

# The "Ally Mo" News



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## Quarterly Quotes



*Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work...*  
**Thomas A. Edison**

*Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all. ...***Sam Ewing**

*Laziness may appear attractive, but work gives satisfaction...***Anne Frank**

*American people have the ability to laugh at themselves. It is one of the things that make this country the great country that it is...***OHDesi Arnaz**

*I have a scheme for stopping war. It's this - no nation is allowed to enter a war till they have paid for the last one...***HWWill Rogers**

## Member Spotlight

*The Alamo Chapter would like to recognize Donna Cochran in the quarterly member spotlight.*

*Donna works with the North East ISD and has been there for 12 years.*

*She is the Assistant Payroll Manager and supervises the payroll process. Her degree is the Professional Designation of CTSBO Certified Texas School Business Official.*

*Donna received her CPP around 1990 or 1991 but never recertified when it was time to renew. She was a Charter member of the Alamo Chapter, left for a few years, then returned and has been a member for about 10 years.*

*Donna will have been married for 37 years this June. She has two children, a daughter, 31 and a son, 26. Her hobbies are reading and just cannot imagine any career other than payroll; life is never dull.*



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## "Money Matters" National Education Day September 6, 2007

Help America's teens understand their paycheck and avoid "the first paycheck blues." Join hundreds of your payroll peers as they teach teens about their paycheck on the second "Money Matters" National Education Day!

### **Volunteer to teach payroll to America's teens at**

[www.nationalpayrollweek.com](http://www.nationalpayrollweek.com).

This September 6, "Money Matters" volunteers from across the country will head into their communities to help today's teens better understand the ins and outs of their paycheck and the tax withholding system.

We need your help to bring this important information to high schools and youth groups across America. [Volunteer](#) today for "Money Matters" National Education Day. All volunteers receive the newly updated "Bringing Home the Gold," a specially created lesson designed to make it easy to teach teens all about their paychecks and Form W-4.

Once you've volunteered don't forget to get a jump on reserving your spot in a local school or youth group. Send a copy of the lesson to your school to show them all the great information you'd like to teach and to improve your chances of reserving a spot.

Every year, a select group of leading companies support payroll professionals across America as NPW Sponsors. NPW Sponsors make programs like "Money Matters" National Education Day possible. Thank you to the 2007 NPW Sponsors!

### Volunteer Opportunities

Parent Child Incorporated is holding its annual Head Start Conference on April 16-20 and needs your help!! If you are interested in participating or know someone who would like to become a volunteer, please call Dan Gonzales or his assistant, Norma, at (210) 475-4004.



## The Payroll 'Game' Spring Seminar

**Thursday, May 10, 2007**

7:45 am – 4:45 pm

### *Topics Include:*

- Retaliation
- Non-compete clause
- Arbitration
- Employee cell phone use and company parties
- FLSA & DOL Audits



*For more information, visit our website at [www.apasanantonio.com](http://www.apasanantonio.com) or contact Stephanie Brown at (210) 991-0103 or Valery Noakes at (210) 626-6751*

*Registration Deadline: April 27, 2007*

*Cost: \$ 165.00 – AC-APA, SAHRMA, SACA / \$ 185.00– NON-MEMBERS*

## Silver Safari Congress

Don't delay, register for APA's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Silver Safari Congress in Las Vegas, NV today! Take advantage of the **Real Macaw** special and save \$50 on your registration if you sign up by April 22. To register, visit [www.americanpayroll.org/congress25.html](http://www.americanpayroll.org/congress25.html).

## LEGAL UPDATE

### **Information on POA and Form 8655**

We recently had an issue regarding Power of Attorney (POA) and Form 8655, Reporting agent Authorization. I wanted to share with you what I have learned. W&I advised that problems sometimes occur when Payroll Providers call in and state that they have a POA (when they really have an authorization via the Form 8655). The assistor researches the account under the CFINK command code. If the provider states they have an authorization via Form 8655 the assistor should research the account under the RFINK command code. It seems that sometimes the assistors need to be reminded that there are two screens to check and they need to check the appropriate screen (Note: This is included in the Publication 4019).

Form 8655 allows payroll providers to sign and file returns, make deposits and payments and discuss these with the Service. They can also receive copies of notices regarding forms filed. However the Service is not authorized to disclose information to the caller, nor can the caller ask to abate a penalty. Form 8655 does not authorize the payroll provider to represent their client on any issue before the Service; that would require the client to sign a Form 2848, Power of Attorney and Declaration of Representative.

**Provided by Irma R. Mogilnicki, Senior Stakeholder Liaison, Internal Revenue Service**

## 2007 FPC/ CPP Certification Classes

The Alamo Chapter is having its 2007 FPC/ CPP Study Group starting June 6<sup>th</sup>. The study group will have class every Wednesday through August 29, 2007, 13 short weeks. After that, if you choose, you will be able to attend an additional 4 weeks of Review.

The Class will be held at:

Execupay  
510 Portland  
San Antonio, TX 78216

We are proud to let you know that in the last study group, out of 21 class members, four students decided to sit for the exam and all four passed!

Please use the link below to visit our website to see the class schedule and criteria required by the American Payroll Association to be able to sit for the exam. There is even a link to the on-line registration area so that you can register for the class while on the website.

<http://www.apasanantonio.com/displaycommon.cfm?an=1>

If you have questions, please contact Patti Callahan, CPP Study Group Coordinator and one of the class instructors at [pcallahan@missionpharmal.com](mailto:pcallahan@missionpharmal.com) or you can call (210) 581-1368.

**ALAMO CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PAYROLL ASSOCIATION  
2007 CALENDAR  
MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETINGS**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER/TOPIC</u>
MAY 16, 2007	Michael Ruf – ADP Time and Attendance
JUNE 20, 2007	Sue Hall, Office of the Attorney General Child Support and Medical Support updates
JULY 18, 2007	Earl Powell, Abacus Solutions Group 10 Steps to Advance Your Career
AUGUST 15, 2007	<u>*** NPW Celebration ***</u>
SEPTEMBER 19, 2007	TBD
OCTOBER 17, 2007	Daniel Stern, Shareholder Cox, Smith and Matthews FMLA
NOVEMBER 14, 2007	Diane Owens – Social Security Administration Changes at Social Security Administration
DECEMBER 12, 2007	James Medlock, CPP – American Payroll Association Year-End Legislative Update

Chapter Reminders

Spring Seminar (May 10, 2007)



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