

WSTC 2016 Annual Convention Education Update Tax, Blues and Rock & Roll!

The 2016 WSTC Convention Education Playlist is finally firming up! We are very excited to have "Top 40" speakers lined up to perform including the following:

Wednesday June 8th Plus 4 1:00 to 5:00

"US Tax Obligations on a Non-Citizen Individual", speaker Jean Mammen.

Jean Mammen is an Enrolled Agent with 18 years of experience doing individual income tax returns. She presents seminars related to this topic to tax professionals and others. She was an instructor for a leading tax professional firm for more than ten years. Jean specializes in tax topics with an international flavor, likely because she is a retired U.S. Foreign Service Officer and a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer (RPCV).

Thursday June 9th:

First thing in the AM will be Andy Landis, speaking on "Social Security - Basics and Beyond" . He will be providing valuable information to help us help our clients, and will be including important updates taking place regarding Social Security.

Andy is one of the nation's leading authorities on Social Security, Medicare, and retirement life planning through his practice, Thinking Retirement. He is a published author regarding this subject, and has authored courses for the College for Financial Planning and AICPA, and numerous magazine articles, included profiled in "Financial Planning" magazine.

Following Andy, throughout the rest of the day will be a series of speakers on varying topics including "Taxation of Stock Options" presented by David Liesse, EA , Travel & Entertainment, presented by Jan Lockie, EA , and Taxes and "Staying Alive in an Adult Family Home", presented by Sarah Palms, EA.

Friday June 10th:

During the morning session, "Taxes and the Cannabis Industry" will be the topic of education provided by Sandra Robb, EA. Sandra has become very well known as an educator and specialist in the handling of this very tricky tax issue. Last Fall she was an invited speaker at the IRS Working Together Symposium and was given high reviews for her knowledge on this topic. Not only information, but practical application and preparation of a tax return will be included.

Education in the afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 will include "Dependents and Filing Status", with speaker Charlie Seablom, EA. We'll finish up the day with Greg Thompson who will be speaking from 3:00 to 5:00 on Identity Theft issues, CID updates and a new program that the IRS is working on called "Future State", explaining a new way they are going to be providing customer service.

Saturday June 11th, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm:

Our speaker for the morning is Richard Johnson, an Attorney with LeSourd & Patten in Seattle. He will be speaking for 2 hours on the major areas of civil tax controversy, and 2 hours on Ethics, including the updates for Circular 230 and Preparer requirements. Richard has been a guest speaker with WSTC and was given high marks for his presentation in the past.

We look forward to seeing you all in attendance as we strive to provide quality education without missing a beat!

Oh, and did we mention there will be a live band at the banquet??!!

If you have already registered we will be sending out meal ticket requests soon for the banquet dinner, so be watching for your email!

Regards, The South King Chapter 2016 Convention Committee.

PS. See the website for your convention registration if you haven't registered yet! www.wstctax.com