

April 16, 2018

Dear Fellow LATA Members & Guests:

We are pleased and excited to announce our hosting of the 2nd Quarterly LATA Conference of 2018 at L'auberge du Lac Casino and Resort. One of Southwest Louisiana's largest casino/resorts that boasts 7 restaurants, resort pool with swim up bar, world-class spa and Vegas-style casino with table games and slot machines. Golf will be played at The Country Club at the Golden Nugget course. For those of you that do not play golf, come join us Wednesday morning for a little "Painting with a Twist." A Mardi Gras theme is planned for Thursday night's dinner and dance, so come dressed in your Mardi Gras attire and enjoy good food, fellowship and music.

The conference early registration fee for members is \$240 and \$265 for non-members. A late registration fee will be added to those received after <u>May 15, 2018</u>, so please register early at <u>www.laota.wildapricot.org</u>. Make check payable to "LATA" and mail payment to P.O. Drawer 2050, Lake Charles, LA. There will be a \$75 guest fee to cover the costs of the meals provided to spouses in attendance.

Hotel reservations may be made by calling 866-580-7444 or online at <u>www.llakecharles.com</u>. The conference room rate is \$129 plus 14.75% tax until <u>May 15, 2018</u>. Please use Group Code <u>SLATA18</u> when making your reservations and bring your exemption certificate in order to be exempt from room taxes.

Golf will be on Wednesday, June 6th at the Country Club at Golden Nugget, with a starting tee time of 8:00 am. Registration fee is \$110 which includes cart, green fees and a boxed lunch. Golf registrations must be received by <u>May 30th</u>. For all of you non-golfers, the offsite "Painting with a Twist" team building event will be on Wednesday morning from 9am to noon at 4421 Nelson Road in Lake Charles. Registration fee is \$50 which includes a painting and lunch. No transportation will be provided and space is very limited, so please register early to get a spot!

There will be something on the program for all facets of local tax administration; you don't want to miss this conference. Also, a special reminder: attire is business casual for all conference activities except for after hour socials. In keeping with our theme of "Mardi Gras in June," wear your best Mardi Gras shirt/costume to Thursday night's dinner and dance. There will be a prize for the best dressed. We look forward to seeing you in June, *Laissez les bon temps rouler*! If you have any questions, please contact Sheryl at (337) 217-4280, Ext. 3423 or sheryl.wilkerson@cpsb.org.

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