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The Gateway Association of Payroll Professionals (GAPP) is an organization of Payroll Professionals with a common goal to continually develop innovative payroll skills through education, shared knowledge and solutions to changing issues. Our goal is to provide our members with the latest developments in legislation and issues impacting the Payroll Professionals. If there are any topics that you would like to hear over the upcoming months, please let us know by sending an e-mail to gatewaypayroll@gmail.com.

Compliance Updates

IRS Announces Mid-Year Mileage Rate Increase of 4.5 Cents. The IRS has increased the standard business mileage rate from 51 cents to 55.5 cents a mile for all business miles driven from July 1 through December 31, 2011. The rate for deductible medical or moving expenses is increased from 19 cents to 23.5 cents a mile. *Ann. 2011-40.*

FUTA Surtax Expired June 30. The 0.2% Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA) surtax expired on June 30, 2011. The U.S. Congress did not push legislation through to extend the surtax before it expired. With the expiration of the surtax, employers will need to separately track FUTA taxable wages paid before July 1, and FUTA taxable wages paid after June 30.

National Payroll Week — September 5-9, 2011

National Payroll Week celebrates the hard work by America's 156 million wage earners and the payroll professionals who pay them. Together, through the payroll withholding system, they contribute, collect, report and deposit approximately \$1.7 trillion, or 71.9%, of the annual revenue of the U.S. Treasury.

Take the 2011 NPW [“Getting Paid In America”](#) survey for your chance to win a FREE paycheck and a trip for two to Las Vegas. **Voice your opinion today!** [Express your views](#) on topics such as teacher pay, healthcare and more. APA will utilize the survey results to promote the payroll industry to media outlets like *USA TODAY*, CNN, and Yahoo! When payroll is in the news, we all win. Take the survey now at www.nationalpayrollweek.com

Debera Salam is Coming to St. Louis

Debera Salam is coming to St. Louis on September 16, 2011 to help us celebrate National Payroll Week. Save the Date!

National Education Day

What is MasterCard Money Matters National Education Day?

During MasterCard Money Matters National Education Day, payroll professionals from across the country will unite to stop the spread of financial illiteracy. Volunteer payroll professionals will teach local high school students in their community the ins and outs of their paychecks, electronic payment methods like direct deposit and paycards, and the payroll withholding system.

What will volunteers teach?

APA has teamed up with the National Council on Economic Education to create a special lesson for MasterCard Money Matters National Education Day. This structured lesson, designed for students new to the workforce or about to enter the workforce, teaches the elements of a paycheck, the amount of taxes they can expect to have withheld, and how those taxes are calculated. As part of MasterCard Money Matters National Education Day, the APA will provide four scholarships from a random pool of eligible teens that pass the Money Matters National Education Day official scholarship quiz. Each volunteer will receive a copy of this lesson upon volunteering, along with special workout problems, so each student can actually calculate their own paycheck!

National Education Day (continued)

We need you to be a champion of education and volunteer for this exciting event. As a thank you for your efforts, you'll get a cool gift from MasterCard, 1 RCH credit when you teach, and Chapter member volunteers can register for the National Education Champions Contest.

Worried about the timing? You can teach the lesson any time in September and still qualify for 1 RCH credit and recognition from APA.

If you are interested in participating in National Education Day, please call me at 314-235-2236.

Payroll Currently

Attached is a copy of APA's monthly payroll compliance newsletter. Payroll Currently features include Inside Washington, the latest from the APA's Government Relations office; a subject index of the current year's issues; and a monthly compliance calendar.

Free Webinars

Virtual Congress & Expo – Earn 5 RCHs – Available until August 26, 2011

Not able to make it to the **29th Annual Congress** in Salt Lake City, UT? The APA and AAPA are excited to offer an online companion to Congress. **The 2011 Virtual Congress & Expo** is a convenient, free way to learn about crucial payroll and accounts payable topics, and get a taste of what the full, in-person event is all about. Register for this free event and attend five (5) virtual workshops presented by industry subject matter experts.

- Employee or Independent Contractor – How to Determine a Worker's Status
- Multi-State Income Taxation – Which States Require Me to Withhold?
- Nonresident Aliens – Who Are They, and What Special Requirements Do They Have?
- Making Paycards Effective: Maximizing Participation In Your Paycard Program
Sponsored by Global Cash Card
- Regular Rate of pay – Are You Paying Your Nonexempt Employees Correctly?

The **American Payroll Association** (APA) and **Global Cash Card** are pleased to present a special eLearning webinar.



Going Green: The Simple & Easy Way of Implementing a Paperless Pay Card Program

Schedule

This educational webinar will begin at 1:00 pm ET and end at 2:00 pm ET on Wednesday, July 27, 2011.

Eliminating paper not only simplifies the payroll process, but also increases your company's bottom line. In this webinar, learn techniques to maximize your "go green" potential.

- Encourage employees to contribute to the paperless initiative from hire date
- Reduce costs associated with printing pay stubs, checks and W-2's™s
- Ideas to increase participation in voluntary states
- Create a system which makes pay and information easily accessible in the time of an emergency of office closure
- Cost and energy saving calculator

Visit website: www.americanpayroll.org Type the product code **11GCCW01** in the search field



The **American Payroll Association** (APA) and **CyberShift** are pleased to invite you to a special eLearning webinar. There is no cost to attend.

Working 'Round the Clock: New Workforce Management Opportunities & Compliance

Description

Find out how a WFM solution can ensure your compliance with state income tax withholding requirements. Sponsored by CyberShift, this webinar examines the three rules that determine where an employee who works in multiple states must have state income tax withheld, as well as pending federal legislation that would provide standardization in this troublesome area-the Mobile Workforce State Income Tax Fairness and Simplification Act.

Visit website: www.americanpayroll.org Type the product code **10CYBR01** in the search field

Maximizing Payroll Card Participation; Best Practices in Program Design, Implementation and Roll Out



MasterCard
Worldwide

The **American Payroll Association** (APA) and **MasterCard** are pleased to present a special eLearning webinar.

Description

- Crafting the right message to get senior management endorsement
- Program feature "must haves" and "nice to have"
- Effectively communicating and implementing the program
- Creating a program that's that goes beyond paying employees

Visit website: www.americanpayroll.org Type in the product code **10MSTR01** in the search field.

Webinar On Demand-Prepare yourself for the CPP and FPC Exams-FOR FREE!

Are you planning to take the CPP or FPC exams in 2011? This webinar will provide guidance on how to prepare for the exams and what you will experience while taking the exam.

Visit website: www.americanpayroll.org Type in the product code **11CERR01** in the search field. There is no credit for this webinar.

Seminars

Sponsored by



Garnishments Forum -This one-day class provides a detailed overview of both federal and state garnishment laws and their impact on the payroll process. Learn which order has priority when multiple orders are received, how to handle out-of-state orders, how to calculate the amount to withhold from the employee's pay, and much more.

Who Should Attend

Those in payroll, human resources, accounting, and information systems who are involved in administering tax levies, creditor garnishments, and child support orders.

Class Schedule

Registration: 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. Class: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Recertification Credit Hours - Product Code 111316 – St. Louis, MO

Earn 6 Recertification Credit Hours (RCHs), .6 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) or 7 Continuing Professional Education (CPE) hours when attending this course.

Cost:

Member - \$395.00

Colleague - \$465.00

Non-Member - \$555.00