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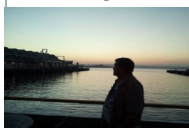
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Reasons for YOU to contact US:

- Have you recently gotten married or divorced?
- Do you have children in college?
- Are you approaching retirement age?
- Was there a death in your family and you are a beneficiary?
- Might you be considering making a substantial gift?
- Are you thinking about buying or selling your cabin?
- Have you taken steps to starting your own business?
- Have you changed your job?
- Has someone approached you about a self-directed IRA?



RIP Jon—your values, principles, and honesty will continue on.

Sean Riley: Family and Friends, Clients and Colleagues...

My quote for this year is, “*when we least expect it, life sets us a challenge to test our courage and willingness to change.*” Using faith, confidence, and teamwork, our challenges have been and will continue to be overcome.

As 2016 comes to an end, my message is to live each day to the fullest...wake up and smile...tell someone you love them...and try to prepare yourself for what lay ahead, even though you may not know what that is.



Greg Ovik: As you know by now, 2016 was one of a kind. I have had people in my life pass on, but to lose my friend and business partner of 20 years in a traumatic way, this was off the charts. The irony is that before Diane and I headed out for our after tax break, Jon told me with a grin that one more year and he will start the process of my retirement. I contemplated that change on my trip, but obviously that plan is out the window. Actually, I am very glad. I like the way I can interact and help people, both clients and staff. Also as you will know by this newsletter, we landed 2 new accountants that put us in a position to handle the workload of tax season. That is a great blessing.



Diane and I got away early Jan. We went to AZ to visit my 2 sisters and their husbands. They were apologetic because it was unseasonably cool. Our after tax season break was back to Death Valley. There is a unique beauty to that area and plans just worked out to make that appealing. We heard about moving rocks but had never seen them. It took 2 hours in a jeep over rough terrain, but we got there. And back.

So, Greg is back in the saddle. I look forward to whatever adventure the new year brings. I hope you and your family do too.

Tom Martin: Happy New Year! I get to carry the title of “new guy at the firm” into what will be my eighth and most anticipated tax season yet. Since coming aboard in August after spending a few years in industry (where I developed some bad habits like leaving the office at 5:00 in February and staying away from work emails for a whole weekend), I returned to public accounting and have been reminded almost daily of how much I missed working with clients.

My wife and I have two daughters (Juliet, age 5, and Mallory, age 3) who keep us very busy. I will do my best to keep a current supply of pictures in the office, but it has been tough to get them to sit still long enough to get any picture at all. Noel and I are not above buying their cooperation though – the current exchange rate in my house is about one cookie per decent picture but the long-term outlook is without a doubt inflationary. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from my family to yours!





Website Reminders

- Log on to your Online Client Access account at www.cpa-firm.cc/client-login
- Sign up for our monthly newsletter at www.cpa-firm.cc/monthly-news
- Give us feedback and tell us how we are doing at www.cpa-firm.cc/testimonials

**SCHEMING
CRAFTY
AGGRESSIVE
MALICIOUS**
DON'T LET THEM CON YOU

BE AWARE OF SCAMS

**Do not give out
your SSN!**

**The IRS does NOT
call or email you!**

Identity theft and scams are real, please take measures to protect yourself.

More members of our Team

Audra Bird: Life is a journey . . . And what a journey this past year has been. We've been presented with many challenges here at the office during 2016 and as a TEAM made it through and are ready to serve our clients with the highest standards of excellence and professionalism.

Once again I would like to thank you, our clients, for making my job so rewarding. ***I truly love my job!*** In my free time I enjoy spending time with family. Our youngest daughter graduates from the U of M – Twin Cities campus this December and is getting married in April 2017. Yes, that's right I said April, doesn't she realize what it is I do at work?

I hope everyone has a wonderful 2017!



Brent Classen: As 2016 comes to an end, I have finally finished my two degrees in Finance and Marketing at Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This will be my first tax season in the professional setting and I am looking forward to learning all I can in order to help the team here at the firm and make a successful career for myself. I had a great time meeting most of you at our



Open House back in September and I look forward to seeing everybody as you make your way in to the office throughout the tax season.

When I'm not at work this winter and spring, I will be watching hockey and watching my girlfriend tour around the Midwest as she competes in Collegiate Bowling for my Alma Mater. Hopefully I can make it back out to Pittsburgh soon too and see my Penguins win another Stanley Cup!!! This holiday season will be a very busy one in the office and in daily life, but as always we are committed to providing the best service that we can as tax season approaches.

Happy Holidays to you and yours and we will see you soon!

Janelle Haynes: So, now I have my first tax season with Riley Enstad Ovik & Co under my belt. That means that I'm not the newbie anymore, someone else has that title. The 2015 season went very well, and it was awesome to meet you all. Over the summer I had the opportunity to talk with many of you in a less chaotic setting and again, I'm excited to move forward with the 2016 tax season.

Our Open House in Sept. was a big success and lots of fun! You'll see some pleasing changes in our office when you stop in.

I spend my time away from work out in my flower gardens or in my woodshop where I tinker around repurposing old furniture. It's very therapeutic for me and I love seeing the final product, you know, something that I created.

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health, good spirits and good cheer. May your holidays be filled with peace, hope and love, lots of love. And, oh yeah, GO PACKERS!



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ACCOUNTING, FINANCIALS,
START-UPS**

**We Welcome New Clients
Please Refer Your Family &
Friends**

TAX TIPS ... FROM US ... TO YOU

TAX DEDUCTIBLE OR NOT ??

1. The IRS has made permanent the Qualified Charitable Contribution for IRA owners. So, if you are over 70 1/2 and you give to charity, this may be a very good option for you!

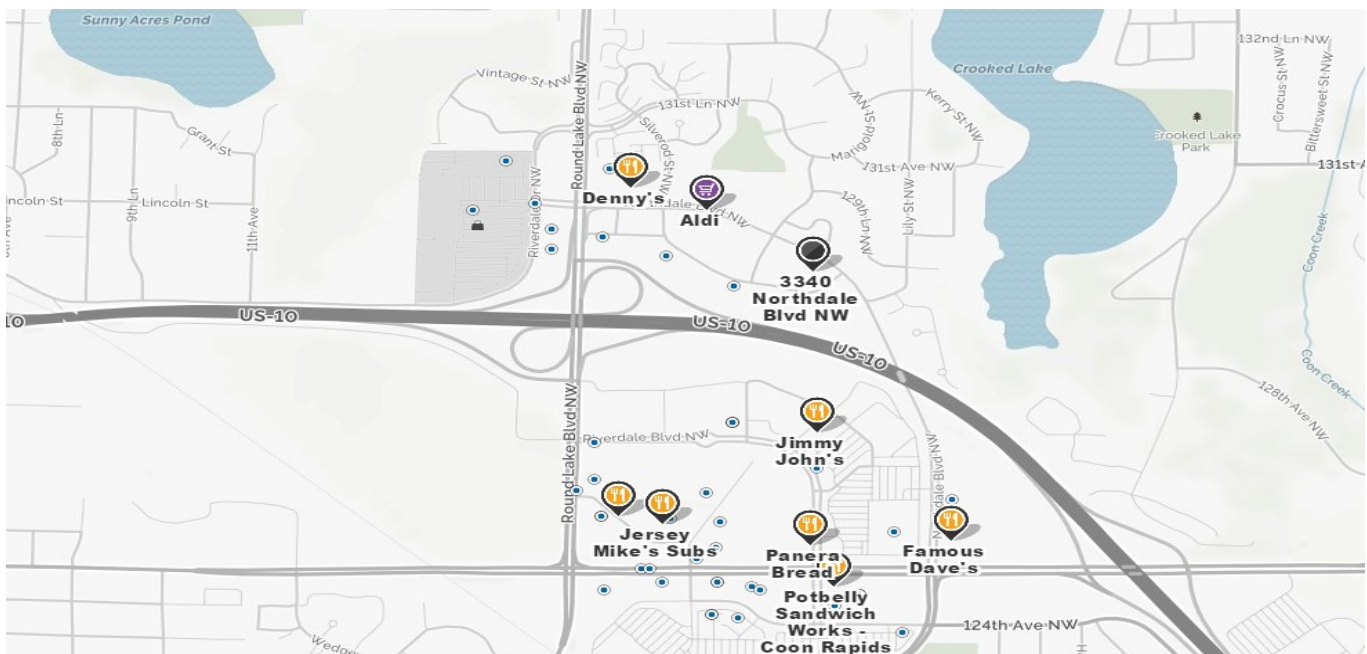
2. Fees for tax and investment advisory are deductible! If you'd like to pay us we can help you deduct more!

3. Now is a good time to write down your odometer readings if your business owns a vehicle driven by an owner, or if you personally own a vehicle driven for business purposes. Not only do you need business miles driven, but you'll also need TOTAL miles driven!

4. Are you a person who donates your time and efforts to charities? You may be able to deduct some out of pocket costs contributed!



5. Remodeling your cabin? Save all receipts to add to your cabin's basis in order to cut the tax on the gain when you sell!



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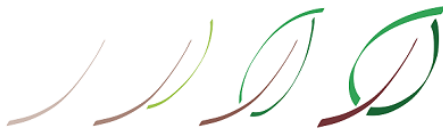


See you all soon!

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Your Path Leads to Us.

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