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It's official!! Solano-Napa is Newest Chapter of CSEA.

On June 1, at its annual meeting in Reno, NV, CSEA approved the application and granted charter to the Solano-Napa Chapter, formerly the North Bay East group. This makes for great opportunities from ground level up. Check out our chapter committee list in this publication and get involved, and let's have some **FUN!**
See chapter installation inside.

President's Message

We've done it!

Solano-Napa is now a chapter. That was only the first step. Now the real work begins.

I looked up the word “*vision*” in the dictionary and it is: A vivid imaginative conception or anticipation....

What is my “*vision*” for our Solano-Napa Chapter?
In five years, I see.....

- 100 chapter members,
- 40 attendees at a dinner meeting,
- The 5th Annual successful Summer Series,
- 25 at the Solano Breakfast group,
- A viable Napa lunch/breakfast group,
- A strong Lacerte Users group,
- Members serving on CSEA Committees and as Committee Chairs,
- Having our local papers refer to EA's as **The Tax Professionals.**

Why are you a member of a Chapter?

For me, the answer is education, networking and friendship. How would you answer that question?

What is our purpose as a Chapter?

**To serve our members by offering
Quality education...**

Networking opportunities...

A chance to have fun together....

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Solano-Napa Chapter Breakfast & Dinner Programs

Solano-Napa EAs meet on the **second and fourth Tuesdays** of each month to share information with other EAs and tax professionals. The meetings are at Jack & Linda's Country Café, 2390 N Texas St., Fairfield, CA.

Breakfast Meetings - 7:30 am - 9:00 am:

On the second Tuesday, we have Breakfast Meetings where a predetermined topic will be discussed. All attendees are encouraged to participate by sharing their knowledge and experience. Cost is Dutch.

Dinner Meetings:

- 6:00 pm** **Attitude adjustment**
- 6:30 pm** **Dinner**
- After dinner** **Education**

On the fourth Tuesday, we have Dinner Meetings where generally there will be a speaker on a topic for continuing education, practice management, legislative, or other issues pertinent to our profession. Cost is \$25.

Other Chapter Events

July 22, 2005, Session 1 of 3 Sessions Special Summer Mini Seminars. See the enclosed flyer for sessions and registration details.

Member Surveys - Surveys were mailed out last month, if you have not completed and return it, please do so. Your input is critical to how your chapter can best serve you! Thank you.

Buffet Dinner & Baseball – A “Day at the BallPark”, Saturday, August 6, come out and enjoy good food, good company, baseball, and fireworks. 5 pm Food at Jack & Linda's, approximately 7 pm ballgame at Travis Credit Union Park, home of the Solano Thunderbirds Baseball Team. **\$25.00 Adults, \$16.00 kids under 12 years old.** Come out for the fun. **Play ball!!!**

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To offer our member a opportunity to grow; intellectually, professionally, as well as expanding their volunteer skills.

To make EAs more visible in the community.

How are you going to help our Solano-Napa Chapter obtain this “vision” ?

Being a participating member is the key. Come to a Breakfast meeting and get acquainted with the EA’s in the area, or attend a board meeting which is held prior to the dinner meetings. Find out what’s happening and how you can be a part of it. You will benefit and so will our chapter.

Anne T. Arms, EA

President, Solano-Napa Chapter, CSEA

CSEA State Director’s Notes

Education: Though too late for early bird registration, still consider C-STAR for state tax agency representation. Also, many other CSEA sponsored education and training. See our calendar and check www.csea.org.

Scholarship: Through 6/28/2005, the online auction has raised over \$3600 for the scholarship fund.

Legislative: Attention all! Senate Bill 832 could present a threat to our profession. Check it out at www.senate.gov, choose legislation and record, key s.832 in by number to search. NAEA PAC needs our financial support. Send your personal check , payable to NAEA PAC, to Norman Golden before August so that he may present them at NAEA’s Annual Meeting. Remember, only your personal check can be contributed to a Political Action Committee.

Our State Director, Alma Guenther, needs our thoughts as to what should CSEA do to provide input on national issues, especially so, considering legislation like SB832? The norm is NAEA handles national issues while CSEA handles state, but since CSEA makes up 40% of NAEA’s membership, should CSEA have some say? If so, then how so? Email her at almaea@pacbell.net.

hEArD It Through The Grapevine

Tracy Scarrott, daughter of Sherri & Nelson Scarrott, was married on June 26 to Michael Camara. They are making their home in Fairfield. Mike is a supervisor in the install bay at Best Buy, where they met. Tracy is a Sacramento Country Assistant Probation Officer.

Tim Scarrott is currently serving with the CA National Guard in Iraq. His unit recently suffered its first loss with the death of Arnold Duplantier III; our thoughts are with the members of Charlie Company 1-184th.

Chapter Installation

Tuesday, June 28, 2005, officers, directors, and members of the Solano-Napa Chapter of CSEA were dutifully sworn in at our chapter’s inaugural meeting. CSEA President, Norman Golden, EA, conducted the ceremony with other officers and representatives from CSEA, East Bay, Golden Gate, and North Bay Chapters present. A good time was had by all!

Solano-Napa Chapter Directors approved changes to our chapter Bylaws as recommended by CSEA Bylaws Committee. The proposed changes are as follow:

Section 1.02 currently reads:

Charter and Geographical Boundaries. The California Society of Enrolled Agents (CSEA) has chartered Solano-Napa Chapter as a chapter, serving members in *these counties: Solano and Napa as well as other CSEA members who wish to affiliate with the Solano-Napa Chapter.*

Proposed change:

Charter and Geographical Boundaries. The California Society of Enrolled Agents (CSEA) has chartered Solano-Napa Chapter as a chapter, serving members in *accordance to CSEA description.*

Section 5.06 currently reads:

Removal: If a *Director* is absent from two consecutive Board meetings in any one fiscal year, for reasons which the remaining members of the Board of Directors shall determine to be insufficient, his or her resignation shall be deemed to be rendered and accepted, and he or she shall be so notified.

Proposed change:

Removal: If an *Officer* is absent from two consecutive Board meetings in any one fiscal year, for reasons which the remaining members of the Board of Directors shall determine to be insufficient, his or her resignation shall be deemed to be rendered and accepted, and he or she shall be so notified.

At our July 26 meeting, we will be voting to accept these very same Bylaws, so please plan to attend. Your presence is important and vital to the success of our chapter.



Play It Safe!

As our industry is becoming more and more internet access dependent, protecting our clients’ personal information is more important and more challenging than ever before. Protect your computer, your network, and your client data by employing some form of Firewall protection. Such protection comes in software and hardware formats. You may use either or both depending on your comfort level with the products. There are many vendors that provide products...Norton and McAfee for software, and Cisco Pix and SonicWall for hardware protection, to name just a couple. Check it out. Better *safe*, than sorry.

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Chapter Mission Statement

This will be a members' collaborative effort. So, put your thinking caps on, and bring your thoughts, ideas to our meetings. We wish to publish our statement in the August edition.

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2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

- 12 Solano-Napa Breakfast (2nd Tue.) 7:30 am
Topic: Office Networks
Jack & Linda's Country Café, Fairfield
- 22 Solano-Napa Session 1 Special Summer Seminar
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield
- 23 Solano-Napa Lacerte Users' Group 9:00am-Noon
Jack & Linda's Country Café, Fairfield
- 26 Solano-Napa Dinner (4th Tue.) 6:00 pm
Topic: Circular 230 Ethics
Jack & Linda's Country Café, Fairfield

AUGUST

- 6 Solano-Napa "Day at the Ballpark"
Food @ Jack & Linda's, Fairfield
Ballgame, & Fireworks, Vacaville
- 9 Solano-Napa Breakfast (2nd Tue.) 7:30 am
Topic: Office Networks, continued
Jack & Linda's Country Café, Fairfield
- 19 Solano-Napa Session 2 Special Summer Seminar
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield
- 23 Solano-Napa Dinner (4th Tue.) 6:00 pm
Topic: Buying or Selling a Tax Practice
Jack & Linda's Country Café, Fairfield
- 24-25 CSEA C-STAR FTB Representation Seminar
The Beach Resort, Monterey, CA
Jack & Linda's Country Café, Fairfield
- 30 CSEA/Gear Up Technology Seminar
Crowne Plaza, Irvine, CA

SEPTEMBER

- 13 Solano-Napa Breakfast (2nd Tue.) 7:30 am
Topic: TBA
Jack & Linda's Country Café, Fairfield
- 16 Solano-Napa Session 3 Special Summer Seminar
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Hilton Garden Inn, Fairfield
- 17-23 CSEA Tax Boat 2005, Explore Alaska
- 21-22 SEE Exam Dates
- 23 Solano-Napa Dinner (4th Tue.) 6:00 pm
Topic: New Bankruptcy Law
Jonesy's Famous Steak House, Napa
- 27 CSEA Tax Practice Management Workshop
CSEA Office, Sacramento
- 29 CSEA New EA Workshop 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
CSEA Office, Sacramento

OCTOBER

- 11 Solano-Napa Breakfast (2nd Tue.) 7:30 am
Jack & Linda's Country Café, Fairfield
- 25 Solano-Napa Dinner (4th Tue.) 6:00 pm
Topic: House Sale Myths, Karen Brosi, EA
Jack & Linda's Country Café, Fairfield

NOVEMBER

- 8 Solano-Napa Breakfast (2nd Tue.) 7:30 am
Jack & Linda's Country Café, Fairfield
- 15 Solano-Napa Dinner (4th Tue.) 6:00 pm
Jack & Linda's Country Café, Fairfield

DECEMBER

- 13 Solano-Napa Holiday Party, 6:00 pm
Jack & Linda's Country Café, Fairfield