

SBBA

Number Crunchin' News

April 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

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Hello Members of Santa Barbara Bookkeepers Association,
Well, it is always predictable, but still it somehow surprises me. I am talking about the flurry of craziness right before April 15th. Clients that you thought you had 100% under control – the 2009 numbers have been done and completed for weeks now – still need some small detail or copy of something they misplaced, or whatever! And then the problem folks appear! These are the procrastinators who can't seem to find all of their bank/credit card statements and also can't understand why you don't have things all done yet. And then there are the little things like running out of toner one afternoon or having a computer "blue screen of death" event!
Every year I work hard to avoid this panic time. I start early – like last October – to plan and prepare. I make lists, I strategize, and I attempt to anticipate client requests. Still when April rolls around the tense phone calls and e-mails begin. My husband's parents have a timeshare in Florida the first two weeks of April. Can you imagine? Someday I will reserve the place and stay away from my office until after April 15th!
Meanwhile, I am looking forward to our SBBA meeting Tuesday April 20th. We will eat, laugh, enjoy each other's company, and commiserate. No outside speaker this month but we have an agenda – to enjoy and learn from each other! Please RSVP ASAP. Best wishes to my favorite group of people – SBBA!

Sandy O'Meara

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

The March meeting of the Santa Barbara Bookkeepers' Association was held at Mulligan's Café on Tuesday, March 16, 2010.

Sandy O'Meara called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Sandy introduced Cynthia from Rabobank who provided "Survival" Gift Boxes to each one.

Announcements for upcoming meetings:

April 20th Meeting – Lunch Social

May 18th – Betsy Byrne, President of American Payroll Assoc; Maeda Palius, President of NAWBO; and Diana Lovan, Vice President for SB Human Resource Assoc. will describe their organizations.

June 15th – Possibly the State Labor Commissioner

May 8th – Spring Seminar with Sarah Caputo of Radiant Organizing at the Pepper Tree, 8:00 am -12:00 pm.

Steve Brooks won the raffle for next month's free lunch.

William Beall of the Beall & Burkhardt legal firm spoke today on the topic: "Bankruptcy, When to Consider it and How to Proceed."

Respectfully submitted,

Patty McDaniel-Myers, SBBA Secretary

MEETINGS

SBBA Luncheon Meeting!! April 20th from 11:30 am to 1 pm at Mulligan's. This will be a social meeting with no speaker but we will have raffle prizes (no additional cost). Everyone PLEASE ATTEND... RSVP to Sandra O'Meara at 965-9907 or Sandra.omeara@cox.net no later than Sunday 4/18 at noon. Cost for lunch is \$15 for members and guests.

SPECIAL THANKS:

We would sincerely like to thank Ida Pointer-Gomez, branch manager at the Goleta Valley branch of Rabobank for the fun survival boxes that we all enjoyed. Best wishes to you for a speedy recover from your most recent automobile accident.

We also enjoyed meeting Cynthia Ziemer, mortgage loan representative from Rabobank when she was a guest at our last SBBA meeting.

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SBBA is an organization of (mostly) free-lance bookkeepers. The purpose of the organization is to exchange information, increase our contacts and educate ourselves through our peers. We have been in existence since 1991. We publish a member roster as needed, and referral lists in November and May. *We are currently over 100 members strong.* Dues are \$60 each year, due on September 30, and \$14.00 for each monthly luncheon meeting. We meet the third Tuesday of most months, at 11:30 am at Mulligans Café (at the SB Municipal Golf Course), where we have lunch and oftentimes a speaker.

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