



Welcome to a New Year for HFTP

Welcome to the New Year! It is amazing how fast 2018 went by last year. I hope this letter finds you doing well and ready for the upcoming year. Shortly we will be in Williamsburg, VA for the Mid-South Atlantic Regional Conference. Over the years I have found the MSARC, as it is called, to be one of the most valuable educational, informative and fun times of the year. The Williamsburg MSARC was the first Regional conference that I attended. One of the highlights for me was meeting Mrs. Myra Bumgarner, our Past President. Myra welcomed me to the world of HFTP and has been a great leader. I would like to thank Myra for her work with our Charlotte-Blue Ridge Chapter over the last two years as President. I also would like to thank our Board for their efforts to make last year successful as well.

The current Board had a planning retreat in November to determine our schedule for the year and complete required Chapter reporting to HFTP Global. The schedule for 2019 is listed below. One of the nice benefits of being involved in the chapter is the quality of educational presentations that we receive as well as some of the great Clubs in North Carolina where the meetings are held. This year we will be returning the meetings to Fridays which allows for the opportunity to plan long weekends. Over the past year we have held meetings on the following topics:

Sales and Use Tax Updates

Employment Law and Practices

Capital Budgeting and Resource Planning

Business Intelligence Strategies

Inventory Management and Control

As we reviewed our plan for this year, we wanted to continue to emphasize the educational opportunities that we bring to our Membership. In this rapidly changing environment, our Board believes this is an important role for our Chapter to be involved in. As you review the schedule for this year, we welcome your input in this area not only for topics but also for experts that you are in contact with.

I mentioned above one of my first interactions with our Chapter was via the MSARC. Over the years I have had the chance to meet and work with some very fine members of HFTP. As Steve Argo has said on many occasions, the quality of the relationships made over the course of years in HFTP is invaluable. I couldn't agree with his statement more. I would encourage you to continue your involvement and even seek additional ways to be involved with the Chapter.

One of those opportunities is right around the corner in 2020. On February 20-22, 2020 our Chapter will host the MSARC to which will be held in the Blue Ridge region of North Carolina. We are looking forward to making this Conference a memorable experience for the educational and networking opportunities that will be offered. We encourage you to reach out to our Board and join one of the committees working on the Conference.

As we begin this new year, it is my hope that you are all successful in your daily efforts to provide the best service to your organizations. It is also my hope that our HFTP Charlotte/Blue Ridge Chapter offers you sound information and insight to help you achieve that objective.

Best regards,

Richard A. Lancaster, CPA

President

Please take note of the January Special Holiday Social in Asheville.

Please make sure to follow the Chapter on Twitter @CBRHFTP



2019 Board Members

Richard A. Lancaster, President

Stephen King, Vice President

Myra Bumgarner, Immediate Past President and MSARC 2020 Chair

Tim McGuirk, Past President

Clay Harris, Treasurer

Donna Campbell, Secretary

Chris Cobb, Social Chair

Angela Powers, MSARC Venue Committee

Meg Bidwell

Norm Hogan

Kyle Slagle

Meeting Schedule

For the Fiscal Year 2019

December Controller Lunches Charlotte/Blue Ridge

January 26 Holiday Social Asheville

February 14-16 MSARC Williamsburg, VA

March 15 Charlotte. Priscilla Sales & Use Tax

April 19 Blue Ridge Myra Club Trends

May 17 Blue Ridge Kyle. Excel/Outlook/Microsoft 365

June 22/29 Summer Social (Top Golf Greenville)

July 19. Charlotte. Stephen. Cyber Security

August 16/23. Blue Ridge. Angela. Wage & Hour

September 20. Charlotte. Chris/Donna Accounting - Changes in Skill
Requirements
Leases/Revenue Recognition

October Blue Ridge/Charlotte Controller Lunches

November Board Retreat

Clay