



Famous Person: Edna Barnes



Who: Edna Syra Barnes, CPA, director of the Medical/Dental Group at Riney Hancock CPAs PSC in Owensboro, KY. She joined the firm in 1982 as a staff accountant and became a shareholder 10 years later. She has provided a full range of practice management consulting services to physicians, dentists and other healthcare providers.

Leadership in PKF North America: Edna's firm developed the association's initial Healthcare Services program, she is a founding member of PKF North America's Healthcare Committee and is available as a consultant to PKF NA firms.

What Makes Edna Famous: She is a frequent speaker on healthcare practice management topics.

When Edna began working at Riney Hancock, the firm had no niche in the physician and dental practice market. The firm's shareholders encouraged and supported Edna's interest in practice management and reimbursement issues for healthcare practices, and the area now makes up about 20 percent of the firm's revenue.

Edna credits her passion for her work and the enjoyment she gets in building client relationships as the secrets of her success. She loves finding ways to make physician and dental practices more profitable and compliant. "You go out and approach it like a game," she explains. "You find ways to help the clients win. And when they win, everybody's happy."

Professional Participation and Community Involvement: Edna is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Medical Group Management Association.

She is president of the board of directors of the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra, having previously served as treasurer and president-elect. She also is a board member and former treasurer of the Green River Area Community Foundation and is currently treasurer for the Daviess County Republican Committee. She previously worked with a shelter for victims of domestic violence, a local community college foundation, and her local Chamber of Commerce and is a graduate of Leadership Owensboro. Edna also is involved in her church.

Words of Wisdom: "Find something you love to do, join a group of people that share a passion for what they do, bring God with you to work, and wonderful things will happen."

On the Personal Side: The native of Bowling Green, KY, has been married to her husband, Mike, for 23 years. They have two teenage children: Katie and Jonathan. Edna is active in her children's hobbies — band and soccer for Katie and soccer and baseball for Jonathan.

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