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Membership Meeting

2 hour CPE
August 22, 2006

Topic: Texas Franchise Tax and Property Tax:
“How the Biggest Tax Increase in Texas History
Could Actually Save Taxpayers Money”

Speaker: Mark Scimemi & Ted Clark

Pre requisite: None required

Course level: Basic

Where: The Briar Club

2603 Timmons Lane
(corner of Westheimer and Timmons Lane)

Parking available in the member parking area
across the street from the Briar Club. Valet park-
ing is available.

Time: 5:30 p.m. Networking:

6:15 p.m. Dinner

7:00 Speaker

Prices: \$25 Members with reservations

\$30 Guests and walk-ins

\$15 Students

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SPEAKER BIO

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Appeals. Mark joined UHY Advisors TX, LP in
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local tax matters involving income, franchise,
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prise Zones to name a few areas. Mark also
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the American Bar Association and Chairman of
the Houston Franchise and Income State Tax
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Habitat for Humanity and Mentor with Kids
Hope USA at Macgregor Elementary School.

Ted Clark is the Director of Property Tax Ser-
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2005. Ted is also a Certified Tax Administrator.
He has over 20 years experience in ad valorem
taxation and is a specialist in telecommunica-
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Ted provides a variety of services to include
property tax administration, consulting, valua-
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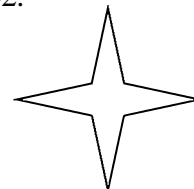
The Chapter will bill for reservations that are not cancelled by noon Thursday prior to the meeting.

Please contact **Melanie Norton** to be added or deleted from the Standing Reservations List.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 8 Board Meeting—American General Center
- Aug. 22 Membership Meeting—Briar Club
- Sept 12 Board Meeting—American General Center
- Sept 18-20 Joint National Conference—Bally Hotel Las Vegas
- Sept 26 Membership Meeting—Briar Club

For more information or to sign up, please contact **Melanie Norton** at mnorton@bvccpa or by phone at 713-353-1942.



Houston ASWA Memorial Fund

The Houston ASWA Memorial Fund was chartered in 1973 with the two-fold purpose of:

- Providing scholarships to deserving accounting students
- Furthering the mission of the American Society of Women Accountants -- “To enable women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession”.

The Memorial Fund receives contributions, in lieu of flowers, for members and their loved ones during times of grief. We receive contributions to celebrate special occasions and in honor of special people.

Please consider the ASWA Memorial Fund as an opportunity to honor or to memorialize the people in your lives.

Contributions should be made payable to:

ASWA Memorial Fund
c/o Eunice H. Reiter
5005 Woodway, Suite 200
Houston, TX 77056-1789

If your contribution is in honor or in memory of someone, be sure to include information regarding where to send the acknowledgement.

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Ted is a Registered Professional Appraiser, Registered Property Tax Consultant, and Certified Tax Administrator to name a few designations. He participates in coaching sports at the YMCA, leading Boy Scouts of America troops, and teaching Martial Arts.

ADVERTISING RATES

The ads are to be emailed to the newsletter chair no later than the 1st of the month in which the ad is to appear.

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The ASWA Memorial Fund acknowledges with gratitude the following contribution:

In memory of Bruce Flaga (Ann White’s Brother)
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And from the sale of nine cookbooks in memory of Judy McMillian.



A Teenagers thoughts on our ASWA trip to the Antique Rose Emporium. See what you missed!

An article forced on a girl who was writing in her journal

By: Elizabeth Neucere

Hi I'm Elizabeth and my mom is Eileen. If you don't know who Eileen is you should be slapped, hard. Anyhow, last Saturday (June 16th) for those of you who didn't know, ASWA (the Houston chapter- 4 members and 3 others. Yeah we were a REAL crowd) went to the Antique Rose Emporium. On our way back from it Mrs. Kathie Pearce saw me writing in my story journal, and here I am now. So in the next paragraph I am going to start telling you what we did and what most of you missed out on. Have fun.

I am now typing this part a few weeks later (isn't procrastination lovely) so I don't remember what we did that well so I will give a whack at it. I'll start when my mom, grandma and I where going to Whataburger (the designated meeting point). When we got there only one person was there to meet us (Mrs. Kathie), we joined cars a.k.a. she hopped into my mom's Saturn and we were off! You would assume that I would tell you what we did on our way to the Rose Garden but it would probably bore you- plus the fact that I was asleep most of the time. Anyway when I woke up we were at the Antique Rose Emporium, there were three other ladies there waiting for us (I forgot their names, sorry). Anyhoo, we go through the garden, me and my

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New Member Profiles

Evelyn Angelle

Evelyn Angelle is Vice President of Investor Relations at Halliburton. In that role, she oversees Halliburton communications and relationships with investors and analysts. Previously Ms. Angelle was responsible for internal and external reporting of consolidated financial statements, technical accounting research and consultation and income tax accounting. Before joining Halliburton, she worked in the audit department at Ernst & Young LLP for 15 years where she specialized in serving large, multinational Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) registrants and provided technical accounting and SEC consultation to other professionals.

Ms. Angelle received her bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. She is a certified public accountant in Texas and a certified management accountant. She serves on the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement of Southeast Texas.

Welcome to ASWA, Evelyn.



Are you a race horse? What I mean by race horse is a state of mind. For example, in any business today, you have work horses, race horses, mixed breeds, studs, and out to pasture.

If you're a race horse, you don't accept the status quo, you want to run! You plan for your moments to shine because you love the adoration! Being a race horse is a lot of responsibility and some people shy away from it (no pun intended). But being a race horse is about finding a way to make it work, even if it seems impossible. It's about getting up at the crack of dawn and getting on the field before anyone else to run, run, run. And then at night, you fall asleep easily because you put in a full day.

Race horses step out and do things others never thought possible. They don't have limiting beliefs that say "I can only run the mile in ___ minutes." Race horses want to run as fast as they can—all the time--and may take some reining in but when given the right amount of freedom and the right amount of direction, a race horse will win for you. Do you have one in your business or are you it?

MEMBER NEWS

THE HOLY LAND TRIP – Ann White

Wow! Israel was fantastic. We took over 1000 digital pictures that will be my next scrapbook project. Brian (my husband) developed a severe ear infection the day before we left and was on antibiotics the entire trip, but that did not slow him down.

We spent the first day in Caesarea, a large port city on the Mediterranean Sea built by Herod the Great to honor Roman Caesar Augustus. From Caesarea we went to Tiberias for a 3 day stay traveling around the entire Sea of Galilee. The Sea of Galilee is where Jesus walked on water and where he spent most of his ministry. We visited the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus taught the multitudes and we were baptized in the Jordan River near the area that Jesus was baptized. We had a teaching on top of the Golan Heights where the Yom Kippur War was fought and could look out over the land into Syria and Lebanon. We were in Capernaum and saw the ruins of Peter's house and stood atop Mt. Carmel overlooking the Jezreel Valley where the Battle of Armageddon will take place.

Our next stop was two days at the Dead Sea (you really don't have a choice but to float) stopping along the way to visit Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. We took it kind of easy at the Dead Sea and spent ½ day at En Gedi Nature Reserve and Masada (you can rent the movie of the same name, starring Peter O'Toole, to get the story on this place if you don't know).

The remaining 4 days were spent walking throughout Jerusalem, from the Mount of Olives where Jesus ascended into heaven to the Garden of Gethsemane where He spent much time in prayer. We saw three different tombs believed by different groups to be where he was laid to rest only to raise three days later. We experienced the Western Wall aka Wailing Wall, the most holy place accessible to the Jewish people because of the Muslim control of the Temple Mount and the Dome of the Rock considered a shrine and not a mosque.

I have gained a new found love for history and geography and would love to go back some day. This is just a few of the highlights of our trip. We did so much so fast my brain is still trying to get caught up to my body.

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mom start having an argument on whether the plant in front of us was Mr. Urquhart's or not, I tell her that I know what the flower looks like for I go over to his house more than she does (his daughter is my BF). We go to the register for everybody had bought a plant (at this point I was starving, complaining that I can feel the insides of my stomach being eaten away). After everyone bought their plant we went into town to have lunch. The restaurant that we planned to have lunch at (some winery, BLAGH!!) was closed so we went to a diner that was one block away. After we had lunch (you can tell right now that lazy) we went antique shopping (which was fun as heck!) I also had to go to the bathroom, so that was 20 minutes that I don't know what was going on. Around 2:00 we left, the end.

Keeping Things Simple—Karen Levine
“Managing Time”

Use your lunch time to regroup. If you've got an hour in the middle of the day for lunch, make the most of it. Perhaps you can find a quiet room to meditate in. On a sunny day sit outside and read, or take a long, vigorous walk. Meet a friend in a nice restaurant. You design the break to suit you, but keep in mind that the idea is to return to work feeling as if you've had some significant time off.

When you get to work in the morning, use your first ten minutes to establish an overview of your day. In allocating time, allow open time to deal with unexpected events that you can't anticipate.

You must learn to be still in the midst of activity and to be vibrantly alive in repose.
Indira Gandhi(1917—1964)

Federation of Houston Professional Women (FHPW)

The Federation of Houston Professional Women is an alliance of women's professional organizations, chartered by the state of Texas as a non-profit, non-partisan business league. Each FHPW member organization, although diverse in style and structure, has professional or businesswomen members focused on education, networking, specific careers or community service.

FHPW offers quarterly events designed to bring its diverse membership together to promote a place of POWER and INFLUENCE. Quarterly events are open to both members and guests and allow Houston professional women the opportunity to network, have some fun and learn something new

Web site: www.fhpw.org

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Kathryn Pearce Eileen Neucere

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