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## Chapters Celebrate With September Statewide Meetings

To many chapter members, September means not only National Payroll Week, but “Statewide Season” as well!

If you have had the opportunity to attend one of the informative and action-packed conferences, then you know how valuable they can be! If you have yet to attend one, be sure to mark your calendar for the next statewide conference in your area. You’ll be glad you did.

Chapter members go all out to provide first-rate educational and entertaining programs. At these conferences you will learn about local payroll issues that affect your company’s bottom line and you’ll have a chance to meet with regional and national payroll industry vendors, industry leaders, government representatives, and even motivational speakers. Speaking of entertainment, it’s something that each conference has its fair share of! From luncheons to beach parties, you’re bound to experience it all at one of these meetings.

September statewide meetings provide a great opportunity for chapter members to focus not only on the conference, but NPW as well. Many chapters are able to incorporate NPW celebrations into their programs, along with charity events and official proclamation ceremonies. The meetings provide the perfect backdrop for either the kick off of a chapter’s NPW campaign or a festive conclusion to a week of activities.

This year’s **Indiana Statewide Payroll Conference** theme was “Roaring Into a New Century”—and roar they did! The 75-plus attendees were able to take advantage of eight different workshops, door prizes, and even a “Roaring 20s Casino Night!” Chapters in Illinois joined efforts to host the **7th Annual Illinois Payroll Conference**. Patricia Fripp, an APA Congress favorite, was on hand to share her advice about building self-confidence. Jenny Provenzano, CPP, APA’s 2000 Payroll Woman of the Year and long-time member of the Chicago Chapter, was another special guest speaker and a meeting highlight. The Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter (SEPA) hosted “**Payroll at the Speed of Light**” along with an NPW celebration. The meeting’s “Lift Off” was provided by SEPA President Connie Connor, CPP, who officially got things underway. APA’s own Michael O’Toole, Esq. delivered a “Message From Mission Control” (otherwise known as APA National) to the enthusiastic attendees before they headed off to a well-rounded selection of “Space Stations,” also known as workshops.

The Marines made their usual landing at the **8th Annual New Jersey Statewide Payroll Conference** along with over 125 payroll troopers. The New Jersey chapters have made donations to the Marine Corps’ “Toys for Tots” a fixture of their successful annual conference. Seven Southern California APA Chapters got together for their **Annual Payroll Focus Day** at the Industry Hills Sheraton Resort. The **Richmond Chapter Conference** was highlighted by special guests Jim Medlock, CPP, APA’s Senior Director of Education and Training and Rita Zeidner, Manager of Government Relations from APA’s Washington D.C. office. Chapter member Michelle

Wright also received a tiara for being recognized by ProBusiness in their Many Hands of Success awards program.

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The **Rocky Mountain Regional Conference**, hosted by the Colorado Chapters, welcomed participants not only from Colorado, but from Wyoming, Utah, and New Mexico as well. Susan Darring, CPP, APA Past-President, gave an uplifting speech and the AFLAC Duck was on hand to provide a little comic relief as he is researching his own “Quack-umentary.” During the conference Lori Killian received a free registration to APA’s upcoming Congress! The weather for the **Texas Payroll Conference** in Galveston may have been a bit damp, but spirits definitely were not! The Texas Chapter did a fine job of putting on a wonderful conference at the famous Moody Gardens Hotel. The **8th Annual Kentucky/Tennessee Conference** was also a huge success this year. Over 120 attendees and 24 vendors converged at the Franklin, TN Marriott Hotel to participate in this exciting event. Nationally known speaker Al Walker was a “huge success” as the keynote speaker.

Other statewide events during September included the Washington Metro Area Chapter’s Tri-State Conference and the New York Statewide.

Congratulations to all for a job well done!

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