

Sudbury Chapter Newsletter



Certified General Accountants
Association of Ontario

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Message from the Chair



Greetings to all Sudbury Chapter CGAs and students!

First and foremost, I would like to welcome all new and

returning CGAs and students. I would also like to acknowledge the excellent efforts of last year's chair, Jennifer Stanton Smith, CGA, as well as the entire 1998/99 board of directors, for a job well done.

Our chapter's enthusiastic 1999/2000 board has great ideas and opportunities for all members in Sudbury Chapter. Plan to attend Student/Member Night to get together with your colleagues and meet new CGAs and students. At our upcoming Work & Play Weekend '99 we'll show you how to live today and plan for tomorrow, while having some fun at the same time. This year we plan to travel to Timmins for our annual meeting. This gives you an opportunity to interact with other students and CGAs. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend these exciting events. Additional details can be found in this issue of the newsletter.

We wish students all the best in your studies and exams. It takes a lot of hard work and perseverance to succeed in the CGA program. You will find a board member listing in every newsletter published. Your board of directors understands the challenges faced by students and we urge you to contact a director if you have any questions. By keeping the board list handy, you'll be able to find help quickly and easily. Please consider enrolling in the lectures, and attending the review sessions, too.

A special note of congratulations to Sudbury Chapter's newest CGAs. Your determination has certainly paid off. We hope to see all of you at the November admission to membership ceremony. The ceremony is certainly worth the trip to Toronto.

Our objectives for the current year are to continue holding annual tax preparation services for seniors and low-income earners, organizing seminars so you can earn continuing education credits, and arranging our grand finale—the annual general meeting.

We hope all CGAs and students become involved at the chapter level. Please support local events and/or sit on a committee. We invite you to one of our board meetings in Sudbury if you are considering volunteering time or wish to learn more information about your chapter.

I look forward to meeting you at Student/Member Night and the Work & Play Weekend.

**Rachelle Décosse, CGA
Chapter Chair**

Why Not Plan to Work & Play [on the] Weekend?

Learn how to start "Living Today, Planning for Tomorrow" at Sudbury Chapter's three-day Work & Play Weekend commencing Thursday, September 30, 1999. On Thursday evening we will "wine and dine" in the Gold Room at Science North, while listening to a presentation on the Neutrino Observatory.

Friday and Saturday are filled with work and play. Friday's seminars will be on managing client files; making sure we understand our ethical obligations; learning how to spot counterfeit money and merchandise; as well as receiving a better understanding of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. After all the work, we'll have a pleasant meal in the Snowflake Room and have a "Night at the Imax," watching two

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films: *Wild Fires* and *Wolves*. Saturday's seminar topics include income tax; accounting principles and standards; and estate planning. Then it's off to downtown Sudbury for an evening of jazz!

So plan to attend and bring a friend or two. Not only is it an exciting event, it is a fun opportunity to learn and earn continuing education credits.

Check out the flyer in this month's mailing for seminar and registration details. Seating is limited, so don't delay. The deadline for registration is **Friday, September 24, 1999**.

Jennifer Stanton Smith, CGA
Past Chapter Chair

Report on the Annual General Meeting 1999

Sudbury's 36th annual general meeting held on June 5, 1999, at the Four Points Hotel, was full of fun and laughter, not to mention a bit of gambling. We kicked off the night with the business meeting that revealed the active and enjoyable side of Sudbury Chapter. After the business portion was completed, we joined our guests for a wonderful meal and a special presentation to our 25-year (or more) members. And that was only the beginning! An evening of blackjack with "play" money soon followed. I didn't realize that we were such a risky bunch until I saw some bets reach as high as \$10,000! Some members won big that night, but I think in the end it was the entire chapter that won the grand prize.

Our special guests of honour included: Norm Carscallen, CGA; Hector Cecol, CGA; Stuart Harris, CGA, his wife, Betty; and Raymond Prevost, CGA and his wife, Jacqueline.

We acknowledge Sudbury Chapter's other 25-year (or more) members:

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| John Buchan, CGA | Marc Langlois, CGA | Pamela McCarthy, CGA |
| Ralph Deleurant, CGA | James Logan, CIP, CGA | Jerry Shulmistra, CGA |
| David Jermyn, CGA | Dave Martin, FCGA | Ron Rinaldi, CGA |

Congratulations to all of our quarter century club members!

We were also honoured to have Tom McCallum, CBV, FCGA, CGA Ontario's 1998/99 president, and Bruce Hutton, CFP, CGA, a CGA Ontario governor, in attendance. I think Tom likes any excuse to come to Sudbury, because he always seems to appreciate our hospitality.

I want to thank all those who attended the AGM, as well as the other events held throughout the year. Your support makes our volunteer efforts worthwhile.

Special thanks go to Sudbury Chapter's board of directors: Josh Autio; Kyla Bell; Julie Coffin; Marie Dalcourt, CGA; Rachelle Décosse, CGA; Pierre Gionet, CGA; John Hamilton, MBA, CGA; Robert Miller, CGA; Astrid Schmidt; and David Venn, CGA. Having you as part of the board made my year as chair an enjoyable and easy one, especially since I'm in Blind River. Thanks for your help and dedication; I could not have accomplished much without all your assistance.

Jennifer Stanton Smith, CGA
Past Chapter Chair

Upcoming Events

Student/Member Night

Sudbury Chapter's board of directors invites all CGAs and students to Student/Member Night. The evening will include an information session, prizes, free refreshments and time to mingle with colleagues. Find out what is happening in your chapter, network with students and CGAs and gain valuable tips on the CGA program of professional studies.

For additional information, please contact Julie Coffin (see below). Don't miss it!

Date: Wednesday,
September 15, 1999
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Trevi Tavern
1837 Lasalle Blvd.,
Sudbury
Dress code: Casual
Cost: No cost
Contact: Julie Coffin
(B) (705) 671-2424
(R) (705) 524-1546
E-mail: juliec@isys.ca

Sudbury Chapter Timmins Meeting

All members are invited to attend Sudbury Chapter's Timmins-based meeting. Come out and meet your new board of directors.

Date: Friday,
October 29, 1999
Time 6:30 p.m.
Location: Senator Motor Hotel
14 Montjoy South,
Timmins
Cost: No cost
Contact: Astrid Schmidt
(B) (705) 264-1005
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Announcements

Congratulations to Sudbury Chapter's newest CGAs for 1998/99:

Please note: While every attempt was made to be accurate, apologies are extended for any omissions or errors on this list.

Rick Bouffard, CGA
Monica Caron, CGA
Rachelle Décosse, CGA
Kimberly Keskinen, CGA
Michel Proulx, CGA
Michel St-Louis, CGA
Bernadette Thompson, CGA
Catherine Zanette, CGA

Want to Make Some Noise?



Sudbury Chapter is interested in publicizing your accomplishments. Do you have any interesting news to share? Did you receive a promotion or find a new job?

If you would like your announcement to be published in the *Sudbury Chapter Newsletter* please contact:

Rick Bouffard, CGA
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Note: Your announcements also will be forwarded to CGA Ontario for the "Share Your News" column in *Statements*. If you do not wish to have your submission forwarded, please note this on your submission to Rick.

Sudbury Chapter's 1999/2000 Events Listings

Do you find out about an event and then discover that you already had plans for the same day? The likelihood of this happening diminishes with this handy chart. All of the events planned for the current year are listed below. Register early and update your day timer. Save this list for future reference.

Event: Student/Member Night
Date: September 15, 1999
Location: Trevi Tavern
1837 Lasalle Blvd.
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Event: Work & Play
Weekend '99
Date: September 30, 1999, to
October 2, 1999
Location: Four Points Hotel
1696 Regent Street
Sudbury
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Event: Public Practice
Meetings
Date: Every third Thursday
of the month
Location: Pat & Mario's
1463 Lasalle Blvd.
Sudbury
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Event: Timmins Meeting
Date: October 29, 1999

Location: Senator Motor Hotel
Timmins
Contact: Astrid Schmidt
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Event: Professional
Development Seminar
Date: January 2000
Location: TBA
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vianet.on.ca

Event: Tax Preparation
Services
Date: March 2000
Location: Pioneer Manor
Contact: Kyla Bell
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E-mail: bell@cyberbeach.net

Event: Recruitment Night
Date: May 11, 2000
Location: TBA
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Event: Annual General
Meeting
Date: June 3, 2000
Location: TBA
Contact: Julie Coffin
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Event Board Meetings
Tentative
Dates: September 15, 1999
November 24, 1999
January 5, 2000
February 23, 2000
April 5, 2000
May 11, 2000
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Calling All Potential Invigilators!

Wondering what it is like to be in an exam room and not have to write an exam? Why not volunteer as an exam invigilator to satisfy your curiosity? If you would like to be an exam invigilator this year, please contact Pierre Gionet, CGA, at (B) 560-8921 or (R) 855-8884.

Thank you to the following invigilators from the June exam session:

Rachelle Décosse, CGA
Pierre Gionet, CGA
John Hamilton, MBA, CGA
Kimberly Keskinen, CGA
Bernadette Thompson, CGA

Just a Thought...

“ If it weren't for the last minute, a lot of things wouldn't get done.”

Michael S. Traylor

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