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## St. Louis Chapter Helps You Attain Your New Year's Resolutions

I recently came across the website [www.2012resolutions.com](http://www.2012resolutions.com), which lists the "10 Best New Year's Resolutions for 2012." Included on this list are: help others; keep on learning; plan everything; stay happy; and lose weight. If you have set any (or all) of these resolutions for 2012, you are in luck! The MSCPA St. Louis Chapter can help you!

Possess a desire to "**help others?**" Become a part of our Outreach Task Force, chaired by Amanda Koehler. Each year, this group assists with a variety of initiatives, such as the Taxpayer Assistance Program (TAP), Junior Achievement, and Rebuilding Day 2012.

Want to "**keep learning?**" Join our Tax and Emerging Issues Task Force, co-chaired by Joe Marchbein and David Finklang. Their team plans a wide selection of local, two-hour educational opportunities featuring timely, informative topics and top-notch speakers.

Long to "**plan everything?**" Check out our Accounting Careers Task Force, headed by Kim Stemley. Among other responsibilities, this group plays an important role in planning the New CPA Recognition Dinner and the Career Advancement Forum.

Aspire to "**stay happy?**" Connect with our Social/Networking Task Force, led by Amanda White. These members host a wide array of fun networking events, such as outings to St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Blues games, along with murder mystery dinners.

Would you like to "**lose weight?**" Be sure to take the stairs when joining us at our monthly meetings in the MSCPA St. Louis Office (second floor) on the first Wednesday of every month. These meetings will help you expand your network, bring you up-to-speed on our exciting task forces, and help you stay in tune with the profession.

If becoming more involved in the chapter, profession, or MSCPA is part of your New Year's resolution, please contact me, or Dana Seipp at [dseipp@mocpa.org](mailto:dseipp@mocpa.org) or 800-264-7966, ext. 123.



Adam S. Prest, CPA  
St. Louis Chapter President

## Volunteers Needed for Junior Achievement Event

The St. Louis Chapter's Community Outreach Taskforce has partnered with Junior Achievement to present a "JA in a Day" program at North Jefferson Intermediate School (2109 Gravois Road, High Ridge, MO 63049) on Friday, April 27.

Forty-two volunteers are needed, so spouses, friends, and non-MSCPA members are welcome. This is an all-day commitment.

In addition, there will be a one-hour volunteer training session at Junior Achievement (17339 North Outer Forty Road Chesterfield, MO 63005) on Thursday, April 19 at 4:30 p.m.

If you participated in this event last year, the training session is not mandatory, but you will need to make arrangements to pick up the materials at your convenience.

Not only does this event provide you with an opportunity to network with other CPAs and to give back to the community, but it is a great setting for all associates to practice their public speaking skills in a very low-risk environment. The audience will consist of fifth and sixth graders. This is an excellent opportunity for firms to participate in a day of service, and get out of the office together after a long busy season!

To register for this event, please visit the chapter section of the website at [www.mocpa.org](http://www.mocpa.org), or contact Dana Seipp at [dseipp@mocpa.org](mailto:dseipp@mocpa.org) or (800) 264-7966, ext. 123.



## MSCPA Eastern Awards Gala

The Missouri Society of CPAs hosted its second annual Awards Gala at the Palladium on November 10. The event recognized those who recently passed the uniform CPA exam, new CPA licensees, MSCPA Impact Awards, CPA Women-to-Watch recipients, MSCPA 100% Membership Firms, 35-year members, LEAP contributors and 2010-2011 LEAP scholarship winners.

### Congratulations again to the following honorees who attended the festivities:

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