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MISSION STATEMENT

*Our mission is to help our clients and employees achieve financial success by providing **exceptional service, accurate and timely management tools and practical financial and tax advice.***

SERVICES

- ◆ Accounting & Auditing
- ◆ Estate Planning
- ◆ Bookkeeping
- ◆ Tax Planning & Preparation
- ◆ Consulting
- ◆ Business Valuation Services
- ◆ QuickBooks Consulting & Training
- ◆ 45 Other Accountant Related Services

Introduction

Thank you for taking time to read our inaugural e-Newsletter! We named our e-Newsletter "De-duck-tions", as in tax deductions, because people repeatedly ask 'what can I deduct?' In our e-Newsletter, we will delve into these issues and more. We'll provide you with the latest tax planning and compliance strategies and along the way inform you of other services that can help you achieve financial success.

The Inspiration

Among Joe's experiences, he has worked for a Big Eight accounting firm where he worked as a Senior Audit Manager and with Pittsburgh's largest regional accounting firm as the manager-in-charge of its Columbus, Ohio office. Joe has served as the Chief Financial Officer to a multi-plant valve manufacturer, automobile dealership and commercial office park. Joe has also served as the director of Internal Auditing and Controller of a six unit department store.



Joe founded the firm in June 2004. From his experiences in public accounting and industry, Joe developed the Firm's philosophy, which has served our clients well:

- ◆ Know where you are
- ◆ Know where you want to be
- ◆ Keep it Simple
- ◆ Keep it Practical
- ◆ Keep it Controlled, and
- ◆ Keep it Manageable

Mike became a shareholder in August 2013. Prior to joining JP Myers & Associates, LLC, he worked as a Revenue Agent with the IRS, as a Tax Manager for a large regional CPA firm, and as Director of Taxation and Internal Controls for one of the largest privately owned title/settlement companies in the country. Mike strongly believes in the tenets of our mission statement of exceptional service, accurate and timely management tools and practical advice.

QuickBooks Training



We will be offering QuickBooks training this fall. The first class *QuickBooks Training: An Introduction to QuickBooks* will start on Tuesday, September 15 at 6 p.m. and will be held on every Tuesday through October 20. A second class on the same subject will begin Wednesday, October 7 at 6p.m. and will be held every Wednesday through November 11. Another class, *QuickBooks Advanced Training:*



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Payroll Services, will be held on Friday, October 23 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The classes will be held in our new Classroom with state of the art A/V and media equipment. Participants will be able to learn more about using QuickBooks through a slide presentation and will also gain practical experience through computer exercises with a Sample Company.

The cost is \$300 for 12 hours of training with an experienced QuickBooks trainer, Joe Myers. Visit our FaceBook page for Classroom in Carnegie.

Mother of All Tax De-duck-tions

Each e-Newsletter, we will explore tax strategies that will allow you to minimize your tax liability if properly utilized. This month we will discuss the Backdoor Roth IRA.



Traditional IRA contributions can reduce taxable income in the current year. The earnings grow tax deferred, but distributions are taxable. For a Roth IRA, contributions are not deductible, but distributions are tax free upon retirement. You can't beat tax free! The issue is that most high income taxpayers cannot contribute to a Roth IRA. Also, there are limitations on who can convert traditional IRAs to Roth IRAs based on income. For those that are able to convert, most do not because income tax is paid on the conversion amount. Given high tax rates, paying a Roth conversion tax isn't a good option. The solution is to contribute to a nondeductible IRA. These are eligible for anyone with earned income. Then, convert the non-deductible IRA to a Roth IRA. If the non-deductible IRA is your only IRA, then there is no tax on conversion.

Beware of a trap! If you have deductible and non-deductible IRAs, the IRS will require you to treat the conversion of your non-deductible IRA as though it came pro rata from all IRA assets. This means that part of the conversion may be subject to tax.

How can you avoid this trap? Before converting your non-deductible IRA into a Roth IRA, you should roll your deductible IRA into your 401(k) account. The money that's in a 401(k) plan avoids the pro rata problem because of it being in an employer rather than an employee plan.

Opportunity is closing. The Obama Administration's proposed budget for fiscal 2016 included changes that would prevent the Backdoor Roth IRA by preventing Roth conversions involving funds from non-deductible IRAs or voluntary after-tax contributions to 401(k) plans.

Obviously, this can get complicated, but it's well worth it for the tax savings. Please contact us if you are interested in this strategy. We will work with your financial advisor or recommend one for you if needed.

AWARDS

*JP Myers & Associates, LLC
was ranked as the #1 Tax
Consultant in Butler County by
Thumbtack for 2015*

NEWS/SPEAKER REQUESTS

Joe & Mike are available to present to your group on a variety of topics.

Topic Examples:

- ◆ QuickBooks
- ◆ Start-up
- ◆ Tax Updates

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Whether your style is classic, contemporary or somewhere in between, Valerie M. Interiors creates refined and comfortable interiors with passion, dedication and a sharp attention to detail. In 2004, Valerie M. Tatalovich opened Valerie M Interiors in Palm Beach, FL, where she and her husband keep a second home. The shop took off as a retail store that also offered interior design services, which she continued to provide in Pittsburgh as well. She won the 2010 Design Excellence Award from the American Society of Interior Designers South Florida chapter for the historic renovation of Seagull Cottage in Palm Beach. Two years ago, Valerie relocated her retail and design shop to a store front in Sewickley, where she works with residential and commercial customers. She tries to focus on timeless designs rather than "flash in the pan" ideas that can be costly. If you've been in our fantastic new offices, you'll see first -hand Valerie's work as she provided us with interior design services.



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Calendar



September 15

Individuals: Pay the third installment of your 2015 estimated tax.

Partnerships: File Form 1065 if you timely requested a 5-month extension.

Corporations: File calendar year Form 1120 or 1120S if you timely requested a 6-month extension.

Corporations: Deposit the third installment of your 2015 estimated tax.

Employers: Deposit payroll tax for Aug if the monthly deposit rule applies.

October 15

Individuals: If you have an automatic six-month extension to file your income tax return for 2014, file Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ and pay any tax, interest, or penalties due.

Employers: For Social Security, Medicare, withheld income tax and non-payroll withholding, deposit the tax for payments in September if the monthly rule applies.