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President's Message

We had a turnout of nearly fifty members at our dinner meeting at the The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center. John Smith was our gracious host and we had a wonderful meal. The turnout from both University of Houston and Texas A & M student chapters was again strong. Most of the Students are in their last two years of college and asked great questions about what to expect in the workforce. Our speaker was Mary Kennedy from the Texas Workforce Commission. She spoke on “The Myths of Contract Labor.” If you were not there I suggest you look into this. Many of us were surprised by what we believed to be contract labor and what the TWC says it is. Go to www.texasworkforce.org and type “independent contractor” in the search box. There will be a list of factors to consider. They will not be the only factors, but some of the strongest used in determining the classification of workers or as they like to call them “Independent Contractors.”

I have a request of each of you. We need venues and speakers for upcoming meetings. James Doolittle has just sent out a request for the venues to each of our members. Please at least contact him and let him know if you can or can't sponsor a venue at this time. We all know times have changed but you would be surprised how simple we make it for your place of work to hold our monthly dinner meeting. Ursula Cornish is in-charge of Speakers for our Chapter. She is always willing to track down a lead on a new educational speaker that you feel would be beneficial to our members.

We are officially hosting a Regional Educational Conference at the University of Houston on Friday, May 21 and Saturday, May 22, 2010. This Conference will have educational sessions with CPE credits on both Friday and Saturday. We will be offering CHAE and CHTP reviews and testing. We will e-mail you as updates occur.

I want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. Bring on 2010!

May you and yours be blessed,

Bret Myers

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING AT THE WOODLANDS RESORT & CONFERENCE

THE MYTH OF CONTRACT LABOR - DON'T LET IT BECOME A NIGHTMARE!



Cocktail Time



Dinner is about to start



Our delicious dinner



Speaker - Mary Kennedy from Texas Worker Commission

Upcoming Events

Upcoming Dinner Meetings

WHEN: Thursday January 21
WHERE: The Briar Club
SPEAKER: Michael Grubbs

WHEN: Thursday February 18
SPEAKER: Latha Ramchand

WHEN: Thursday March 18

WHEN: Thursday April 22

Regional Conference

WHEN: Fri. & Sat. May 21, 22
WHERE: University of Houston

For Venues and Speakers

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*****JOB POSTINGS*****

Controller

Posted: 10/7/2009, ID: 1465

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Description: As the Controller for the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas you will be responsible for the development and maintenance of efficient financial information and fiscal control system for the unit. The position provides this financial information to General Manager, Regional Finance Director and other management based on analysis and interpretation of statistics of current and future financial data. The Controller coordinates and manages the general accounting function for a business unit, concerning primarily the accuracy and maintenance of the ledger accounts and the resulting financial statements. May participate in the most complex general accounting projects. Responsible for the direct supervision of the general accounting staff.

Qualifications: Candidates will be required to possess a bachelor's degree in Finance or Accounting and have 5-7 years of experience in general ledger and P&L management. Additionally candidates should have an aptitude for learning new IT systems and possess excellent skills in Microsoft Excel. The ability to manage in a diverse environment with focus on client and customer services is essential. The ability to work closely with both the accounting team and operating team on budgeting, controls and monthly reporting is critical. Contract-managed or Food Service experience is desirable.

Preference will be given to candidates with ARAMARK Accounting or Finance Experience. Interested Candidates must apply online at www.aramark.com/careers. The job number is GRB50618