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Special Issue

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Dear PA-NATP,

This is a special edition of our newsletter. This newsletter is to commemorate the life and service of David Knickerbocker, Sr. We have included Dave's obituary and this includes his life story and family information. The program from his church service is also attached, as the service was very beautiful.

What I wanted to share with you, in this column, was some personal observations about Dave.

The only negative I ever heard anyone say about Dave was that he was a New York Yankee fan!! Everyone liked Dave and he liked everyone. Dave very much tried to enjoy himself and have a positive attitude, regardless of his physical condition. Dave supported the NATP and his volunteer efforts for our State of Pennsylvania chapter stretched over many years and were invaluable.

Dave will be sorely missed for his good cheer and dedicated service, as the Board Secretary, for the past 10 plus years. Dave will be missed by the students that he tutored in math at General McLane High School. I will miss the friendship and kindness he extended to me and my family. Dave's loving family will miss him greatly. I had the privilege to meet them at his funeral. They were special people that loved Dave very much.

We will honor Dave's memory in an appropriate way at our annual convention.

We will fill the vacancy, in the Secretary's position, that Dave's passing has created. We will never replace Dave.

Sean Brennan, CPA,MBA
PA-NATP President

David Lee Knickerbocker, Sr.,



age 60, died Saturday, June 23 in Hagerstown, Md. as a result of injuries caused by a fall. He was born on December 30, 1946 son of the late Virgil H. and Lucille VanDusen Knickerbocker. He was self-employed in income tax preparation and accounting. He also worked as a substitute teacher at General McLane High School, and as a much-loved tutor who was able to encourage many students from elementary school to college age by explaining the mysteries of mathematics. He was a member of the National Association of Tax Practitioners and was an officer on the board of the Pennsylvania Association of Tax Practitioners. Previously he had worked for Northrop Aircraft in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, developing the curriculum and teaching math to the Saudi Arabian Air Force pilots and later as an analyst and accountant for Northrop in Lawton, Okla. He was a math teacher and golf coach at Northwestern High School from 1973-1980. He served in the United States Army from 1967-1970, graduated from Edinboro College in 1973, and General McLane High School in 1964. He played the trombone and the piano. He loved cooking, listening to jazz and classical music, eating ice cream from the Dairy Supreme and chocolate from Romolos, cheering on the New York Yankees and the New York Knicks, attending Erie Philharmonic concerts with family, watching his son play baseball, and laughing and playing with his beloved grandsons. He always had a smile and a helping hand for anyone who needed it and will be greatly missed by those blessed to have known him.

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Friends and family can be comforted knowing that he was a hero and saved lives by donating his organs. David is preceded in death by a sister Janet Clapper, two nieces, Cindy and Amanda Walker, and one great-niece Alicia Jenkins. Survivors include his son David L. Knickerbocker, Jr. of Fredrick, MD; his daughter Kimberly Peterson and her husband Dean of Smithsburg, M.; two brothers, Ron Knickerbocker and his wife Lucy of Downingtown, Pa.; and Jerry Knickerbocker of Titusville, Pa.; three sisters, Nancy Crandall and her husband Bob of Grove City, Pa.; Jane Corning and her husband John of Jerico, Vt.; and Sue Walker and her husband Rick of Edinboro; three grandchildren, Quinn, Ryan and Jaeden Peterson of Smithsburg, Md.; also many nieces and nephews. Friends may call Thursday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the First United Presbyterian Church, 4281 East Rt. 6N, Edinboro. A service will be held there on Friday at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Patrick Grach and Dave Jenkins officiating. The Glunt Funeral Home, Edinboro is in charge of arrangements. Burial will be at McLane Cemetery. Memorials may be made to General McLane Foundation, 11761 Edinboro Rd, Edinboro, PA 16412. To send condolences please visit www.glunfuneralhome.com. Sign the guestbook at www.GoErie.com/obits Published in the Erie Times-News from 6/27/2007 - 6/28/2007.

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For certain is death for the born
And certain is birth for the dead;
Therefore for the inevitable
Thou shouldst not grieve.

Bhagavad Gita
Chapter 2

A SERVICE OF WITNESS TO THE
RESURRECTION FOR

DAVID LEE KNICKERBOCKER, SR.



I
am the
RESURRECTION
and the
LIFE.

He who
believes in
me will
LIVE,
even though
he dies.

John 11:25

First United Presbyterian Church
Friday, June 29, 2007

MEMORIAL SERVICE:
DAVID LEE KNICKERBOCKER, SR.
Friday, June 29, 2007

GREETING and INVOCATION: Pastor Patrick Grach

SPECIAL MUSIC: Brad
"I Can Only Imagine"

THANKSGIVING FOR THE LIFE OF DAVE
KNICKERBOCKER: Family and Friends

OBITUARY: Rev. David Jenkins

SCRIPTURE SENTENCES: Rev. David Jenkins

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake." Ps. 23:1-3

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills- from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth...The Lord will keep you from evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time and forevermore." Ps. 121: 1-2, 7-8

"Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Mt. 11:28-30

SPECIAL MUSIC: Brad

"Word of God Speak"

"In Christ Alone"

PRAYER: Pastor Patrick Grach

MESSAGE: Pastor Patrick Grach
First Corinthians 13 "Love Triumphs Over All"

* **HYMN # 71:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Eastern Region Seminar

submitted by Samuel Wingard

On June 21st & 22nd NATP's Pennsylvania Chapter held its Eastern Region Seminar at the Radisson Hotel in the Scanticon/Valley Forge Convention Center. This was the second time the Chapter held a seminar at this location and this time was with much more agreeable weather conditions. The previous visit on Dec 9, 2005 was hampered by nearly a foot of fresh snow. 2007's event saw idyllic weather conditions with beautiful blue skies and pleasant temperatures.

The first day of this 2-day event was intended for socializing and began with a tour of the Independence Mall area of Philadelphia. Attendees were delivered by bus to the National Constitution Center where they viewed the show in the theater and then toured the rest of the facility. The National Constitution Center is a relatively new addition to the historic sites of Philadelphia. Thru its displays and presentations the Center makes it easy to understand the circumstances surrounding the writing of our Constitution and the formation and workings of our government. After a box lunch in the Constitution Center café, everyone was free to explore the area on their own. Nearby attractions visited included the Federal Reserve Bank, US mint, Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. Everyone then boarded the bus and returned to the hotel for an evening reception.

Day 2 was devoted to education and offered 7 CPE credits to the attendees. Richard Furlong, Senior Stakeholder Liaison in the IRS Small Business Self-employed Division, had the floor for the morning session. He began with a discussion of the IRS website and it's many features, everything from info for businesses to the many resources provided to the tax professional such

as research tools and transcript delivery thru E-services. His presentation then moved to the professional responsibilities of tax practitioners. Circular 230 and its provisions governing practitioner conduct were discussed along with the sanctions that are possible for practitioner misconduct. The packet that Mr. Furlong handed out contained a wealth of information that will be a handy reference for the future.

For the afternoon session, Mr. Nicholas Crocetti, Director of CBIZ Accounting, Tax & Advisory Services LLC, provided an extremely informative presentation on selecting an entity type for businesses. Discussed were the advantages and disadvantages of the various entities, sole proprietorships, general and limited partnerships, C and S corporations and limited liability companies and partnerships. Both tax and nontax issues were reviewed. Again, the printed material provided by Mr. Crocetti will make a useful reference.

All those who attended this event were in agreement that it was very well organized and that the presentations were excellent. This was the first time that a couple of individuals had attended a PA-NATP event and their comments were very positive. Sean Brennan and Gary Smith who put it altogether are to be commended for a job well done. The only disappointment was that more individuals did not attend. It is the Chapter's plan to hold an Eastern Region Seminar at about the same time and in the same location again next year with the hope that we can build a following. Please support your PA Chapter by penciling this in on your calendar and planning to attend. We promise you'll be glad you did.

An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't know.

Anatole France, Author, Nobel Prize winner

It is possible to store the mind with a million facts and still be entirely uneducated.

Alec Bourne, Author

2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Bold type = PA-NATP sponsored or cosponsored events

Italic type = National sponsored events

<i>July 23-26</i>	<i>NATP National Conference</i>	<i>Caesars Palace Las Vegas, NV</i>
<i>August 16-18</i>	<i>Enrolled Agents Training Workshop</i>	<i>Renaissance Phila. Hotel Airport Philadelphia, PA</i>
September 13 September 14	Board of Directors Meeting Western PA Regional Seminar	Allegheny Valley Holiday Inn Pittsburgh, PA
September 28	Western PA Working Together	Futules' Harmar House Cheswick, PA
<i>November 5-6</i>	<i>Famous 1040/1040 Extra Workshops</i>	<i>Bel-Aire Clarion Hotel Erie, PA</i>
<i>November 9-10</i>	<i>Famous 1040/1040 Extra Workshops</i>	<i>Crown Plaza Valley Forge King of Prussia, PA</i>
<i>November 12-13</i>	<i>Famous 1040/1040 Extra Workshops</i>	<i>Radisson Hotel - Green Tree Pittsburgh, PA</i>
November 12 November 13 <i>November 14-15</i>	Board of Directors Meeting PA-NATP Annual Conference <i>Famous 1040/1040 Extra Workshops</i>	Holiday Inn Harrisburg West Mechanicsburg, PA
<i>December 3-4</i>	<i>Famous 1040/1040 Extra Workshops</i>	<i>Eden Resort Lancaster, PA</i>