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# E-Balance Sheet

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## Employment Tax Return Audits



Random audits of employment tax returns will start sooner than expected. The first 1,500 will be launched this November, not next spring as the IRS had originally planned. A total of 4,500 exams will be done over a three-year period. The primary aim is to update return selection formulas and estimates of the tax gap. The IRS will tell agents to keep an eye out for firms violating worker classification rules, as well as the tax rules for employee fringe benefits and executive compensation. Examiners will also look for S corporations that pay their owners little or no salaries, passing through profits to their shareholders as dividends to save on payroll taxes. More examinations will be ordered up if pockets of noncompliance are uncovered.

*Source: The Kiplinger Tax Letter April 3, 2009*

## 2009 Macungie Relay for Life

Head out to Macungie Memorial Park on Friday evening, May 1st & Saturday, May 2nd, 2009 to participate in the 2009 Macungie Relay for Life! This 24-hour walk-a-thon benefits the American Cancer Society and once again the team at Stortz & Associates will be there! Stop by our tent, say hello and help support this important cause!

The festivities begin at 4:00 PM on Friday and continues until 4:00 PM on Saturday.

Can't make it to the Relay? That's OK! Click [HERE](#) if you'd like to make an online donation to the American Cancer Society.



# May 2009 Office Hours



## EMMAUS HOURS

Monday: 9 AM—5 PM  
Tues—Thurs: 8 AM—5 PM  
Friday: 8 AM—Noon

*Closed daily for lunch from 12 – 1 PM*

**OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MON., MAY 25TH, 2009  
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY.**



## BETHLEHEM HOURS

Wednesday & Friday 10 AM—12 PM

*All others hours by appointment only*

## Didn't file your tax return?

If you owe taxes and didn't file your tax return or request an extension by the April 15th deadline, you may face interest on any unpaid federal taxes you owe and a failure-to-file penalty. The IRS will deny a request for an extension that is filed after April 15th. However, you should still file your tax return, even if it's late.

The failure-to-file penalty is 5% per month, or part of a month, of the balance due—up to a maximum of 25%. If the tax return is more than 60 days late, the minimum penalty is \$135 or the balance due, whichever is less.

Interest and penalties add to the total amount you owe. The sooner you file, even if you can't pay all or some of the taxes due, the less you will ultimately owe.

Please contact our office at 610-967-4711 if you have questions about late filing.

*Source: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)*

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## 2008 Roth IRA Conversions

Don't overlook this tax saver if you converted an IRA to a Roth in 2008: You have until October 15, 2009 to undo the switch without owing a penalty. If the balance in your Roth has fallen since you did the conversion...a likely scenario in light of how the stock market has been performing...switching it back to an IRA can save you a lot of tax. By returning the money to the IRA, you eliminate the need to pay tax on the Roth conversion. If you've already filed for 2008, you can file an amended return to get back the tax you paid on the conversion. You must then wait for 30 days before you can reconvert the funds in the regular IRA back to a Roth IRA.

*Source: The Kiplinger Tax Letter: April 3, 2009*

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## Something for everyone...

If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes!

### Our Team Commitments To You

- TO LISTEN to your comments, suggestions, complaints and compliments;
- TO COMMUNICATE clearly and honestly;
- TO PROVIDE the highest quality of services;
- TO PROMOTE positive thinking and attitudes;
- TO IMPACT your quality of life;
- TO PROMISE confidentiality to you and your information;
- TO BE your best investment;
- TO RESPECT that your perception is always the reality;
- TO KEEP our pencils sharp;
- TO HONOR our commitments to you absolutely.



## Stortz Mortgage Services

Purchasing a new home? Looking to refinance your present mortgage? We can help!

David A. Stortz & Associates, PC is a licensed First Mortgage Broker through the PA Dept. of Banking. We will help you secure a new mortgage or refinance your existing mortgage to take advantage of a lower interest rate or perhaps pay off some debts.

We know we can make this process simpler for you than most mortgage brokers. Why? Because we already have access to most of your financial information that lenders will require to approve your loan.

If you're interested in learning more about this service, please contact Mike Pletz at 610-967-4711.



## New Postage Rates

Please be advised: Effective May 11, 2009 the United States Postal Service will be increasing the price of postage stamps from 42¢ to 44¢. Prices for other mailing services (i.e. Periodicals, Package Services, etc.) will also change. For a complete list of rate changes, log onto [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) or click [HERE](#).

## Do you have Unclaimed Property?

The Pennsylvania Treasury Department is currently seeking the owners of over \$1.5 billion in unclaimed property. Not sure if some it belongs to you? All it takes is a visit to [www.patreasury.org/search.htm](http://www.patreasury.org/search.htm). Enter your first and last name or company name, and the unclaimed property database will tell you if you have any claims and give you instructions on how to retrieve your assets. (P.S. Ladies—don't forget to try using your maiden name, too!)