

### **Message from the CPA – Payroll Services**

By Greg Stewart-Longhurst, CPA

Last January we made a huge change in the services we offer by getting out of the payroll business. We transitioned our payroll clients to Paychex, Inc. Our decision to make this change was based on the growing complexity and demands of payroll, the amount of distraction it caused in our office thus taking us away from our tax services, and frankly, we just didn't feel we were providing the level of service we expected in that area. Our clients were so happy with Paychex that in April we moved our own payroll to Paychex as well! And I'm a control freak in such areas of my business, so that move was not easy! Paychex has consistently provided superior service, is available 24-hours per day, and can easily handle the most complex as well as the easiest of payroll. If you have payroll needs please call us today and we will connect you with our Paychex representative.

### **Free FPU Membership Kit Winners**

We had tons of entries to our tax season drawing for a Financial Peace University Membership (\$105 value). Thanks to everyone who entered the contest! We pulled a card out of the fishbowl, and our lucky winners are. . . . <drumroll here>. . . Kathy and John Van Houdt!!!

They will enjoy learning Dave Ramsey's system of financial fitness so they can "live like no one else!"

### **What Does My CPA Do After April?**

We love to help you and your friends plan for next year's taxes! We also have time to provide bookkeeping services for businesses. Far too many people fail to tax plan or keep accurate business records, and then make costly mistakes that could have been avoided if they had just allowed us to advise and serve them. When you refer your friends we treat them right, providing top-notch service and expert advice. To show our appreciation, we reward YOU with our Share the Wealth Credit, which provides a credit on your account to be applied against the price of the work we do for you. We have appointments available for you, your friends, and your family. To avoid those costly mistakes, stop procrastinating and CALL us today!

### **Tax Facts**

- \* The Gettysburg Address is 269 words, the Declaration of Independence is 1,337 words, and the Bible is only 773,000 words. However, the tax law has grown from 11,400 words in 1913 to 7 million words today
- \* The IRS sends out 8 billion pages of forms and instructions each year. Laid end to end, they would stretch 28 times around the earth.
- \* Nearly 300,000 trees are cut down yearly to produce the paper for all the IRS forms and instructions.
- \* The IRS employs 114,000 people--twice as many as the CIA and five times more than the FBI.
- \* Taxes eat up 38.2% of the average family's income; that's more than for food, clothing and shelter combined.

**IRS Motto:  
We've got what it takes  
to take what you've got.**

### **Office Hours**

Our Non-Tax-Season Office Hours are 10am-3pm Monday—Friday.  
We love to be here when you stop by or call so please note the change.

### **Questions?**

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