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# DMA Gab-RRR

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## *January Meeting*

### **TAX TALK FORUM:**

*DMA Tax Professionals  
Offer Free Advice.*

**Tuesday January 9th  
6pm**

**Findley Building**  
*(John Monk's Office)*

**2862 Buford Highway, Suite 105, Duluth  
Phone (770) 495-8900**

Our first meeting of the New Year, "Tax Talk Forum" will be hosted by Harold Stamey, John Monk and Chuck Raynor on Tuesday, January 9 at the Findley Building on Buford Highway, which is also John Monk's office.

## *Our Hosts*

### **John Andrew Monk, CPA**

John is the founder and sole shareholder of JOHN A. MONK, C.P.A., P.C. The firm has been serving the citizens and businesses of the Duluth area for the past twelve years offering accounting and tax services for small businesses and individuals, consultation on financial, business, investing and tax matters, estate and trust planning and administration services. John strives to be a supporter of Duluth by serving as a Duluth Fall Festival volunteer and board member of the Duluth Merchants Association.

**(770) 495-8900**

### **Harold Stamey, CPA, PC**

Harold Stamey started his practice in Duluth in January, 1994 after his retirement from the Internal Revenue Service the previous year. Harold joined DMA immediately and served continuously as a board member until being elected president in 1999. Harold has been an active member since then. Representation of clients before the IRS is a large part of his practice, with a heavy concentration in offer-in-compromises and innocent spouse cases. Harold currently holds positions within the accounting community as state director for the National Society of Accountants (NSA). He is also a member of NSA's Federal Taxation Committee and is a past president and a current board member of NSA's state affiliate, the Georgia Association of Public Accountants (GAPA).

Harold Stamey, CPA, PC is a full service CPA firm offering small business accounting and tax services. All members of DMA are offered one free consultation session.

**(770) 476-1943**

### **Raynor, Cook & Associates, Inc**

After working many years in private industry as a Division Controller and CFO, Chuck Raynor, a graduate of The University of North Carolina, started a sole-proprietorship public accounting & tax practice in Stone Mountain in 1988. Amy Cook, a graduate of Georgia State University, came on board in 1990 and later, following our relocation to Duluth in 1999, became a Managing Partner in January 2002 with the formation of Raynor, Cook & Associates, Inc. Services offered by Raynor, Cook & Associates are grouped into four basic categories: (1) Business & Personal Tax Services, (2) Small Business Accounting & Bookkeeping Services, (3) QuickBooks Support Services, and (4) Financial & Advisory Services. Chuck is currently serving as a Board Member of DMA and has been an active member of this organization for several years. Chuck is also an active member of the Georgia Association of Public Accountants, the National Society of Accountants and serves as Chairman of the Finance Committee at the American Legion Post 251, Duluth. Oh, by the way, be sure to pick up RC&A's new company brochure at the January DMA meeting – it was professionally designed by fellow DMA member, Terry Palmer, owner of QuickCreative Advertising.

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from the desk of the  
*President*

DEAR DMA MEMBERS,

Our annual Christmas party was a great success!!! Our event was hosted by the new **Red Clay Theatre**, operated and owned by Shelly Howard and Mark Pitts. Shelly and Mark gave us an overview of upcoming shows and Duluth's own DMA member, Jamie Heck gave us a snippet of his upcoming show *Glory Road*.

Food was served from **The Soda Shop, (Ron Harris) and LaCazuela (Carlos Rodriguez and Rich Daluga)**. As most of you know, this is our biggest event of the year, in terms of recognition. **John Monk**, who has been a member of the DMA and is on our Board of Directors, was awarded **Merchant of the Year** and it was well deserved.

We have a full agenda for 2007. April 21st is our annual fund raiser, which is the Living Memorial. We are working in conjunction with the City of Duluth on this project. The Living Memorial will honor all our veterans, policemen and firemen. Please put this date on your calendar. More information to follow in the Gabrrr.

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Hope to see all of you there.

**Richard Daluga**  
DMA President

*Happy New Year*



*Welcome*

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*Spotlight***Harold Stamey panelist in "TaxTalk Today"**

DMA Member, past DMA President, and one of this month's meeting hosts, **Harold Stamey**, recently participated as a panelist on Tax Talk today. The title of the program was **Getting Ready for Filing Season 2007 (Part 1 - Individuals)**. The program provided updates on the latest tax law changes and IRS processing issues affecting most individual taxpayers. It also gave tips on how to avoid common errors that can cost time and money. The forum is viewable at [www.taxtalk.today](http://www.taxtalk.today).

Harold Stamey, CPA graduated from Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee, in 1972 with a bachelors degree in Accounting. He passed the CPA exam in 1982 while employed with the IRS. Harold is also an enrolled agent and holds the credentials ABA and ATA from the Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation, an affiliate of the National Society of Accountants. He maintains a private practice in Duluth, Georgia with a heavy concentration in IRS representation.

Harold is very active in both the Georgia Association of Public Accountants (GAPA) and its national affiliate, the National Society of Accountants (NSA). He is a past president of GAPA and is currently chair of their taxation committee. In this position, Harold is a member of the Georgia IRS/Practitioner's Liaison Committee. He was selected GAPA's Accountant of the Year for 2004-2005. Harold is the NSA State Director for Georgia and was recognized by NSA as their State Director of the Year in August 2005.

He is also a member of NSA's Federal Taxation Committee. Memberships in other professional organizations include the AICPA, State Society of CPA's, NAEA, NATP, and NSTP.

**Members Helping Members**

by Richard Daluga  
DMA President

At the DMA Christmas party, my son-in-law, Orlando Ojeda from Full Circle Restoration who is also a member attended his first meeting of the year. He sat at the table with Jeff Gardner from Atlanta Automotive and this was Orlando's first time meeting Jeff and his wife Roe. I informed Orlando that Jeff had bought the auto shop from Albert Marquez and Orlando told Jeff he had a fleet of 22 vehicles. Jeff told him he could take care of his maintenance on all his vehicles. Two days later I drove by and saw the vehicles being serviced. This to me is how the DMA works. Merchants working with fellow merchants. I implore you to attend meetings and meet your fellow business members and see how we can help each other.

2007 DMA meetings  
*Calendar*

Most Meetings begin at 6:00pm on the first Tuesday of each month (although this can vary). Locations vary monthly.  
Dates subject to change.

**JANUARY 9:** Findley Building  
(John Monk's office)

**FEBRUARY 6:** Open

**MARCH 6:** Gwinnett Community Bank

**APRIL 3:** City of Duluth

**MAY 1:** Duluth Fine Wine and Package

**JUNE 5:** Open

**JULY 3:** Open

**AUGUST 7:** Duluth Fall Festival

**SEPTEMBER 4:** Open

**OCTOBER 2:** Atlanta Flooring & Design

**NOVEMBER 6:** Houston & Company, CPAs

**DECEMBER 4:** Red Clay Theatre

**Considering Hosting a Meeting?**

February, June, July and September are all open for someone to host the meeting. If you would like more information on becoming a host, please call Rich Daluga at **770.366.4561**

**DMA Board of Directors**

The first Board of Directors meeting for 2007 will be Monday January 8 at the Fall Festival Building.



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### **IS YOUR COMPANY MAKING NEWS?**

If it is, we want to spotlight you in the DMA Gab-RRR. If you have



any significant news about your business: awards, big wins, new expansions,

relocating, please e-mail

them to Terry Palmer at

**[gabrrr@duluthmerchants.com](mailto:gabrrr@duluthmerchants.com)**

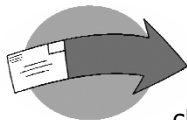
### **ARE YOU NEXT?**

We want to showcase our DMA members in our meetings. If you would like to host a meeting or if you have an educational 30 minute presentation that you believe would be of benefit to our members, please call Rich Daluga at **770.366.4561**

### **ARE YOU USING YOUR ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE TO THE FULLEST?**

Add your web address and a business description to your entry in the online membership directory. Send an e-mail to

**[webmaster@duluthmerchants.com](mailto:webmaster@duluthmerchants.com)** with your updates



### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

Please e-mail address changes to Dennis Keller at **[accentmail@bellsouth.net](mailto:accentmail@bellsouth.net)** or call him at 678.473.4643

### **ALL NEWSLETTER ENTRIES**

must be submitted by the 12th of each month for the next issue.

### **THE NETWORK TABLE IS AVAILABLE!**

Yes, we want to invite all of you to bring your literature (in small quantities) about your products and services to our DMA meetings so fellow members can learn more about you. BUT, FAIR WARNING: at the end of the evening, you must take your literature with you, or it will be thrown away.

*Duluth Merchants Association*

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## **Welcome to The Duluth Merchants Association!**

*The DMA was conceived with the idea that as business people we can best accomplish together what no one could do alone.*

*It is an association for members to participate in and improve the Duluth Community.*