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## RANDY BRUNET, CPA "2010 IRA AND IRS CHANGES THAT MAY AFFECT YOU" JANUARY 19TH - ANDREA'S IN METAIRIE SOCIAL AT 11:30 - LUNCHEON AT THE NOON HOUR

Randy will discuss an opportunity to convert traditional IRA and retirement plan accounts to Roth IRA's that applies to 2010 only. In previous years there were income limitations on the eligibility to make such conversions. He'll explain Roth IRA mechanics, the potential benefits to converting and the potential caveats to converting. He will identify the best candidates for making the conversions and why.

Due to the recent absence of legislation, he will spend some time explaining the ramifications of the repeal of the federal estate or "death" tax. He'll give a brief history of estate tax legislation to give you an idea how the tax has evolved and its impact on personal wealth. (*See biographical sketch on next page*)

### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

While I was unable to attend the December meeting, which I understand was on a very rainy day, I was able to gather some interesting information on my recent field trip. The highest point on Key West is 18' + above sea level, while the highest elevation in the Bahamas is 206' on Cat Island. Paradise Island, home of the amazing Atlantis Resort, was originally called Hog Island and Nassau Harbor can dock up to eight cruise ships at one time. I have dozens more of these interesting facts which I would be glad to share, if anyone is interested.

This month, starting off the New Year, on January 19, our speaker will be one of our own members, Randy Brunet. Randy's early year talk on financial topics has become a regular event. He will have a number of things to address, including, but not limited to, changes in the tax code, IRAs, the market outlook for 2010, should we buy gold, will the Saints be in the Super Bowl, etc. If we act nice, he might even have some "hot tips".

As a reminder for your calendars, our meetings for the rest of the current session, which will be held at Andrea's, are: January 19, February 23, March 16, April 20 and May 18 (evening dinner with guests)

Several significant events are on tap for the first half of 2010, including: NAPE Expo (Houston) – February 10-12, AAPG Convention (New Orleans) – April 11-14, and SIPES National Convention (Colorado Springs) – June 21-24

With the New Year comes another regular annoyance: Second half dues are now due!

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**RANDY BRUNET**



Randy Brunet is a native New Orleansian living in Metairie for the past 22 years. He is married to Nancy and they have two sons, Greg (27) and Kenny (14). He is a graduate of Brother Martin High School (1973) and The University of New Orleans, B.S. Accounting (1977).

He started his professional career at United Parcel Service starting as a part-time package sorter during college; working his way through the ranks, he left the company as accounting office manager for the Louisiana District.

In 1984 he joined Raymond Bordelon to establish the firm of Bordelon and Brunet, CPA's, a small firm specializing in oil and gas accounting and taxation matters. Randy established his own consulting CPA firm in 1985.

Randy qualified and became a registered representative of H D Vest Investment Services in 1987. H D Vest is an investment advisory firm of tax professionals approximately 5,500 strong registered in all 50 states. The firm manages approximately \$27 billion for 1.3 million investors. H D Vest is a wholly owned non-bank subsidiary of Wells Fargo and Company.

Randy was conferred the Personal Financial Specialist designation by the American Institute of CPA's, a group that represents a small number of CPA financial planning specialists. Examination, active consultancy and continuing education are among the requirements for admission and retaining the designation.

In recent years Randy has received a number of achievement recognition awards by H D Vest. One of 75 top Vest advisors, in 2008 he qualified for the premier advisors summit of advanced planning concepts.

He has spoken to our SIPES New Orleans Chapter several times in the past and is an associate member of our Chapter.

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## UPCOMING CONVENTIONS, CONFERENCES AND EXPOS

TITLE	DATES	LOCATION
NAPE	10-12 February	Houston
APPEX	02-04 March	London, UK
AAPG - Annual Convention	11-14 April 2009	New Orleans
GCAGS Annual Convention	10-12 October 2010	San Antonio
SIPES - 47TH Annual Meeting	21-24 June 2010	Colorado Springs, CO
AAPG 2011 Annual Meeting	10-13 April 2011	Houston
AAPG Rocky Mtn Meeting	25-29 June 2011	Casper, WY
GCAGS Annual Convention	October 2011	Mexico (Venue TBD)

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# AAPG NATIONAL CONVENTION

## CELEBRATE WITH NOGS AN EVENING WITH “AMERICA’S GREATEST GENERATION” AT THE NATIONAL WORLD WAR II MUSEUM

TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH FROM  
7:00 TO 10:00 P.M.



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- For more information about the Museum and its various amenities, please visit

***[www.nationalww2museum.org](http://www.nationalww2museum.org)***

- Round-trip bus transportation will be provided from the AAPG Convention Headquarters Hotel to the Museum and will be available 6:15 to 10:45 p.m.

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**MARCH 20, 2010**

**LOUISIANA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

**11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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