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UPCOMING 2017 PRORGAM DATES

April 20, 2017 **Education Program**

Topic #1

Family Business Succession Planning Jim Dickinson Shareholder at Cavitch, Familo & Durkin

Topic #2 **Business and Legal** Considerations in Succession and Continuity Planning

> Scott Matasar; Senior Securities Litigation,

> > Enforcement and

Regulator Defense and Mark Jacobs; Attorney Matasar Jacobs LLC <u> April 26</u> Spring Social Happy Hour 4:30-6:30pm Shula's 2 Steak and Sports 6200 Quarry Lane

Independence, OH 44131

<u>May 18</u>

Education Program <u>May 24</u> State of Ohio Advocacy Day June 20-21 National Advocacy Days **August TBD** Fall Social

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or zip code searches. In closing, thank you for your time

and I look forward to having an opportunity to quote your 401(k) proposals in the future.

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Questions Surround

Portability One of the most favorable and

flexible recent changes to the federal estate tax system has been the advent of the concept of portability. By allowing

a surviving spouse to succeed to the unused applicable ex-

clusion amount of the decespouse (Deceased Spousal Unused Exclusion (DSUE)), the government has opened the door to much more flexible estate planning without a fear of wasting a deceased spouse's estate tax exclusion. However, this flexibility comes at the cost of potential risks and dangers

which are not yet well under-

The authors in this article very

ably describe some of the risks and uncertainties, and summarize a recent decision

by the Oklahoma Supreme

Court as it relates to a real-life (Howard circumstance M. Zaritsky and Lester B. Law, Surviving Spouse Wins the DSUE Lottery But Must Pay for the Ticket, Probate Practice Reporter, Volume 29, Number 2, February 2017). Is the unused exclusion a property right or interest? Does a surviving spouse, who is not otherwise a beneficiary of a decedent's estate. have standing to complain about a failure to file a return to elect portability? Does an executor have a fiduciary obligation to the surviving spouse to pre-

serve the exclusion and file the return to elect portability?

What about a fiduciary duty to

the estate beneficiaries to

preserve the assets and not incur fees to file a return to elect portability, the effect of which will be to diminish the

assets to be shared by the

beneficiaries? Does one duty trump the other? The lesson

to be learned is that great care must be taken by fiduciaries as they navigate the complexities of deciding whether or not to file federal

estate tax returns solely to elect portability.

Looking back, 2016 was an incredible year for our chapter on many levels. We rolled out FREE monthly

By: Elizabeth Scheiderer, CFP®

meetings for our members and in combination with our compelling educational content, our attendance has almost doubled into 2017. Not to mention, we had a sold-out symposium! Our chapter would not be where it is today without

the leadership and direction from Kara Downing, our 2016 President and now Chairwoman. Thank you Kara and our Board members!

come spend a morning networking or attend one of our social hours. The energy for our financial planning community is electrifying when we all get together. I'd also like to take this time to welcome our new Chapter Executive,

If you haven't been to a monthly meeting in a while, I encourage you to

Lauren Smigelski to our chapter. Her dedication to our members and partners in creating a rewarding experience for the FPA of NEO is remarkable. Her contact information can be found on our website and on all chapter emails.

If you'd like to volunteer an hour or two a month, helping with our Chapter's initiatives, we'd love to have some new faces join us as we approach making 2017 another record breaking year! It's a lot of fun and very rewarding to be on the organizational side of our amazing chapter. Looking forward to seeing you at our future 2017 events!

Chapter Programming By: Callie Cornett, CFP® We have had a successful start to programming for 2017! A special thanks to all our speakers from the past three months and to our members and guests who have attended our chapter meetings so far this

year. You'll find a list of topics and speakers from the last three months on our website, where you can also view all the material from past

presentations

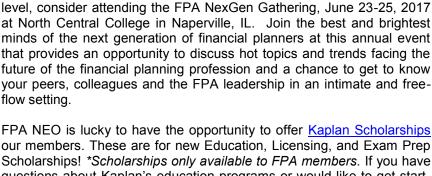
Mark your calendars for the next chapter meeting, Thursday, April 20

and a chapter social happy hour on Wednesday, April 26! All the details on the left! **NexGen Updates** By: Alexander Rupert, CFP® Members of FPA NEO NexGen held their first event of the year on Saturday, February 25th. Two separate teams consisting of NexGen mem-

1 was victorious (setting an escape room record!) team 2 failed to escape in 60 minutes. This event was well-attended and team 2 is looking forward to redeem themselves next time!

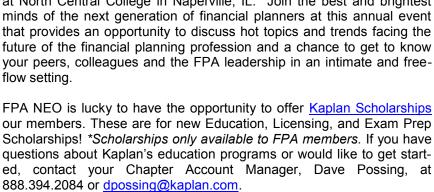
bers raced against each other to see who could escape first. While team

If you're interested in getting more involved with NexGen at the national



Advocacy

By: Kenneth Paull, CFP®



will never forget! Learn more. There is also the opportunity to participate in National Advocacy Days in Washington, DC on June 20-21. You'll head to Capitol Hill to introduce federal policymakers to our association and profession while displaying FPA's strength as THE association for all CFP® professionals and advocating for issues that are important to practitioners. Participating in this day empowers CFP® professionals to positively impact government officials at all levels. Contact Ken Paull, CFP®, at kpaull@sequoia-financial.com or 216-591-2227 if you're interested in participating at either event this year.

The University of Akron has an exciting new program coming up this

month. Join fellow advisors and career influencers/thought leaders at The Financial Planning Women and Diversity Symposium on Thursday,

Student Chapter - Diversity Symposium

FPA NEO, along FPA Central Ohio and FPA Southwestern Ohio are

excited to announce the date for Ohio Advocacy Day 2017! On May 24, join fellow financial professionals from across the state of Ohio and

connect with your local legislators and regulators to build important rela-

tionships that help influence the right people. FPA Advocacy seeks to

advance and protect your profession by proactively seeking out those

who vote on issues that affect your profession. Meetings will be ar-

ranged with your state representative and senator right in the Ohio

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