

December, 2013

All of us join in wishing you
a **Merry Christmas** and a
very **Happy New Year.**



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5 year-end tax tips for high income earners

High income earners are subject to higher taxes on 2013 income with the new maximum rate increasing to 39.6% from last year's 35% maximum. And while this number only affects taxable income over \$400,000 for individuals and \$450,000 for married joint-filing couples, (Also applies to taxable income over \$425,000 for heads of households and/or \$225,000 for married individuals filing separately.) other taxes also apply for those making over \$250,000. This income threshold captures a Medicare 3.8% tax on net investment income, the .9% Medicare high-earner tax, and limitations on itemized deductions.

[Click here](#) to read 5 ways to keep taxable income down.

8 tax breaks that expire at the end of 2013

For businesses:

1. 50% bonus first-year depreciation
2. \$500,000 cap on Code Sec 179
3. Expensing up to \$250,000 for qualified real property
4. Tax credit for qualifying research expenses

For individuals:

1. The option to deduct state and local income taxes
2. Tax-free distributions by those age 70 1/2 or older from IRAs for charitable purposes
3. A tax credit for energy-saving home improvements
4. Individuals who buy qualified small business stock before January 1, 2014 will be able to exclude 100% of the gain on the sale if they hold the stock for more than five years.

SST Promotions

Dalton Cox Promoted to Audit Manager



Dalton joined Salmon Sims Thomas in 2009. He has expertise in employee benefit plan audits, for-profit school industry, and nonprofit organizations. Dalton earned his Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing from West Texas A & M University in 1999 and his Bachelor of Science, Accounting from University of Texas at Arlington in 2009.

Katelyn Reed - Audit Senior



Katelyn joined Salmon Sims Thomas in 2011. She has expertise in nonprofit organizations and for-profit school industry. Katelyn earned her Bachelor of Business Administration, Accounting degree from Texas Tech University in 2009 and Masters of

Helping the community

[Brother Bill's Helping Hand](#) brings not just a legacy of 70 years of service to West Dallas, but hope for a better life to the more than 25,000 people living in the South Dallas area. The faith-based nonprofit offers education, health, and essentials of life programs.



Dalton & Josue pack groceries

Every December, Team SST volunteers time to help families in Brother Bill's grocery store. Participants this year were Bill, Rick, James, Tanya, Carlos, Darjuan, Erica, Dalton, Bobby, Christina, Katelyn, Lisa Berry and Josue.

We want to express to you our sincere appreciation for your confidence and loyalty. We extend to you our Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year!

Focused on Your Success!

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