

2010 Texas Payroll Conference

The Texas Payroll Conference (TPC) is an annual statewide conference with over 400 attendees from Texas and surrounding states. In 2010, TPC was held September 15th-18th at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in The Woodlands, Texas. Participants were offered general sessions led by keynote speakers and were able to personalize their development and educational needs with an array of payroll-related workshops plus the largest statewide Exhibit Hall. Participants of the conference were eligible to receive 18 RCH credits for participating in the five general sessions and at least eight out of 63 various workshops.



The Alamo Chapter of the American Payroll Association along with the Centex Chapter of Austin, TX hosted a booth in the Exhibit Hall. We distributed note pads and raffled off a "Payroll Practice Fundamentals" resource book. We followed the Mystery theme of the conference on our booth. The theme for this year's event was "Take the Mystery out of Payroll".

Wednesday's opening general session was presented by keynote speaker Mary Newell Pape. She presented "Taming an 800 Pound Gorilla" which addressed dealing with difficult people. Participants enjoyed lunch in the Exhibit Hall next and then were off to begin their learning adventure. After attending all the sessions for that day, folks gathered in the hotel lobby to participate in the Scavenger Hunt across the street at the indoor mall. Participants of that Scavenger Hunt were eligible for various door prizes.

Thursday's opening general session was presented by keynote speaker Garrison Wynn and his presentation was "The Real Truth About Success". After that, we were off to another workshop. Next came lunch in the Exhibit Hall where Vendors were set up to visit with before or after your meal. After lunch and meeting with vendors, it was back to workshops. The Exhibitor Reception and Margarita Bar sponsored by Kronos provided drinks and hors d'oeuvres for yet another opportunity to visit with the vendors.

Friday's opening general session was an awards breakfast and ceremony. The general session was "Whose Team Is It Anyway" presented by Tim & Kris O'Shea from the O'Shea Report. Then it was back to our workshops, then lunch, then more workshops. Finally, the event everyone was waiting for, The "Mystery Dinner Theater Party". The mystery of "Who kidnapped Dan Maddux" was about to be revealed. The evening was full of fun, food and entertainment provided by the local high school drama department.

On Saturday, Michael O'Toole Esq with APA, provided a Legislative Update for all attendees and the Closing Session featured Bryan Dodge, as the keynote speaker. His topic on "How To Build A Better You" was full of energy and inspiration for all.

See you next year for the Texas Payroll Conference in Fort Worth, TX, September 21-24, 2011 at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel.