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Users Group Session

Don't miss the upcoming Peachtree Users Group meeting!

Wednesday, August 18, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at Schenck's Fond du Lac office located at 373 N. Pioneer Road.

The topics discussed will vary. Bring your specific questions and challenges for the group's input. Space is limited, so please register early by calling 920-455-4239, or e-mail kim.smurawa@schencksc.com. You may also register online at schencksc.com/events. There is no cost to attend, so bring a co-worker or business associate with you! Please contact your support specialist with any questions regarding the users group. Their names and telephone numbers are listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

Peachtree by Sage 2011 Top New Features

Peachtree by Sage 2011 offers several new powerful features to make the software even easier to use:

Inventory and Services Management Center. This customizable dashboard shows you everything you want to know about a single inventory item or service at a glance. It enables quick research, comparisons, and decision making. Immediately see answers to inventory questions about last unit price, number of units, vendors purchased from, open transactions, backorders, and more.

Job Status Indicators. Color-coded "stoplights" customized with any status types that are important to your company to instantly communicate job status and visually see which jobs you need to focus on. Status can be viewed from various places in Peachtree, like the job record, job list view, dashboards, reports, etc.

Easier Data Entry for Jobs. When you select the job on the first line of a transaction, it automatically populates to the following lines – no additional clicks required. You don't have to take your hands off the keyboard to select the correct job/phase/cost code. Customer name is now shown in the dropdown list. Also, have Peachtree warn you if you have forgotten to enter a job on sales or purchase transactions.

More Room for Job Notes. The job notes field has been expanded to allow the user to enter more information. You can cut/paste information from emails or other documentation directly in this field.

Setup Advisor. A retractable panel has been added to the side of each screen in which customer, vendor, employee, inventory and other records are maintained in Peachtree. Each time a field within one of these screens is selected, the panel automatically displays field specific help. The topics change as the user moved from field to field. The guide panel can be turned on or off for each user.

New Billing Enhancements. This new feature will allow Peachtree users to apply time tickets, expense tickets and reimbursable expenses to invoices in a batch process rather than doing it one invoice at a time so you can quickly invoice multiple customers.

Customer Management Center. Create a dashboard view of your customers' information such as their converted and unconverted quotes, invoices, receipts, time tickets, aged balances, items sold, and much more. Drill down to the detail and quickly take action. Save time by looking up customers quickly based on their id, phone number or any of their contact information.

System Requirements:

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Important Payroll Tax Update for July 2010

Be sure to apply the latest payroll tax update as it includes the revised second quarter form 941. If you have employees who qualify for the **"Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment"** (HIRE) credits, be sure to complete:

- **Lines 6a – 6c** (used to report qualified HIRE wages in the second quarter.)
- **Lines 12c – 12d** (used to report qualified HIRE wages for the period of March 19–March 31, 2010.)
- **Adjust Line 17** by the amount of the HIRE wages multiplied by .062. Depending on your frequency, you will adjust the monthly tax liability or the semiweekly schedule.

The version for this tax update is 20100703 (for Release 2008) or 20100704 (for Releases 2009 and 2010). Follow these steps to make sure that your tax update was applied:

- Open your Peachtree company
- Select **Help | About Peachtree Accounting**
- Confirm that the Installed Tax Update version number matches the version number listed above.

For more information on the HIRE credit, please visit: www.schencksc.com/content/library/files/hire_act_seasonal_060810.pdf.

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Attention Peachtree Version 2008 Users

If you are currently using Peachtree by Sage Version 2008 or prior, we strongly recommend that you upgrade your software soon to the newest release, Peachtree 2011. Peachtree has informed us that they will no longer be supporting Version 2008 or prior after this year and will not release payroll tax table updates for the year 2011 for Version 2008 or prior.

All software manufacturers upgrade and update their products periodically. Typically, the software vendor will discontinue support of old versions about three years after a new version is released. It is your choice whether or not to upgrade your software. Schenck SC will generally not provide support for a software package after support has been discontinued by the software vendor. We may be able to assist you with discontinued and unsupported software; however, our experience has shown that this type of assistance can become cost-prohibitive, due to the extended time taken to resolve issues without the assistance of the software manufacturer.

To check the version of your Peachtree software, go to **Help | About Peachtree Accounting**. Please contact your support specialist at Schenck soon for assistance with upgrading to ensure the upgrade is completed by the end of the year.

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- Windows XP SP2, Windows Vista SP1, or Windows 7 ("Home," "Media Center," and "Basic" editions of Windows XP/Vista not recommended).
- 1 GHz Intel Pentium III (or equivalent) for single user and 1.8 GHz Intel Pentium 4 (or equivalent) for multiple users.
- 512 MB of RAM for single user and 1GB for multiple users.
- 1 GB of disk space for installation.
- Microsoft.NET Framework CLR 3.5. Requires and additional 280MB to 610MB.
- Printers supported by Microsoft Windows XP / Vista / Windows 7.

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