



Chapter News and Events



August 2009

Southeast Georgia Chapter

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President's Message

Summer is in full swing, and we have been busy making plans for the year. We are continuing to rotate our meeting to different locations, and we have a variety of speakers that are interesting and informative. We wish to increase member participation at the local and state level. Attending and participating at the meetings not only helps you, but also helps our chapter. Ask any officer how you can be more involved. Everyone who attends the August meeting will learn about the various activities of the Society, and of the many opportunities to become involved with the GSCPAs. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

As many of you are aware, due to reduced funding it is necessary for us to adjust our budget. We want to accomplish this without affecting our programs. Most of our members receive the monthly newsletter via email. I have decided not to mail the newsletter to everyone. Only members without a valid email will receive a printed copy through the mail. This will save our chapter about \$300 per year. This may not seem like a lot – but, to put it in perspective- if we send \$300 to the Educational Foundation for matching we are able to give \$600 in scholarship money. If you know of someone that does not receive the newsletter (email or regular mail) please let me know.

Abbie Gail Parham
Southeast Georgia Chapter President

Chapter Meeting Information

Our first meeting for the year will be Tuesday, August 18 at The Beaver House. Mr. Robert Prator, chairman of the Georgia Society of CPAs, will give us an update on Society activities and his agenda for the year. Please RSVP to [Abbie Gail Parham](#) at 912-478-5037. RSVP deadline is Friday, August 13 at 12:00 p.m.

Speaker's Biography

A native of Georgia, Robert (Bob) Prator grew up in Columbus. He received his BBA and MBA from Auburn University. Bob has been in public accounting for 35 years. While working on his MBA, Bob was employed with Satlof, Hirsch & Fingerhut, CPAs in Columbus. Upon receiving his MBA, Bob moved to Atlanta to begin a career with Price Waterhouse & Co. where he devoted 10 years to the audit department. From there he moved to Laventhol & Horwath and became partner. Eight years of service to the firm prepared him for his move to Tarpley & Underwood, PC, where he has been a dedicated partner for almost 20 years.

He earned his CPA license in 1974 and promptly joined the Georgia Society of CPAs (GSCPA) and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). He has served on numerous committees at the state and national level.

Outside of the GSCPA and Tarpley & Underwood, Bob is actively involved with the

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community. He is a graduate of Leadership DeKalb and served on the Board of Directors of the DeKalb Chamber of Commerce. For three years he was vice chairman of the DeKalb Convention and Visitors Bureau. He is active in Kiwanis, served as president of the Northside Atlanta Club, served as Lt. Governor, Division 1 of the Georgia District of Kiwanis and is a Hixon Fellow.

He has served as treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of the Chamblee/Doraville Ministry Center, and has served on the Board of the DeKalb Unit of the American Cancer Society. Bob is an active Deacon at Johns Creek Baptist Church and is a member of the Dunwoody Country Club. He and his wife, Cecelia, have two daughters and two grandchildren.

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Chapter Meeting Schedule

We have established the following dates and locations for our meetings.

- Tuesday, August 18, 2009 – Beaver House in Statesboro, GA – Mr. Robert Prator, chairman of the GSCPAs will be presenting "Update on Society Activities and Goals and Objectives for this Year."

Please note - RSVP deadline is Friday, August 14 by 12:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, September 16, 2009 – Nesmith – Lane Continuing Education Building on Georgia Southern University's campus – Mr. Ernest A. Almonte, chairman of the AICPA will be presenting "Professional Update and the CPAs Role in Exercising Leadership."

- Tuesday, October 20, 2009 – Vidalia, GA (place to be determined) – Mr. Hale Sheppard will be presenting "Tax Issues/Update."

- Tuesday, November 17, 2009 – Statesboro, GA (place to be determined) – Judge Kathy Palmer will be presenting our program.

- Tuesday, January 19, 2010 – Joint meeting with Beta Alpha Psi on Georgia Southern campus.

- Tuesday, May 4, 2010 – Metter, GA (place to be determined) - Mr. Tom Ledford, chairman of the Lenox Group will be presenting our program.

Please note that our evening meetings will begin with a social at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. cost of the meeting is \$25. Please RSVP to [Abbie Gail Parham](#) at 912-478-5037.

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