



Mid-West Society News

**ImportantCouncil election voting cards are due to be distributed today Monday 22nd
don't forget your vote makes a difference**

Chairman's Note



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Dear Members,

Since our last newsletter, the Chartered Accountants Ireland Mid-West Society has been involved in numerous events and initiatives. I have highlighted some of these key developments below.

The University of Limerick is now the confirmed centre of learning for Chartered Accountants Ireland students in the Mid-West region. All professional lectures are now held in the university, thus saving employers the cost of sending employees to courses in Waterford. Your Society continues to develop its relationship with the University and is liaising with the Institute and students to ensure the efficient running of the exams process.

The CPD courses to be held in the Mid-West region are contained in the newsletter. Detailed consultations have taken place with the Institute to secure these courses. However, it is important that members support the courses so as to justify our case for having courses held in the region. As ever, we welcome any comments you may have on the courses. You can contact us through our website.

The Budget Briefing in December 2009 was well attended and Dr. Stephen Kinsella provided an illuminating perspective on the Irish economy. My thanks to Deloitte for sponsoring this event.

A very successful ladies evening was held in Brown Thomas on 15th December 2009 and a great night was had by all.

What's Planned so far..... Calendar of events for the year ... for your diaries

**CAB Talks
Thomond Park**
When: March 23rd 2010

**Where: Thomond Park
Limerick**

**Time : 4.00pm to 8pm
CPD 3 hours**

Following the success of last year's series of talks in Thomond Park we are running the first of our talks in conjunction with the Law society on 23rd March 2010.

Some seats still available so contact cathy @ cathy.mcdermott@charteredaccountants.ie to book. Payment can be made by cheque or credit card

<http://www.charteredaccountants.ie/General/Shop/Courses/Course/?ProductId=1154>

Annual General Meeting

When: Thursday 27th May 2010

**Where: Strand Hotel,
Limerick**

Time: 6.30pm

Special Olympics Event

When: Saturday May 29th 2010

Where: Garryowen Rugby Club

TBC

The 2nd annual Christmas lunch held on the 4th December 2009 was extremely successful both in terms of entertainment (provided by the imitable Micheál O' Muircheartaigh) and in giving members an opportunity to network and meet up with former colleagues. The event raised €1,000 for the local Blue Box Charity.

During the next number of months, the Society intends to organise the following events.

- Chartered Accountants in Business Showcase
- Business Breakfast Seminar
- Retired members' event.
- Ladies event.
- Golf outing
- Special Olympics event.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to our Administrator, Cathy McDermott, for her continued hard work in ensuring the smooth running of the society. A special thanks to all the committee members who continue to give up their spare time to ensure the continuing development of the society.

Sincerely,

Rory O'Neill

Chairman,

Chartered Accountants Ireland

Mid- West Society

Highlights of last year

Following months of work and negotiations, Limerick is now re-established as a recognized centre of learning for our student members. This major development will be of significant benefit to the Mid-West region, in terms of increased profile and job creation opportunities. In addition, we have succeeded in increasing the number of CPD hours available locally to members and we encourage members to continue to support upcoming programmes.

Careers Advisory Event – held in February 2009. Presented by Karin Lanigan, ICAI Careers Advisory and Placement Executive and Pascal

Annual Golf Classic 2010



When: Friday June 25th 2010

**Where: Dromoland Castle
Golf Club**

Time: 2pm to 4pm TBC

Booking and other details will be sent to you in advance.

Ladies Event



When: October 2010

Where: To be advised

CAB Talks Thomond Park

When: October 2010

**Where: Thomond Park
Limerick
CPD 3 hrs**

The second 'series of talks' for this year will take place sometime in October of this year in Thomond Park. Details of the event with information on booking and price to be sent out separately nearer to the time.

Deloitte Budget Brief

When: TBC

Where: Thomond Park Limerick

O'Flaherty, Executive Recruitment Consultant Thirty participants attended and received useful advice on CV preparation, interview skills and career change. Mary Halton, Managing Partner of Align Consulting and one of our founding members of the Mid West Society, provided a complimentary CV writing service to one participant following the event. Karin also facilitated confidential one-to-one consultations for a number of members.

Appointment of Administrator in May 2009

In May 2009 – Cathy McDermott was appointed on a part-time basis to oversee administrative duties for the Chartered Accountants Ireland Mid-West Society.

Mid West Society 1st Annual Golf Outing 16th September 2009

The 1st Annual Golf Event was held in Dromoland Castle Golf Club on 16th September last. Although numbers were on the low side the day was a great success and enjoyed by all.

The competition comprised a team and individual event, with the new Perpetual Trophy won by Deloitte on the day. The individual prize winners were 1st Garry Neville (Neville Design playing with HBC), 2nd Mark Fitzgerald (Deloitte), 3rd Eamon Grimes (Keogh Somers.)

A donation of €1000 was made to the local charity, Milford Hospice from the event. Thanks to Garry Neville who returned his winner's prize and kindly donated the money to Milford Hospice. The donations received from Tony Fitzpatrick and Bryan O' Donnell are also kindly acknowledged.

Finally a big 'Thanks' to all of the others who participated and we look forward to this year's event which we plan to hold on the 25th June 2010 in Dromoland again.



Annual Christmas Lunch

When: 10th December 2010

Where: City View Suite

Strand Hotel Limerick

Time: 12.45pm to 3pm

CPD Courses

<http://www.charteredaccountants.ie/CPD/Courses--Events/Courses/>

click on link above if the course below has no direct link

[Efficient & Effective Auditing using the 2010 PQAs](#)

26th April 2010

Audit - Practice Consulting Chartered Accountants Ireland - 9.30am-1pm - 3.5 hrs - €85.00

[Audit Exemption using the Chartered Accountants Ireland Toolkit 2010](#)

26th April 2010

Audit - Practice Consulting CAI 2pm - 5pm - 3 hrs - €85.00

Finance Act - Taxation - 18th May 2010

Jointly with Tax Institute - 3.30pm - 6pm - 2.5 hrs - €195.00

IFRS The Core Standards-Financial reporting - 11th June 2010

Robert Kirk Ulster University - 9.30am - 5pm - 7 hrs - €350.00

[Tax Planning Workshop](#)

8th September 2010 - Taxation -

Ken McMoreland - McMoreland, Duffy, Rouse - 9.30am - 12.30pm - 3 hrs - €150

[Companies Registration Office Forms & Electronic Filing](#)

8th September 2010 Governance & Legal - Conor Sweeney Omnipro - 2pm - 5pm - 3 hrs - €150.00

IFRS for SME's: The Core Issues - 13th September 2010

Financial Reporting - Robert Kirk University of Ulster - 9.30am - 5pm - 7 hrs - €350.00

CAB Showcase Event in Thomond Park 14th October 2009

Chartered Accountants Ireland in association with Shannon Business Network Group and Chartered Accountants Mid West Society held a 'Series of Talks' in Thomond Park, Limerick to coincide with Chartered Accountants Business Showcase fortnight that took place nationwide from the 12th – 23rd October 2009.

Speakers included:

Oliver O'Connor – Grant Thornton, Tax Manager
Leslie Barrett – Grant Thornton, Tax Partner
Dearbhla Carmody – CPD Manager, Chartered Accountants Ireland
Brendan Johnston – Zurich Life Assurance

Speaking at the event, Paul Cunningham, Chairperson, Chartered Accountants Mid West Society commented "This was the first event aimed at Chartered Accountants working in Business in the region since the Mid West Society was reformed last year. The response underlined that this type of event is beneficial in the current economic environment where sharing knowledge and networking with your peer group is paramount, as we all seek ways to navigate the challenges faced in our daily business lives. We look forward to other similar events in the near future."

Chartered Accountants Ireland Mid West Society host the first ladies event on 15th October 2009

'Look Good' ... 'Feel Good' ... evening of style and Beauty with 'Brown Thomas'
Limerick

Great night of **networking, style** and **fashion** enjoyed by all
Special thanks to Kate Healy, Mary Halton and Cathy for their hard work and to all the ladies who supported the event.



An interactive event, Mary Halton of Align Consulting did a great piece on networking for women and really got people talking. Mary is our Mid-West candidate for Council elections this year and would be an excellent representative for women.

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AGM 21st October 2009 – held in The Strand Hotel, Limerick

Rory O' Neill was elected incoming Chairman and a new committee was formed consisting of 7 of the previous committee members and 6 new members

Christmas Lunch 4th December 2009

The second annual Christmas lunch event with guest speaker Micheál O Muircheartaigh, raised €1,000 for 'The Blue Box' Charity to help provide much needed funds to support our local disadvantaged young people.



Budget Briefing Event Thomond Park 10th December 2009

Chartered Accountants Mid West Society, in association with Deloitte, held a Budget briefing event in Thomond Park, Limerick on 10th December 2009, following one of the toughest budgets in recent years. The event was chaired by Maurice Barrett, Finance Director, RSA Security Ireland Limited

Speakers included:



Rory O' Neill – Tax Director, Deloitte
Carmel Marnane – Senior Tax Manager, Deloitte
Dr. Stephen Kinsella – Lecturer in Economics, University of Limerick

Rory O'Neill provided a concise summary of the budget provisions and their implications for both businesses and individuals. Carmel Marnane then followed with an outline of the potential changes proposed by the

Commission on Taxation, highlighting a number of tax planning issues. Dr. Stephen Kinsella, author of 'Ireland in 2050, How We Will Be Living' gave an interesting and illuminating talk on designing a strategy for economic recovery in the present economic climate. A lively question and answer session wrapped up the evening.

Student & Young Members Forum

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..... News Update

Council election voting papers are being issued today Monday so get voting and don't forget **your vote** can make a difference

Watch out for the launch of our new Mid West Society Website which is due to go live in the next few weeks

More News and Events Planned

The Society has been active in encouraging retired members to form a networking group and plans for an initial event hosted by the Society are under discussion.

Committee members Mary Halton, Paul Cunningham, Thomas Caulfield and Cathy McDermott are currently working with the Special Olympics Committee to identify ways to actively support the 2010 Special Olympics games which are taking place in Limerick from 9th – 13th June. The games will involve 1900 athletes, 650 Coaches and Official Delegates, 3,500 Volunteers and 4,000 Family members.

All our events will be posted on our website which is expected to be up and running in the next few weeks.

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