

Atlanta Chapter 78th year in the Institute of Management Accountants!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

August 29, 2008

It's back to school and time to get back to IMA! Our first dinner meeting at Maggiano's went very well. I'd like to thank all of you who attended and heard a great presentation from Erin Oxford Clark of the Clean Air Campaign. And to our Sponsors Volt Staffing for helping make the evening a success.

We also had the first of our Roaming Meetings series this month. The breakfast event in Marietta was hosted by Chuck Martin, IMA board member, at his company Arylessence in Marietta. Our Speaker was Wachovia Bank who gave a presentation on identity theft. The attendance was above our expectations and the feedback from the members was great. Thanks again to all who helped pull this event together.

Coming up in September we have several events for the membership and plenty of opportunity for participation. The first up is our **Dinner Meeting on August 16th**. We're happy to have Dan Erling, from Accountants One present us with Atlanta's Funniest Accountant. So join us for a fun and enjoyable look at humor in the workplace.

Please check out our calendar of events and plan to attend an upcoming meeting. IMA needs your participation. I hope to see you all there!

Best Regards,

Darla Worsham,
Chapter President

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008	Dinner Meeting	Maggiano's Buckhead	Fee: \$40 members / non-members; \$30 Students / Faculty
Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2008	Roaming Meeting	Wachovia Lock Box Facility	Complimentary Attendance and Lunch
Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008	Lunch Meeting	Arnall, Golden, Gregory, LLP	Fee: \$15 members; \$20 non members

Dinner Meeting Details

September 16, 2008

Maggiano's Little Italy 3368 Peachtree Road N E, Atlanta GA 30326 near Lenox Mall

Please make your reservations by calling [404-525-2774](tel:404-525-2774) or by website at www.imaatlanta.org

5:30-6:15	Social Networking / Appetizers
6:15-6:30	Announcements
6:30-8:00	Speakers/1.5 hrs CPE

When the Going Gets Tough, the Tough Crack Up

Please join the IMA in thanking **Accountants One** for their sponsorship of this dinner – you can visit their website @ www.accountantsone.com

Speakers for the evening: Brent Darnell for the first half of our program followed by Dan Erling, President, Accountant's One accompanied by 3 of "Atlanta's Funniest Accountants"

About our Speakers:

BRENT DARNELL

Brent Darnell is a leading authority on emotional intelligence and a pioneer in its use in the construction industry. Brent is a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Over the years Brent has helped to improve the social competence and leadership skills of thousands of people in over 70 companies in more than 20 countries around the world. His books - *The People-Profit Connection and How Emotional Intelligence Can Maximize People Skills & Maximize Your Profits* have sold thousands of copies around the world. He believes in a holistic approach to personal development, creating fundamental and lasting change. He practices yoga and tai chi, and is an avid reader. He lives in Atlanta, Georgia with his wife Andrea and their dog Ginger.

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DAN ERLING

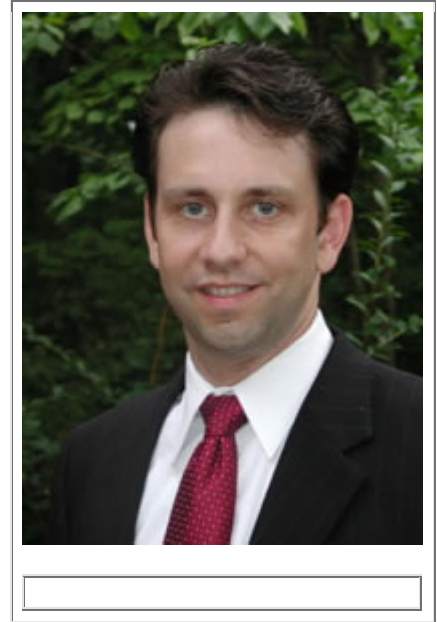
Dan Erling, CPC, is the Vice President of Accountants One, an Atlanta based recruiting firm that has specialized in accounting and financial placements since 1973.

Dan is a lifetime member of the Georgia Association of Personnel Services (GAPS) Million Dollar Hall of Fame, an industry expert and requested speaker in the areas of hiring and interviewing.

He was named one of the 40 rising business executives under the age of 40 by the Atlanta Business Chronicle which also named Accountants One as one of Atlanta's Best Places to Work.

Through Accountants One's Search for the Funniest Accountant, the firm has raised over \$20,000 for local non-profits including Junior Achievement of Georgia which recently named Dan a JA Fellows Exemplary Leader.

Under Dan's leadership as Vice President, Accountants One has grown into one of the largest non-franchised accounting and financial placement firms in the city and the firm was recognized as an Inc. 5000 honoree. Dan credits this success to hiring the right people and working together as a team to accomplish shared goals.



GILBERT LAWLAND

Gilbert Lawland is a huge fan of comedy - and accounting, so when a friend told him about the Search for the Funniest Accountant, he knew he had to give it a try. Gilbert was born in Baghdad and now resides in Midtown and works at Ernst & Young as the Manager of the Transactions Group. His favorite comedian is Brian Regan.

RUFUS PAYNE

Rufus Payne won the 2007 Search for the South's Funniest Accountant. Rufus says if he wasn't an accountant he'd love to be a comedian. The Georgia State University finance and accounting student finds comedy in the things people do in every day life, and his favorite comedian is Dave Chapelle.

MIKE O'NEILL

Since taking the crown in the 2006 Search for Atlanta's Funniest Accountant, Mike O'Neill has met celebrities (he got a picture with ray Romano), traveled the world (he took his grand prize trip to Las Vegas), and switched jobs (he moved from payables technical to headquarters accounting). But seriously, some pretty exciting things have happened to Mike since his big win. A California law firm found out about the contest and asked him to speak at their annual scholarship fundraiser in Santa Barbara. He also was asked to speak at a local Atlanta CPA chapter.

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Accountants One has been recruiting Accounting and Financial professionals in Atlanta since 1973. As a boutique firm, Accountants One focuses on high-quality relationship building. A commitment to honesty, integrity, and confidentiality attracts an exceptional community of candidates focused on ethical career growth.

Accomplished financial executives trust Accountants One to be their expert advisor in the area of personnel recruiting. The Accountants One style stresses collaboration and customization - they do their due diligence to understand your organization's needs and unique culture, and then tailor a solution for you. Their extensive network of top CFOs, Controllers, and other senior-level finance and accounting professionals ensures a match with your organization - be it interim or permanent. For more information on Accountants One, visit www.accountantsone.com

Roaming Meeting Details

September 17, 2008

Wachovia Lock Box Facility

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***** Due to Security Requirements pre-registration is required for this event *****

12:00 -1:00 Tour and Complimentary Lunch/ 1 Hour CPE

Wachovia Lock Box Tour

Please join the IMA in thanking **Wachovia Bank** for their sponsorship of this tour.

Tour host Barbara Felix of Wachovia Bank



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Lunch Meeting Details

September 25, 2008

171 17th Street, Suite 2210, Atlanta 404.873.8500

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11:30 -1:00 Speaker/1.5 hrs CPE

Economic Update

Please join the IMA in thanking **Arnall Golden Gregory, LLP** for their continued support of the IMA.
You can learn more by visiting their website @ www.arnallgoldengregory.com

Speaker: Gregory Miller, 1st Vice President & Chief Economist, Suntrust Bank

About Gregory Miller:

Gregory Miller is First Vice President and Chief Economist with SunTrust Banks, Inc. He completed his undergraduate and graduate Economics degrees at Florida State University and has been a practicing economist, forecaster, and teacher for over 20 years.

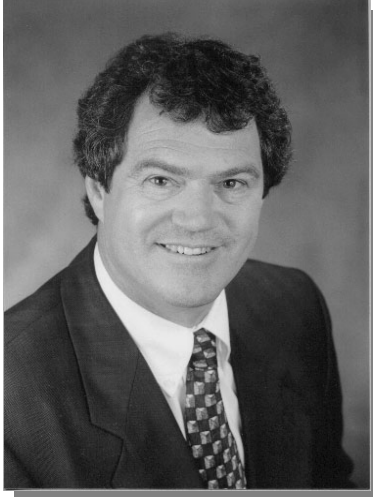
Prior to joining SunTrust, Mr. Miller was on the faculty of the College of Business Administration at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Mr. Miller now serves on the USF Business College Board of Advisors.

Before joining USF, Mr. Miller served two Florida Governors in the Florida State Economist's Office in Tallahassee.

As SunTrust Banks' Chief Economist, Mr. Miller's responsibilities include forecasting the national economy, particularly as it affects interest rates. He advises corporate and bank boards of directors. He sits on committees charged with interest rate setting, corporate investment, and benefits policy. He is a policy advisor for Wealth Management and Corporate Investment Banking groups. Mr. Miller also evaluates markets for, and represents SunTrust in, regulatory matters concerning potential mergers and acquisitions.

In addition to his regular SunTrust duties, Mr. Miller is Past-President and Board Member of the Atlanta Economics Club and President and Founding Director of the Atlanta Economics Foundation.

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Mr. Miller is also Past-Chairman of the Economic Advisory Committee of the American Bankers Association—a national group of economists who meet with the Federal Reserve Board of Governors to discuss the economy and monetary policy.





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Mission Statement

To provide a dynamic forum for management accounting and finance professionals to develop and advance their careers through certification, research and practice development, education, networking, and the advocacy of the highest ethical and professional practices.

OCTOBER EVENTS

Tue. Oct. 21, 2008	Dinner Meeting	Maggiano's Buckhead	Fee: \$40 members / non-members; \$30 Students / Faculty
Wed. Oct.21, 2008	Roaming Meeting	Spherion-Alpharetta	Complimentary Attendance, Brown Bag Snack, and Beverage
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