

MEET AND GREET

LEADERS IN ACCOUNTING



October 31, 2016

**El Paso Club - Chase
Building (201 E. Main Dr.)**

El Paso Chapter Texas Society of CPA's

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Texas Society of CPAs

El Paso Chapter

November is CPA Month of Service!

The El Paso Chapter will be holding a Food Drive for the El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank (www.elpasoansfightinghunger.org). We will be collecting food in bins at participating CPA firms' offices through the end of November. Food may also be dropped off at our Meet & Greet on Monday, October 31st and monthly membership meeting on Tuesday, November 22nd.

In addition, the Chapter has scheduled a Volunteer Day with the Food Bank to help with stocking and sorting. Our volunteer day is Saturday, November 19th from 8:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Members interested in volunteering or hosting a collection bin: please send an email to eptscca@gmail.com for more information. The food bank is located at 9541 Plaza Circle, El Paso, TX 79927.

Visit our websites!

<http://www.ep-tscpa.org>

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SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a quote a long to Mean Girls!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017



MORE DETAILS TO COME!

This event is a Fundraiser for The Sid Glandon Endowment

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Our Mission

is to enhance the health and wellness of the El Paso community by making high quality, affordable healthcare services accessible to all. Our tradition of respectful service is enriched by our participation in healthcare-related education, research and innovation.

Our Vision

is to be the recognized leader in health promotion, provision of care and professionalism as judged by our commitment to quality, customer satisfaction, value, and community involvement.

STRICKLER & PRIETO

Phillip Strickler, CPA

Managing Partner

Phillip is the Managing Partner at Strickler & Prieto. In his role, he guides the firm's strategy and day-to-day operations and is actively involved in all phases of the practice and client base. Phillip brings over 18 years of auditing and consulting experience in numerous industries including manufacturing, distribution, construction and real estate. In addition to providing external audit services, he has consulted with many clients on accounting and reporting issues, internal controls

Raul Prieto, CPA

Tax Partner

As a partner, Raul is responsible for providing tax and consulting services to the firm's clients. He has extensive experience with multinational clients conducting business in Mexico. Raul has also served a variety of Mexican companies conducting business in the U.S. In addition, he has worked with several U.S., Japanese and Taiwanese companies doing business in Mexico through Maquiladora operations. Raul serves numerous industries including manufacturing, distribution, oil and gas, wine and technology. With over 22 years of professional tax experience, Raul is equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to meet the individual needs of his clients. Prior to joining the firm, he served as the Director of Federal Tax Services at KPMG for 10 years. In addition, Raul worked at Ernst & Young and Price Waterhouse in San Francisco and Mexico City. Raul brings vast knowledge to the firm's domestic and international tax practice.

CARDENAS & ELIZONDO, LLC

Cardenas & Elizondo, LLC is a financial accounting firm specializing in income tax consulting and business advisory. We have been serving the Texas Border Region area since 2008. We take pride in the fact that most of our business is client-referred. We strive to provide the highest standard of service through our unequalled commitment to professionalism, attention to detail, and our relationships with clients. We use all available resources to minimize your taxes while maintaining compliance, reaching your financial goals, and enhancing profitability in your business. Please feel free to contact us if you are interested in learning more about us and how we can help you.



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At El Paso Electric, we work every day to bring you cleaner, greener, and more efficient power. This is why we are doubling our utility-scale solar power output, making our community a national leader in solar energy. And to keep our carbon footprint low; we are no longer generating any electricity from coal, and continue investing in new clean burning natural gas technology. At El Paso Electric, we are all about a smarter energy mix, a stronger grid, and a better quality of life for you.

El Paso Electric takes pride in being an active corporate citizen in the communities it serves. Contributing to our communities is an important part of our corporate mission statement, and as such, it helps to define our corporate purpose and mold the actions taken by our employees. The success of El Paso Electric's corporate citizenship programs can be attributed to the caring and generosity of its employees.

VISION

El Paso Electric will provide safe, clean, affordable and reliable energy through superior productions, acquisition and delivery.



SCHMID, BROADDUS, NUGENT, GANO P.C.

Schmid, Broaddus, Nugent & Gano, P.C. is a local accounting firm, which has been serving the El Paso area since 1973. At Schmid, Broaddus, Nugent & Gano, P.C., our philosophy is to avoid the turnover of professional personnel, which is often experienced with larger firms in order to provide our clients with consistently superior service and better continuity year after year.

Our Firm is composed of five shareholders providing a full spectrum of audit, tax and consulting services to our clients. With a staff to shareholders ratio of 3-to-6, we are able to provide clients with significant involvement of the shareholders in client's projects. The client is never insulated from our shareholders through layers of staff, as is often the experience with larger firms.

Most importantly, we recognize the uniqueness of all clients with whom we work. It is not our intent to provide identical services to all clients. We listen to you, the client, and adjust our services to meet your desires, rather than expecting you to adjust to us.



RPC

CPAs + CONSULTANTS, LLP

Founded in 1998, RPC is an independent certified public accounting firm with eight regional offices, including our headquarters in Albuquerque, NM. We have adopted a one-firm organizational philosophy by which we organize our intellectual capital by service-line, rather than by office, allowing for information and resource sharing firm-wide. Our service lines are currently composed of the Assurance & Attestation Group, Tax Services Line, Small Business Advisory Line, and Consulting.

Our one-firm focus has allowed us to adopt three industry niches, and we are working to develop several more. Our current niches include the Governmental Audit Group, the Construction Services Group, and the Agriculture Industry Group. We are actively involved in industry associations, attend and present at various training opportunities, and sit on industry specific boards. We also have specialists such as our Certified Exit Planning Advisor and Certified Merger & Acquisition Advisor who support the exit planning services provided by the Consulting department; our QuickBooks ProAdvisors who support the Small Business Advisory Line; our Certified Government Financial Managers who help lead the Government Audit Group; and our Certified Construction Industry Financial Professionals who lead the Construction Services Group.



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The firm has one office located at 4171 N. Mesa, Suite B-100, El Paso, Texas 79902 and our business phone number is (915) 542-1733

GONZALO SALAS, CPA



I have a <http://www.ep-tscpa.org/bachelors> from the University of Texas at El Paso in Computer Information Systems (1988) and have been a certified public accountant since 1998. After twenty years of working for various public accounting firms in El Paso, I began my certified public accounting practice on July of 2009. Over the past seven years I have looked at building my practice with individual and businesses that desire services on an ongoing basis.

I have over twenty eight years of experience in serving a variety of small businesses and individual clients in the areas of audit, accounting, tax preparation and planning, consultation and business accounting systems. I have a certification in QuickBooks 2011 and have assisted many clients with setup of accounting books and ongoing assistance with various areas in QuickBooks.

I am a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Texas State Board of Public Accountants, and the El Paso Chapter of Certified Public Accountants. I have also served as a director for the El Paso Chapter of Certified Public Accountants. I am a member of the Greater Chamber of Commerce, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Better Business Bureau.

SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT YEAR!

The El Paso Chapter and the Young CPA Involvement Committee is pleased to bring this event year after year. Watch for dates and details for the 2017 Meet and Greet Leaders in Accounting event.

Thanks again to everyone who helps make this a great annual event! Firm participants and sponsors, YCPA volunteers, UTEP faculty, and, of course, UTEP students!