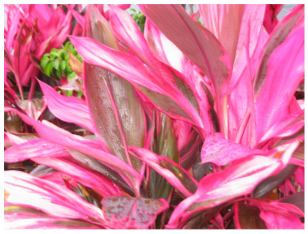
Columbus Chapter Chat
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Winter blues washed away

Winter blahs are replaced with spring ahhs

I've lived in the Midwest my entire life: either in central Illinois or central Ohio. You'd think that by now I would be used to winter weather and even enjoy it. My father enjoys winter so much, he has a part-time job during the winter pushing snow in parking lots…even made up a song about pushing snow.

> ♫ "Oh, give me snow, lots of snow in Springfield, Illinois…don't melt away. May the drifts be as high in the truck in which I ride…don't melt away. Oh, I'll push those lots and driveways until I die. It's so happy it'll almost me cry. They call me the snow bunny with a twinkle in my eye. Don't melt away."

The countless number of snow storms and ice storms never made me truly appreciate the wonder that is winter weather. I enjoy it on Christmas Day, but I feel no reason for its existence post December 25. As I sit here on a weekend with the weather in the 70s, it feels promising to know that good weather is on its way.

For the second year in a row, I spent a week in Florida the other week attending Major League Baseball's spring training. Nothing gives you spring fever like being in weather that's sunny and in the mid- to upper-70s for an entire week. The picture above is a picture I took last year when I was in Florida for spring training. Just imagine spending a week with colors as bright as that and then returning to the brown and gray colors of central Ohio. It wasn't fun. Thankfully, we now see daffodils, and green grass appears from the ground. What a difference a couple of weeks make.

So, is there anything I'll miss of winter? I'll miss hockey. This year my nephew was selected for a travel hockey team, and it was the funnest hockey season I've ever been a part of. After the first tournament, you get used to being secluded on a hotel floor with 16 10- and 11-year olds. That, along with the Blue Jackets making it to the playoffs, have made for a very exciting last few months.

What do I look forward to? I'm most excited for baseball season. I always enjoy a baseball game: little league, minor league, major league. I guess I could also say I'm looking forward to lower gas bills during the summer. Those absolute frigid weeks made for a gas bill I've never seen before. I don't have a green thumb myself, but a number of people in my neighborhood grow some of the prettiest flowers to enjoy viewing. My hometown hosts a professional golf tournament in the summer. I've been volunteering there for 13 years and look forward to doing that again. Independence Day is another day to look forward to. It's a day where we all seem to put differences aside and just enjoy being Americans. I don't necessarily have any vacations planned—aside from going back to Illinois for the golf tournament—but I do have other professional trips to go to Long Beach, CA and San Antonio, TX. Did I mention the pool opens Memorial Day? Can't forget that.

White tree blossoms. Yellow daffodils. Green grass. Pink roses. Cherry blossoms. Red Cardinals. Coral hibiscus. Orange tulips. Bluebirds. Purple lilacs. Brown baseball bats. Black charcoal. May you enjoy to the fullest whatever colors you paint your spring and summer.



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Columbus Area Chapter Cares About the Community

CAC APA is very excited to form a team for the **2009 Race for the Cure** in Columbus. CAC APA sponsors the **Komen Foundation,** given our close ties to the disease. Ever since CAC APA lost a member to breast cancer, we have taken steps each year to make sure we support this cause. In addition, we have current members surviving with breast cancer, and we have current members who have family members impacted by the disease.

We have setup a team with the Columbus Race for the Cure. If you go to our Calendar of Events, you'll see an entry for May 16. Select that entry & it will provide two links: one to sign up for the race through the Race's website and another to make a donation. We would like everyone to consider signing up for the Race. There are different races offered: runs, walks…you can even be a member by sleeping in. **Lisa Johnson CPP** is coordinating the CAC APA team for that day, while **Jenny Smith CPP** will be the coordinator on-site. Please head out to the web today to sign-up for the race and make a donation to this most worthwhile cause.

Who needs extra money?

It's that time of year…time to submit your nominations for the Michael D Jones Jr Foundation scholarship

Do you have children who are enrolled in school or are planning to further their education in college? Could you use some extra cash to help pay those rising tuition costs? If any of these apply to you, you need to take a few moments to apply for a scholarship through the Michael D Jones Jr Foundation!

The Michael D Jones Jr Foundation has been operational since 1997 and setup the **Michael D Jones Jr Memorial Scholarship Fund**. This fund was established in 1997 honoring the memory of Mike Jr, who was a student committed to achieving excellence in leadership and concern for the quality of life and welfare of his family, friends and community. These scholarship opportunities are provided to partnering organizations. CAC APA is very proud to be one of seven non-profit organizations in the United States, including two other local APA chapters, which receives scholarship awards from MDJJF. In exchange for their support of our members' education, CAC APA donates products to their annual golf tournament and we sell their raffle tickets at chapter meetings leading up to the fall golf tournament.

We have had five chapter members' children receive over **$5,000** over the last few years. Now is the time for you to take advantage of this program and submit an application for a youth for whom you are a parent, grandparent or legal guardian. Scholarships awarded range from $1,000 to $2,000 to be used towards secondary school, high school, or college. To read more information and download the application, go to our home page and select the MDJJF logo. Apply today!

Brandy Sydnor,
daughter of Anita Bridges
Anya Hoagland,
daughter of Lydia Hoagland
Jillian Krauss,
daughter of Cheryl Krauss
Katelyn Weiss,
daughter of Beverly Weiss
Ryan Elifritz,
son of Karen Elifritz



Chapter dashboard

Fuel	Speed	Oil	Horsepower:
$7,353.29	150	4	63 CPPs
$1,320 in receivables	Members	New members	17 FPCs

2009 CPP study group to launch

Planning on taking the CPP in the fall? Register now for CAC APA's study group!

Ahhh…the signs of summer. Baseball. Cookouts. Vacations. CPP study groups. What? Yes, it's a proven fact that a sign summer is coming is the planning for the summer CPP study groups.

Worthington Industries has once again stepped up to the plate to offer their facilities for the summer CPP study group to help prepare candidates sitting for the fall 2009 exam. This summer's first class begins on June 16 and runs through August 18, with a week off mid-summer on July 21.

If you're interested in joining us to help you prepare for the exam or if you're interested in attending to obtain RCHs, please go to our Calendar of Events, find the entry on June 16 and sign up for the class.

Once again this year this study group is only offered to CAC APA members. If you have individuals at your company interested in attending but aren't members, then have them sign-up for membership first and then sign-up for the class. The biggest difference for this year's class is that CAC APA will not be coordinating book purchases this year. A book is not required for the study group; however, if you want a book for the class, the class will be organized & based on content of The Payroll Source from the APA.

Call out for facilitators: if you're interested in RCHs by facilitating one of the sessions, please let Robyn know what unit(s)/night(s) you're interested in. Please visit the Calendar of Events for more information.

Demonstrate your leadership

Consider which CAC APA Board of Directors position you'll run for this summer!

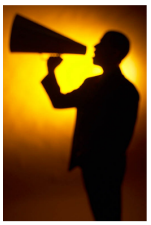


It's hard to believe we are less than two months away from our next CAC APA Board of Directors elections. We have been talking about this so much recently because, as of this moment, we have no candidate for the office of President.

We believe that with a chapter our size, finding a President should not be an issue, but it is. On the thoughts that maybe the lack of interest is due to the length of the term, the Board has amended the by-laws for all officer positions—beginning in 2010—be served for a one-year term. On the chance we do not have a President in 2010, we have begun to discuss the fate of the chapter, including plans for chapter dissolution.

Please keep the Columbus Area Chapter going and consider stepping up for an officer position and look for more information in June when we form the 2010 ballot.

New member rollcall



Please extend a welcome to the newest members of the Columbus Area Chapter!

Jayne Conroy – Cardinal Health

Candice Settlemire – Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co

Amy Pelphrey CPP – Highlights for Children, Inc.

Vicki McKinney – Village of New Albany

In addition, this time of year we have a number of members renewing their membership to CAC APA. Thank you for your continued support of our chapter.

Upcoming events

April 21
Payroll issues for multi-state employers
APA training
Columbus, OH

May 16
Race for the Cure
Columbus, OH

May 19 - 23
APA's 27th Annual Congress
Long Beach, CA

June 16
CPP Study Group (begins)
Worthington, OH

June 24
Payroll tax forum
APA training
Columbus, OH

August 10
Garnishments forum
APA training
Columbus, OH

August 12 - 14
Payroll practice essentials
APA training
Columbus, OH

October 1 - 2
2009 Ohio Conference for Payroll Professionals
Columbus, OH

October 27
Preparing for Year-End and 2010
APA training
Columbus, OH

November 6
Government and Public Sector Preparing for Year-End and 2010
APA training
Columbus, OH

For more info, visit our Calendar of Events

May birthdays

Tracy Snide – May 6
Helen Clover – May 12
Leslie Mayes CPP – May 21
Charissa Fuller CPP – May 28
Jeanne Them – May 28
Anthony Milano – May 12
Fran Seese – May 16
Linda O'Rourke – May 28
Sue Sananikone FPC – May 28
Keti Tabakovsky – May 31

June birthdays

Janet Fickle – June 1
Cheryl Fowler CPP – June 6
Carrie McPeek CPP – June 10
Lisa Clark – June 15
Vicki McKinney – June 19
Marcia Aamodt – June 22
Tena McLaughlin CPP – June 6
Diane Coleman – June 7
Kelly McGraw CPP – June 12
Jean Canini FPC – June 16
Terri Lucas CPP – June 22
Leigh Chaffin – June 24

Keep in touch with your payroll chapter:

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