

American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries

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ASPPA Member: Pat Byrnes & Actuarial Consultants, Inc. Celebrates AMERICA SAVES WEEK

The American Society of Pension Professionals & Actuaries (ASPPA), joined more than 100 organizations in kicking off a week of activities designed to encourage Americans who are not saving to start and to prompt those who are saving to increase their efforts. Local ASPPA member, Pat Byrnes, Founder and President of Actuarial Consultants, Inc. (ACI), joins in the campaign that highlights the need for financial education, increased saving, and better retirement planning by all Americans.

As a consulting and third party administration firm of retirement plans, ACI changed its vision statement late last year to:

"Improving the Nation's Savings Rate One Plan at a time, by challenging ourselves and others to think differently"

This forward thinking instituted by ACI was due to us observing a problem with the savings rate which made this part of our worthwhile work!

The activities involve government agencies, nonprofit organizations, industry trade associations, and individual companies that are participating in America Saves Week (ASW), which runs from Feb. 22 through March. 1, this year. The organizations have centralized a diverse collection of savings tips, tools, public service announcements, and saver stories on the ASW Web site, www.americasavesweek.org/. Among other things, the Web site offers individuals the opportunity to sign up for monthly saver e-mail messages that will allow them to test their knowledge of various saving techniques and a checklist to evaluate their savings progress.

America Saves Week is coordinated by the America Savings Education Council, (www.choosetosave.org/asec) a program of the non-profit Employee Benefit Research Institute (www.ebri.org) and America Saves (www.americasaves.org), a program of the non-profit Consumer Federation of America (www.consumerfed.org).

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**ASPPA is a Proud Participant in America Saves Week
February 22 – March 1, 2009**



ASPPA is a national organization of more than 6,500 retirement plan professionals who provide consulting and administrative services for qualified retirement plans covering millions of American workers. ASPPA members are retirement professionals of all disciplines including consultants, administrators, actuaries, accountants, and attorneys. The broad-based membership gives it unusual insight into current practical problems with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and qualified retirement plans with a particular focus on the issues faced by small- to medium-sized employers. ASPPA membership is diverse and united by a common dedication to the private retirement plan system.



IT ALL ADDS UP

With spending being so easy these days, it's no surprise that savings isn't. But if you put the plastic back into your wallet and say "later" to your latte, you could easily enroll as a Saver, open a savings account, and start making automatic deposits – which could save you thousands of dollars a year. That's money that could go towards a new home, new car, or even early retirement. Because what starts with something as simple as rolling your change or bringing your lunch to work, could lay the foundation for a wealthier future – with a savings account balance that continues to grow and grow and...

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