

## **President's Message**

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As we move into the second quarter of 2016, it's good to take a look at what we've accomplished so far this year. In the environment, you need not look far for disruption. We've seen a full range of interesting news including market volatility, election entertainment, international terrorism and historic regulation for our industry. As I said earlier in the year, our profession is one of constant challenge and opportunity.

With all these brewing stories happening in the background, you can rely on your local FPA chapter to provide you with a diverse set of opportunities to continue providing value to your clients and growing as a professional. So far in 2016, we had the privilege of seeing the following notable speakers and topics at our meetings: Dan Staszak, MS, CPA with an always-relevant tax update, John Madden, JD speaking about divorce with CalPERS clients, Larry Burkhardt, CEcD, Director of Economic Development, outlining the state of Sacramento's economy and, most recently, Joe Moglebust, CRPC®, updating us on the recent social security reform. In addition, we enjoyed fun times at a Thirsty Thursday at Hot Italian and a NextGen mixer at Hook and Ladder. It's been a real pleasure watching you leverage these forums for networking and education.

I want to take this opportunity to address the ongoing question of Continuing Education. Our goal is to provide you as much CE through our events as possible. Occasionally, we are prevented from doing that. Should you require more CE than we can offer, here are a few resources available to you as FPA members: by logging into [onefpa.org](http://onefpa.org), you can access one hour of free CE monthly by completing a 10 question online exam based on each month's Journal of Financial Planning; there are also a multitude of webinars available on the [onefpa](http://onefpa.org) website that have CE credit - in fact, we have a code for six free ones: "sixfree2015"; lastly, on May 10th, our sister chapter in San Francisco is offering Ethics at the City Club at 1:30 (please check [fpanc.org](http://fpanc.org) to register).

While our talented board has set the bar high so far in 2016, the rest of the year will get even better! Please continue supporting our meetings and making the FPA of Northern California a great place to develop as professionals.