

Volunteer tax experts stayed busy helping callers

Plain Dealer readers kept the phone lines humming this week during a two-day call-in that offered free help from tax experts.

The 31 tax professionals who volunteered for one of the three-hour sessions Sunday and Monday logged more than 750 calls.

The busiest year for the call-in was 2004, following massive tax law changes, when nearly 900 calls were logged.

The most common questions this year involved last year's re-

bate and this year's credit for those who didn't get the rebate last year; the new first-time home buyers' credit; rolling over IRAs; deductions for home offices; breaks for college expenses; and who qualifies as a dependent.

Many volunteers have been participating in the tax call-in for a decade or more.

This year's volunteers were:

Julianne Buynak, CPA, JD, MT, tax manager, Bober Markey

Fedorovich & Co.; Darrell Claytor, CFP, Securities America Inc.; Martin Dekker, tax services, Ernst & Young LLP; Jeremy A. Depinet, CPA, Bober Markey Fedorovich & Co.; Nicole Florio, CPA, Meaden & Moore.

Yvonne Gasper, senior tax associate, RSM McGladrey; Mike Hydell, MT, Bober Markey Fedorovich & Co.; Jo Ireland, CPA, Cohen & Co.; Karen Ivey, taxpayer assistance office, Internal Revenue Service; Howard Kass,

CPA, Zinner & Co. LLP.

Lesley Keller, CPA, Zinner & Co. LLP; Cindy Kula, CPA, CFP, PFS, Walthall Drake & Wallace LLP; Denise Lavin, CPA, MBA, Walthall Drake & Wallace LLP; Dan MacCollum, accountant, HD Vest Financial Services; Donnie Minter, accountant, Professional Associates Accounting Inc. Cindy Mitchell, tax supervisor, Bober Markey Fedorovich & Co.; Sharon Nieland, CPA, Wasacz & Skvoretz Ltd.; Roger

Nudelman, CPA, Howard Wershale & Co.; Craig Nupp, CPA, RSM McGladrey; Simon Pitman, CPA, Professional Associates Accounting Inc.

Mary Pizzuli, CPA, tax manager, Ernst & Young LLP; Kenneth Robinson, JD, CFP, Practical Financial Planning; Mark Skvoretz, CPA, CVA, PFS, Wasacz & Skvoretz Ltd..

Jackie Smith, taxpayer assistance office, Internal Revenue Service; Scott Snow, CPA, CFP,

CIMA, Scott Snow (financial advisers) LLC.

Connie Stone, CFP, ATP, Stepping Stone Financial Inc.; Frank Taylor, CPA, SS&G Financial Services Inc.; Cynthia VerDuin, CPA, Hatfield CPA LLC; Ken Vinocur, tax supervisor, Zinner & Co. LLP.

Arthur Ward, CPA, MT, Card Palmer & Sibbison; Laura White, CPA, Cohen & Co.