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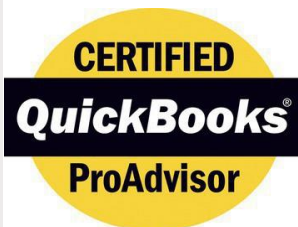
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Dear Client,

Welcome to our 27th edition of our quarterly newsletter. We hope you find these to be informative and useful. We have reviewed our records and made every attempt to ensure that we have used the correct email address for you. If however, you have received duplicates or prefer to have this newsletter delivered to a different email address, please let us know.

Please note, if you have emailed our office and have not received a response within 2 business days, please contact us as one of two things may have happened: we didn't receive your original email or you didn't receive our response.



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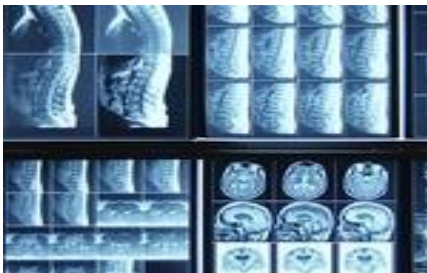
We would like to thank our clients for another successful tax season. We appreciate all of the new clients you have referred to us. Thank you for your loyalty.

## Extension Deadlines

For our clients who filed an extension for their taxes, the deadline for Partnership and Corporation returns is September 15, 2017. Appointments must be made or all information must be dropped off BEFORE September 1, 2017 to avoid a late fee of \$43.00. The deadline for Personal Returns is October 15, 2017. Appointments must be made or all information must be dropped off BEFORE October 1, 2017 to avoid a late fee of \$43.00.



## Unlocking Medicare Seminar



**Unlocking Medicare - Understanding the Basics**  
Do you have questions about Medicare? Bring your questions and come to our sponsored seminar in August to learn more.

**Seminar: Unlocking Medicare - Understanding the Basics**

**Location:** Niederkorn Library, Community Room

on the 1st Floor, 316 W Grand Ave, Port Washington, WI 53074

**Date:** Thursday August 24th from 6p - 7:15p (30-40 minute presentation with plenty of time for questions and answers)

**Hosts:** Chris McCaman, financial advisor with Blahnik Investment Group and Laurie Ziegler, Enrolled Agent and owner of Sass Accounting, LLC

**Speaker:** Ryan Bostwick Regional Vice President of TransAmerica

**Topics:**

- What is Medicare
- What is covered by Medicare
- What are my choices for coverage
- How to get enrolled

Please RSVP to [Jen@sassaccounting.com](mailto:Jen@sassaccounting.com)

## Identity Theft

If you were a victim of identity theft please read this article on the [IRS website](#).

Beginning January 2014, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, in an effort to combat identity theft and tax fraud, implemented an extra tool called Identity Verification Quiz. This tool requires some taxpayers and/or Homestead claimants to take an identity “quiz” online or via phone, or to send in documentation proving one’s identity.



If you are selected to take the quiz, your Wisconsin return will not be processed until you complete the Identity Verification process. You will receive a letter from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and should respond immediately in order to expedite the processing of your refund.

If you are selected for Identity Verification, you will need the following:

1. The letter from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue - there is a Letter Identification Number that you will be required to provide to begin the process.
2. The last four digits of your Social Security Number.
3. You will be asked four multiple choice questions. The answers will help verify your identity. You will be informed immediately whether or not you passed the quiz. Once the quiz is successfully completed, no further action is needed.

We had several clients that received these letters. It is NOT spam. Ignoring it will delay your refund.

**IF YOU HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE.**

## Tips for Tax Time

Here is some additional information for you to review - just click on the topic below.

### [Security at Tax Time & ID Theft Awareness Week.](#)

Make sure your friends and relatives can find a qualified tax profession! The new and improved EA directory is now available at <http://taxexperts.naea.org/> feel free to share with your friends and relatives.

### [Common Scams and How to Avoid Them](#)

### [6 Reasons Your Tax Return Might Get Audited.](#)

IRS Get Transcript App - An easy way to print or download your IRS transcripts [https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript!](https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript)

[WI Revenue Mobile App](#) - A quick way to check your estimated tax payment status, refund status and more. <http://www.revenue.wi.gov/mobile/>

Affordable Health Care Act & Insurance - [sign up here](#)

[Free Electronic Donation Tracking](#) - An easy way to keep track of donations throughout the year.

### [Tips For Charitable Contributions](#)

[MileIQ](#) The smart mileage tracker - An easy way to track your mileage. <https://www.mileiq.com/>

Certain Medicaid Waiver Payments may be excludable from income. [Read more here.](#)

[Microsoft Office Lens app](#) - an easy way to scan documents with your mobile device.

Avoid Scammers: [Don't answer calls or texts from these area codes.](#)

Laurie in the news



For the second time, Laurie has been asked to appear on Tax Talk Today. This is a tax talk show that provides continuing education for tax pros. Learn more

here <https://www.taxtalktoday.com/programs/061317.cfm>

Laurie will begin her second year serving as President of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ozaukee County. She previously served in this capacity from 2009-2011. If interested in volunteering or donating click here <http://www.bbbsoz.org/>.

## Wendell Smith

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of Laurie's dad, Wendell Smith. He did our Maintenance for over 15 years. Although Wendell retired a few years ago, he continued to be interested in the business and enjoyed hearing about the clients he came to know.



You may view the obituary here <http://www.muellerfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Wendell-D-Smith?obId=1671468#/obituaryInfo>

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*We look forward to continuing to assist you with your accounting and tax needs, as well as any questions or concerns you may have. Have a wonderful Spring and Summer!*



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