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The second chapter in Canada of Sage Accountants' Network was formed in Truro on April 7 by Diana Read-Miedema, owner of Simply Financials at 20 Willow Street.

There are 65 Simply Accounting Partners in our region who are either Premier Advisors or Certified Consultants. The region given to Diana is Truro > Parrsboro > Amherst > Pictou-New Glasgow > Antigonish > Musquodoboit > Stewiacke > Enfield. The Partners are notified monthly by an email from Sage/Simply Accounting in BC with the dates and Agenda set by Diana to best suit local interests. The purpose of these RPMs - Regional Partner Meetings is to increase the skills and knowledge of the partners by discussing: what's new, tips and tricks, and small business issues. Diana just returned from Sage University Mississauga campus and is the only Simply Accounting partner in Atlantic Canada who is a Simply Accounting GOLD Certified Consultant and a Sage Certified Trainer.

On June 8, there were four speakers and eight Partners or want-to-be partners. The key items on the Agenda were

1. What's New: Sage Credit Card Payments by Diana and HR Manager (excellent add-on for complex payrolls) by Jim Parker of Stellarton who comes monthly with his wife and business partner, Brenda Parker CGA.
2. MS Excel 2007, by Jeff Brown, owner of Alpha Computer Consulting
3. BDC- Partnering with Accountants for Client Growth and Success, by Brian Samson
4. Unity Software from Konica Minolta, by Phil Gardner

A wonderful spread of sandwiches, cookies, beverages and nachos with sour cream dip were generously sponsored by Brian Samson/BDC Truro. Deborah Searle/Colchester RRFB generously donated gift bags for all and three door prizes for the lucky ones.

The next RPM is on Monday evening September 14th. There will be three speakers: Diana on "Simply Accounting", Cindie Smith from RRFB on "Go Green Offices", and Emerich Winkler of NCS Network on "Go Green with I-T". See www.GreenDataCenter.ca

October 5th, the three speakers will be: Diana on "Simply Accounting", Sylvia MacKenzie MCSE from Library on "Identity Theft and Online Banking", and Ericka Wicks, Sustainability Coordinator for CoRDA, on "Energy & Environmental Reviews for SMEs".

November 2nd, the two speakers will be: Diana on "What's New in Simply Accounting 2010" (after returning from annual Partner convention in Montreal), and Phil Gardner will return by popular demand to show us the webinar on Unity Software by Konica Minolta.

December 7th, after Diana's 6th annual Small Business Open House 9-5, all the partners and speakers are invited to an informal Christmas social from 5-7pm

Due to holidays there will be no RPM on January 4th, but the Sage Partners will be encouraged to attend NASBA-Networking Atlantic Small Business Accountants – an annual educational and professional development conference. NASBA #4 will be held Jan 15-16, 2010, and will be exceptional due to the fact that four highly skilled chartered accountants are doing strategic presentations. The most qualified Chartered Accountant in Canada for IFRS and the new GAAP, Greg Edwards CA, is coming from the Canadian Accounting Standards Board in Toronto. Other topics by CAs are Cottage Succession, Selling a Business, and QuickBooks & Paperless. The RCMP Commercial Fraud and ID Theft expert in Halifax is presenting as well. Agenda at <https://www.simplyfinancials.com/form.php>

The first RPM was formed in February in Vancouver near Sage corporate offices as a test case. Diana, who has been a certified consultant for eleven years, was chosen to start the second group because of the vast network of contacts she has formed as a result of many years of on-site support including work in NB, PEI, and Cape Breton, and the many seminars and trade shows she has attended. The past three NASBA conferences have attracted

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accountants from as far away as Kentville, Fredericton, Charlottetown, and St. John's Newfoundland. The webpage for Truro's Sage Accountants' Network is: http://www.simplyfinancials.com/training_portfolio.html.



Neil MacNeil, NCS Network 1st guest speaker April 7



Brian Samson, BDC presenting on June 8

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Rita Phillips and Lynn Mattie, Truro
Jim and Brenda (CGA) Parker, Stellarton
Ralph DeCoste, Certified Consultant, Antigonish and Shelley Wentzell, Truro



Valerie Hawks, Truro
Corina Frank, Truro
Phil Gardner, Konica Minolta and Jeff Brown, Alpha Computer

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Jim Parker from Stellarton explaining the new HR Manager



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