



Monthly E-News

September 16, 2009

Updates from Summer 2009:

The Fisher Cats social networking events in July and August had an amazing turnout of YPs! Special thanks goes to Devine, Millimet & Branch, PA for hosting these two events at their suite this summer. It was a blast!

This year's 6th Annual CPA Scholarship Benefit Golf Tournament exhibited a strong showing of Young Professional participation. We had YPs playing golf and volunteering at the registration table, selling raffle tickets, making deals at the Vegas Hole, and taking photos.



Who and What We Are:

The Young Professionals group offers the opportunity for members aged-45 and under to gain access to leaders in the profession, motivated peers, and develop future skills. It helps to improve its members' professional skills, expands their contact base, and provides the opportunity to promote themselves within the profession.

YP Committee Chair:	Jason Cole, CPA, Esq.
YP Committee Co-chair:	Christine DeAngelis
YP Committee Members:	Kendra Bell, CPA Nina Chang, CPA Julia Doucette Erin Dudgeon Peter Lachance, CPA Amity Ollis Jennifer Sanctuary, CPA Robert Smalley, CPA
NHSCPA Staff Liaison:	Emily Duane

Summary of Past Activities:

- NHSCPA YP Golf Clinics – Beginner and Intermediate
- NHSCPA YP Golf League
- YP participation at the NHSCPA Golf Tournament
- Fisher Cats games/social networking at the Devine Millimet suite
- Mentoring Program – visiting college accounting classes to talk about the profession of accounting, the CPA exam, finding a job, and the Society
** Julia Doucette and Christine DeAngelis of Howe, Riley and Howe created this program
- Charitable efforts - Walk for Animals and Walk for Hunger
- Waterville Valley Ski Day
- First Annual Professional Business Networking Event
** Invited Stephanie McLaughlin of Savoir Fair Marketing/Communications and the Manchester Young Professional Network to offer networking tips.
- Participation at the CPA Inauguration & Ethics Pledge Ceremony/CPA Career Networking Event
- Maintaining a Facebook group page as an avenue to connect with students and internet-savvy YPs

Current Programs and Other Noteworthy Items:

The Mentoring Program is off to a great start with YPs making college visits to University of New Hampshire, Southern New Hampshire University and Franklin Pierce. Also lined up for visits are Plymouth State University and New England College. Thanks to those who have taken the time out of their busy schedules to visit the schools - the students are finding these visits very informative and valuable, thanks to you! We plan to continue working on visiting college Accounting classes in the future.

NHSCPA.org is getting a makeover! When the new website gets rolled out, you'll notice that the Student and Young Professional pages have been merged. Each will still receive group-specific information, but since many YPs are students and all students are considered YPs, we thought this might be beneficial. This new page will include links to our Facebook group page and to Picasa Web Albums. You'll be able to see pictures from all events that YPs show up at!

The YP Committee is looking for a Young Professional who is a dedicated Facebooker to volunteer to maintain the NHSCPA YP group page on Facebook. This would involve posting articles pertaining to the accounting profession, job hunting, smart ways to use social media, keeping healthy during busy season, and more. This would also involve inviting other accounting professionals and students to join the group, keeping conversation going on the wall, and general page maintenance. Is this job for you? Contact Emily at the Society Office if you're interested in learning more about being our Facebook guru!

The Autumn 2009 *NHSCPA Connection* will be mailed in early October. Keep an eye out for your copy!

Young Professional Committee Future Developments:

CPE is rarely geared specifically toward young professionals. The Committee has been discussing CPE programs geared towards YPs and in particular, we are looking into a business writing course that we'd like offered to YPs.

We have had a great deal of discussion regarding our charitable efforts in the past and the Committee has decided to re-focus our efforts. Rather than recruiting YPs to participate in charitable walks and service at local soup kitchens, we are looking into narrowing our efforts to services where we as CPAs can add the most value as well as advance our personal development and at this time, are exploring how the NHSCPA YPs can get more involved in volunteer tax return preparation, or some similar sort of work.

The YP Committee is working on a proposal to present to the Board in having an NHSCPA Leadership Program which would be specific to young professional CPAs. We would like this to be an honor for participants and be a program which would be geared specifically towards enhancing the professional development of a CPA. At the end we envision a NHSCPA YP award to go with it. We hope to flush out the ideas in greater detail in our upcoming meeting with a small group of Board members and present a formal proposal to the Board within the next month or two. We sincerely hope that we can make this program happen!

The next YP Committee meeting will be **Thursday, September 24th at 4:30pm at the offices of Devine, Millimet & Branch in Manchester, NH.** We encourage you to join us at this meeting, as we will be discussing the results of the meeting with Board members regarding the new programs and ideas the YP Committee would like to develop.

To register, learn more, or to get involved with the NHSCPA Young Professionals visit the NHSCPA YP Section at www.nhscpa.org or email Emily at eduane@nhscpa.org.