

## Holiday Hope!

The Tulsa Chapter of OSCPA would like to extend thanks to everyone who participated in the Holiday Hope Project. It was a big success!!

Unfortunately we did not get any pictures of the delivery but below is a picture of the toys that were donated and there was also a cash donation of approximately \$250.00.

Thanks again to everyone who participated!! As well as a BIG thanks to Steve Milam and his staff for collecting and delivering the toys!



## Upcoming Events!!

On January 16, please join the Chapter in welcoming Mr. Alan Campbell from Family and Business Resources. He will be speaking at the upcoming CPE Luncheon held at the DoubleTree each month. The topic is "Making Family Business Work". Please come and enjoy not only the speaker but lunch provided by TCOSCPA!

Also coming to a bowling alley near you is the TCOSCPA's annual Bowling Night! Get

your teams together, 3 to 6 people or we will gladly match you up with a team. This is always a big hit and a way to let off some steam before we really get down to business in February! Please watch for the flyer in your email for specifics.

## OSCPA Annual Election...

Each year the OSCPA asks for nominees for their Board of Directors. This is the month to vote on the Board. Two of our own Board members have been nominated, a Director-At-Large, Glenn Eddleman and Steve Milam is nominated for Vice-President! Please take charge - this is YOUR board, please read the additional information below and vote before the end of January!

The OSCPA Board of Directors has approved the slate of candidates proposed by the Nominations Committee for 2014-2015 offices. The slate consists of nominees for OSCPA Officer and Director positions, and Educational Foundation and CPA-PAC Trustees. Terms of office will begin May 1, 2014. Only CPA-PAC contributors (\$40 or more) are eligible to vote for the CPA-PAC Trustee position.

The election is being done electronically through the secure OSCPA web site. Paper ballots have been mailed to members who do not have email addresses on file. Voting must

be completed by January 31, 2014.

Please click this link to cast your votes:

<http://www.oscpa.com/content/legacy/about/elections/election.aspx> or copy and paste the URL into your internet browser. You will need your member ID number to access the election ballots.

If you need further assistance, please contact Kathy at the Society office, [ksimpson@oscpa.com](mailto:ksimpson@oscpa.com), 1-800-522-8261 ext. 3801, or 405-841-3800

### Immediate News

OSCPA's first-ever Young Accounting Professionals Conference is only a week away! Hone your leadership skills and be entered for a chance to win a trip to Walt Disney World® Resort in Orlando, Fla. by registering for the OSCPAs inaugural event, the Young Accounting Professionals [Growing Leaders: Leadership Conference](#), January 9 at Vast in Oklahoma City. Be a part of this ground-breaking event, featuring the magic of Lee Cockerell, retired and inspired Walt Disney World® Resort executive. Space is limited; [reserve your seat today!](#)

Vern Hoven is back for two full days of tax planning strategies. Get the latest in fast-breaking new tax

developments affecting individuals, estates, businesses, partnerships and corporations. Vern will return again to Oklahoma City, January 13-14, for his [Two-Day Federal Tax Update](#) featuring cutting-edge tax planning strategies.



### Meet the Future!

Stillwater's Jumpin' Little {Accounting} Meetup: Where accounting students can meet up with CPA professionals... and eat cheese fries! Students will join the Oklahoma Society of CPAs and Beta Alpha Psi for a casual night at Oklahoma State University to ask those questions they most need answers to before they interview. Stan Clark of Eskimo Joe's will provide a brief introduction by sharing his experiences in the business world, followed by time for CPAs such as yourself to provide your professional experience to accounting students.

We need volunteers from all areas, including public accounting, industry, oil & gas, government, etc. to spend a few hours with our accounting students. This one-on-one, casual meet and greet will help to better prepare them for the professional world ahead. We will provide the dinner, Stan and the venue, you just provide the professional insight! For more information, [email OSCPA Membership Manager Aubrey Weatherford](#) today!

## EVOLVE...

Are you evolving with us? The OSCPA's new exclusive member benefit, [Evolve](#), has been off to a great start! If you've got a question that you can't find an answer to or if you just need the advice of your peers, start a conversation in our Open Forum. Evolve links you to 6,000+ CPAs and the more you participate, the more you get back. [Check it out today!](#)

## Help Your Community

Looking to share your tax expertise and help your community? Because of the OSCPA's working relationship with reporters across the state, the communications department receives quite a

few interview requests every tax season.

The OSCPA would like to offer all firms and practitioners a chance to have someone as a representative for the 2013 tax season. If you are interested in having an OSCPA member at your firm serve as your 2013 tax season contact for the purpose of media interviews and possible speaking engagements, please send the following information to [OSCPA Director of Communications Amy Welch](#) or fax to (405) 841-3801:

1. Name and title of the person to be contacted
2. Phone number for contact
3. Alternative phone number for contact
4. Email address for contact

If you have questions, please feel free to [email Amy Welch](#) or call (405) 841-3800, ext. 3806.

**“Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us.” ~Hal Borland**

## Honor Someone You Know

All OSCPA chapters are eligible to choose a Distinguished C.P.A. Award winner each year. Awards will be presented at the 2014 Annual Members Meeting. All chapters are encouraged to choose a recipient for their chapter's [Distinguished C.P.A. Award](#) and submit the winner's nomination form to the OSCPA.

Email Chapter Liaison, [Alisha Loper](#), for more information.

### TAX SEASON

We all knew it was coming and in another month it will be upon us. Is it lucky that the government shut down for 10 days last year so tax season/tax returns cannot begin until January 31, 2014? I haven't decided if this is good or bad, hopefully they will get the bugs worked out of their system and those people that will be rushing us so they can get their refund will get it quickly.

Remember, although tax season is not long (I know it seems to take forever) accountants must keep their strength and health in good order. The flu is rampant, wash your hands often. Lay off the junk food and go for healthier snacks and meals so that your stamina meets the issues you are about to face and if you can get in a work out here and there so that you don't have to start from the beginning once the season comes to a close.

Remember, it will end and everything will be completed - it always does even when we think it won't.

**Wishing everyone a happy New Year and a great upcoming season!!!**

"For last year's words belong to last year's language

And next year's words await another voice.

And to make an end is to make a beginning."

~T.S. Eliot, "Little Gidding"

