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Hi, everyone

I hope all your planning for training is going well.

A number of new things have happened recently that I want you to be aware of:

1) The Core Checklist has now been posted on the TP4F Student Page. It currently contains an Introductory lesson which describes the common setup and preparation for each Core exercise. We have also posted the Andrews problem. For Andrews, there is an Interview lesson that teaches the student how to conduct an interview and supplies them with all the additional information they need to do the return. Then there is a deck of narrated slides that goes through each step of the Andrews tax return, explaining Federal and NJ tax law and TaxSlayer data entry. We will release each subsequent Core problem as it is ready.

Just a reminder: All Familiarization and Core problems are done using 2019 tax law and tax software. The links are to the 2019 NTTC versions of the 4012 and 4491.

- 2) My What's New for 2020 decks have been updated and posted on the TP4F Student Page. There is a narrated version that students can listen to on their own. There is also a slide deck with no narration if you prefer to teach it yourself. We have also posted a copy of Abra Watson's handout from the State meeting presentations which shows all the NJ changes for the year.
- 3) The NTTC tax law training slides have been posted on the TP4F Student Page under Tax Law. NJ modules for all the appropriate topics are being worked on now.
- 4) The NJ Special Handling document has now been included in the 2019 NTTC version of the 4012 that is on the TP4F Preparer Page. So now you have one consolidated place to get all the Federal and NJ information you need. The Special Handling document has also been left as a separate document, if you prefer it that way.

Since the 2020 NTTC version of the 4012 is now available, we will add the consolidated Federal/NJ version of that also.

5) The AARP Tax-Aide Intake/Interview booklets and the tax envelopes are now available for ordering on the portal.

I am planning to hold a Google Meet session on Friday, November 13, at 1:00 to discuss the Core checklist in more depth and to answer questions. Please save the date on your calendar. The invitation will follow closer to the 13th.

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