



# The Payroll Post

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From your President...

It was great seeing many of you join us at the April meeting. It is so nice to be able to network in person again! We are settling into this hybrid model and all dusting off our social skills and relearning how to dress appropriately for work below the Zoom screen view! I am excited for the plans we are making for our two big upcoming chapter events - payroll certification study group & statewide! Be on the lookout for information to be shared on how you can be involved.

*Amleigh*



### **Upcoming Events:**

**May 19, 2022** Monthly Meeting  
Virtual via Zoom  
8.30 a.m.

**Top 5 Soft Skills Every Payroll Professional Needs**  
*Presented by Tiffani Gray, CPP*  
*Hampton-Newport News*  
*Community Services Board*



Our community service project for May will be to collect money for the Hand Me Down Zoo. Please see page 2 for more details.

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## Free Webinar!

**Off-Cycle Payments: Costs and Solutions** – Along with mandatory almost instant separation payments, off-cycle payments to employees have been measured as being the single most costly and burdensome transaction that payroll can make. This webinar will provide metrics that can be used to identify the key areas of costs, practical tips for streamlining workflows, and potential solutions to reduce cost and burden associated with off-cycle payments. May 17, 2022, 1:00 p.m. EST.

## Upcoming events (continued)

**May Service Project:** The Hand Me Down Zoo is an animal sanctuary located in Winder, Georgia. Its purpose is to provide a home for exotic animals and non-releasable state wildlife. These can be animals that were legally owned but no longer wanted by their owners, illegally owned animals confiscated by the Department of Natural Resource, and animals who have been injured and/or disabled. They also provide educational experiences for the public on appropriate and responsible animal ownership.

On April 4, 2022 they are experienced any animal owners worst fear. Their building caught fire. They had to shut down for the evening at 8pm. By 10pm the building was engulfed in flames. First responders were on the scene ASAP but the building was too intense. Sadly despite best efforts they lost many species. Most of the reptiles and all of the birds housed in the building didn't make it. The Barrow Fire Department rescued as many animals as they could. It was very impressive seeing these guys picking up porcupines and other less then friendly animals with no concern to their individual safety. They saved most of the mammals on the main level. The fire Marshall has determined point of origin to an mini split AC unit on the main level.

If you would like to donate through our PayPal or zelle you are welcome to do so:  
PayPal — handmedownzoo@gmail.com  
Zelle—- 706-429-4591



### ***Atlanta Chapter Statewide, October 6-7, 2022***

8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. each day

Roam Perimeter Center

1151 Hammond Drive NE

Atlanta, GA 30346

***Register by 8/1 for early registration price: \$300***



## IRS News Essentials

### **IRS seeks nominations for the 2023 Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council**

The IRS is accepting applications for the Internal Revenue Service Advisory Council for 2023. Applications will be accepted through **June 3, 2022**.

Among other things, IRSAC is seeking applicants with experienced payment processors (such as credit card processors), colleges/universities and/or multinational corporations with experience filing information returns. [IRS news release 2022-94](#) contains links to the application form and more information.

### **IRS accepting applications for VITA and TCE Grants in May**

WASHINGTON - The Internal Revenue Service is accepting applications for the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) grant programs, which will allow some organizations to apply for annual funding for up to three years.

[Grants.gov](#) will accept applications beginning May 1 through May 31, 2022, for the TCE and VITA grant opportunities. [Application packages and guidelines for 2022](#) are now available on the IRS website. The IRS, in the past year, awarded 34 TCE grantees \$11 million and 300 VITA grantees \$25 million. Last year, the two grant programs filed nearly 1.6 million returns nationwide.

The IRS established the TCE program in 1978 to provide tax counseling and return preparation to persons aged 60 or older and to give training and technical assistance to the volunteers who provide free federal income tax assistance within elderly communities across the nation. For more information on the TCE program, visit the IRS's [TCE](#) web page.

The VITA Grant program was established in 2007 to supplement the VITA program created in 1969. VITA provides free tax filing assistance to underserved communities. The grant program enables VITA to extend these services to underserved populations in hardest-to-reach, urban and non-urban areas; increase the capacity of targeted taxpayers to file returns electronically; enhance training of volunteers and improve the accuracy rate of returns prepared at VITA sites.

More information on the [VITA](#) grant program is available on IRS.gov.

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## **Social Security Administration**

Social Security is excited to announce the top 10 baby names of 2021. For most people, Social Security starts at birth when they get their first Social Security card. That makes us *the* source for the top baby names each year.

Coming in at number 10 are Harper and Theodore! At number nine, Evelyn and Henry! You can read the rest of the top 10 [here](#)!

## "PayTalk" –



### EPISODE 24: Working From Home ... Abroad!

In this podcast:

- Immigration issues
- Reporting obligations
- Cross-border enforcement of payroll responsibilities



### Breaking News...

Well, it could be! We are looking for contributors to write an article for our newsletter. We need you! Submit your articles to [lvandervelden@constangy.com](mailto:lvandervelden@constangy.com). If your article is selected and published in our monthly newsletter, you will receive a free registration to one of our virtual monthly chapter meetings!

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## Atlanta Chapter of the APA

Meetings held the second  
Thursday of the month

Alternating Breakfast and  
Dinner Meetings

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We are a nonprofit organization centered on providing continuing education to payroll, accounting and human resource professionals. Along with education, we offer community service opportunities for all members. We are an autonomous and independent Chapter of the American Payroll Association.

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