



Table Talk

Consultants Roundtable Monthly Newsletter - James Perkins, Editor

JANUARY 2004 MEETINGS

12 JANUARY MEETING

Donald N. Vander Hey of General Business Services, Elkhart, will discuss changes in tax law and tax-saving tips for consultants and other service-based organizations at the Monday breakfast meeting of the Consultants Roundtable, set for 7:30 a.m. on January 12h, at Honker's Restaurant, Mishawaka. Don is current each year on taxes as they may affect consultants and other proprietary and limited liability companies. It is a good meeting to brush up on new rulings and newly-allowable expenses your business may have.

26 JANUARY MEETING

It is the custom of the group to have the second meeting of the month devoted to discussion of timely topics brought up by members. There was only one meeting in December. The subject was election of officers for the new year ahead, and the kinds of programs appropriate for the group.

OFFICER SELECTION FOR 2004

After some discussion about the group's leadership for 2004, Cliff Ahonen was nominated, seconded, and unanimously acclaimed as the chairman for 2004. Treasurer Jim Dominello and Secretary Jim Perkins were elected to continue in their respective positions. Perkins also agreed to continue as Table Talk editor, his 8th year in the position! A program chairman was not elected; rather, it was agreed that members of the group would provide programs. The first program of the year is a customary one. Perkins agreed to provide the February program. Bill Brennen will secure the March program. Beyond that a month ahead of the need, Chairman Ahonen will appoint a member for each succeeding month. The thought is that each member has good contacts for securing appropriate programs, rather than putting program responsibility on one individual for the entire year. Members are encouraged to keep alert for programs and pass ideas along to Chairman Ahonen.

CREATIVITY BREEDS NEW ECONOMICS (An editorial.)

What our community needs is a change of thought - an atmosphere which stimulates creativity and uncovers visionary thinkers.. That kind of creative thought begins in the classrooms, yes, all classrooms from K through 12, and beyond into post secondary education. Creativity must be given high priority in 2004 for long term economic stability,