Liaison**: liaison between CAC and government agencies

If you are interested in either of these positions, please send an email to Robyn Maslouski at robyn.maslouski@cardinal.com. We are very interested in identifying candidates for our new Event Coordinator position so that we can start planning meetings for next year. Failure to fill this position may result in fewer events being offered to our members.

Looking for a few good volunteers

Community Corner

The Columbus Area Chapter has been doing its part to help different areas of the community.

If you recall, in March our chapter participated with the other chapters in our region in a contest for March Madness. Despite OSU's loss in the national championship to Florida, we still won the bracket since the chapter who had Florida in their bracket withdrew since they really weren't in our region: that chapter only participated because our Advisor with national APA is in that chapter.

What did we win? The two chapters in the region who came in the last two places created food baskets that we then donated to the **Ronald McDonald House**. The Miami Valley Chapter (covers the Dayton area) put together a basket—literally, a laundry basket—of items that the house typically needs: canned foods, books, cleaning supplies, etc. The Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky chapter donated meal kits, comprised of foods from their part of the state.

We took the basket and meal kits to the Ronald McDonald House by Nationwide Children's Hospital so that the residents of the house can enjoy.

The Columbus Area Chapter was also able to give back to the **Michael D. Jones, Jr Foundation**. This foundation was setup in the memory of the son of a friend, mentor and colleague of multiple people in the Columbus Area Chapter. The CAC APA has also been a multiple-year recipient of scholarship money provided by the MDJJF. We wanted to give back.

In conjunction with Healthcare Logistics, the CAC APA donated 40 sleeves of golf balls to the MDJJF golf tournament that takes place each fall. Knowing that we have received more than that from the foundation, we also made a cash donation to the tournament to help build its scholarship fund.

As a result of our 50/50 drawing at our June meeting, we also were able to make a donation to the **USO** in support of our military overseas.

Cash, food and other household items donated to charitable causes









Chapter Dashboard

Fuel:	Speed:	Oil:	Horsepower:
$24,107.79*	187	16 New	70 CPPs
$465.00 in receivables	Members	Members	26 FPCs

*Includes OCPP funds

September Birthdays

Bertha Yutzy –WD Partners Inc	Sept 1
Tonia Curry FPC – Sequent, Inc.	Sept 2
Cherie May – Chemical Abstracts Services	Sept 2
Kimberly Shoemaker CPP – Acloche LLC	Sept 6
Beverly Weiss CPP – Cardinal Health	Sept 6
Jennifer Day CPP – Installed Building Products	Sept 10
Colleen Anderson – M/I Homes	Sept 11
Jodi Graf CPP – Nationwide	Sept 15
Michelle Jones – Oakwood Management	Sept 15
Ronda Jenkins CPP – Bravo Development Inc	Sept 16
Karyn Luke FPC – Acloche	Sept 16
Kim Link – Nortax-Great Links Inc.	Sept 17
Evelena Wilson – Nationwide Children's Hospital	Sept 17
Karla Cupp FPC – M/I Homes	Sept 18
Toni Coon CPP – Exel Inc.	Sept 22
Miranda Moore – Acloche Staffing	Sept 23
Amie Cherrington CPP – EDS	Sept 29

October Birthdays

Kim Linden CPP – Huntington Banks	Oct 1
Jeri-Jean Ferre – Nationwide Children's Hospital	Oct 2
Kathleen Cisco CPP – Delphia Consulting	Oct 6
Kristi Rippeth – Apex Income Tax & Acctg	Oct 6
Stacy Ross – TS Tech North American	Oct 6
Karen Elifritz – City of Upper Arlington	Oct 9
Shelly Jones – Atrium Living Centers	Oct 11
Susan Parsley FPC – STRS Ohio	Oct 11
Becky McGuire CPP – NationsRent	Oct 16
Heather Ball – Mansfield Area Y	Oct 16
Rebecca Penhorwood FPC – Bound Tree Med.	Oct 19
Norene Clark FPC – CBCA Administrators	Oct 21
Jennifer Nick CPP – Sterling Commerce	Oct 23
Jeffrey Hill CPP – Towers Perrin	Oct 25
Sharon Wellman – Butler Animal Health Supply	Oct 26
Ronda Dunlap FPC – Glimcher	Oct 27
Laura Velazco CPP – Installed Bldg Products	Oct 28
Bethann Parker CPP – Excel Inc	Oct 29
Joyce Tolbert – USi	Oct 30
Marianne Wharton – Affinion Group	Oct 31

Upcoming Events

For more info, visit our calendar at http://www.apacolumbus.org/calendar.cfm



Our next monthly CAC APA meeting is **Thursday, November 15**. Be on the lookout for a notice on the topic and location for that meeting.

The APA will be conducting the ever-popular **Preparing for Year-End and 2008** on **Tuesday, October 30** in Columbus.

The APA will also be offering its other two year-end classes in November. **Preparing for Year End – Government and Public Sector** will be offered on **November 9**. **Preparing for Year End – Disbursements/Accounts Payable** will take place in Columbus on **November 14**.

APA is also offering two audio seminars: **Auditing your Payroll Records for Compliance** on **November 15** and **Your Last Look at Preparing for 2007's Year-End** on **November 29**. Other audio seminars are taking place in December. Check out the calendar of events for more details.

New Member Rollcall



Please extend a big welcome to the newest members and renewals* of the Columbus Area Chapter!

Ronda Dunlap, FPC* – Glimcher
Lynne Stephens* – EWI
Jeffrey Hill, CPP – Towers Perrin
Lisa Johnson, CPP* – Nationwide Insurance
Shari Watkins – Richwood Payroll Mgmt Systs

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