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Seattle Chapter Meeting Wednesday, January 28

Rainier Golf & Country Club
11133 Des Moines Memorial Drive South
Seattle, WA 98168
(206) 242-4460

Dress code requirement: no jeans

Menu:

Entrée: Roasted Game Hen

Dessert: Cheesecake

Vegetarian Option: Grilled Vegetables

Members/Faculty	\$27.00
Guests	\$29.00
Students Members	\$19.00
Student Guests	\$21.00

No coffee only option

Reservation/Cancellation Policies

Use the on-line form

Call Arrangements Chair 206-467-8645

Send email to reservations@aswaseattle.org

Reservations deadline:

1pm, Thursday, January 20

Cancellations deadline:

Noon, Monday, January 26

No-shows and late cancellations will be billed.
Walk-ins are welcome but with no meal availability guarantee.

Wednesday, January 28

1 Hour CPE

Speaker: Donna Evered

Topic: Tax Updates

This is our annual meeting explaining the changes to tax law. You don't want to miss this as Donna, one of members, clarifies the often-muddy waters.

Congratulations to the Memphis chapter. They have officially been reactivated. This is great news! Several other chapters are close to reactivation or charter. Way to go ladies.

The Forum for Women in Accounting Wynn Las Vegas June 22 – 24, 2009

Join the profession's top consultants for The 2009 Forum for Women In Accounting, an event for women working in public accounting (partners, managers, and other firm leaders) as well as male and female COOs, partners, HR directors and others involved in building a strong firm culture and a women's program for their firms. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Happy New Year. Best wishes for a prosperous 2009.



Calendar of Events

January 10, 2009	ASWA Seattle: New Member Tea
January 12, 2009	ASWA Tacoma: La Quinta Inn Speaker: Lisa Quast Topic: Your Career, Your Way
January 15, 2009	ASWA Spokane: Red Lion Hotel at the Park Speaker: Don Sheridan Topic: Credit Management Updates
January 20, 2009	ASWA Bellevue: Coast Hotel Bellevue Speaker: Shawn Gagnon Topic: Federal Tax Update
January 20, 2009	ASWA North Cascades: Bob's Burger & Brew 2008 Tax Update
January 27, 2009	ASWA Portland: Talbot, Korvola & Warwick Speaker: Jason Orme Topic: Tax Updates
January 28, 2009	ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf & Country Club
February 9, 2009	ASWA Tacoma: La Quinta Inn Student Activities Night/Business Ethics
February 17, 2009	ASWA Bellevue: Coast Hotel Bellevue
February 17, 2009	ASWA North Cascades: Bob's Burger & Brew Speaker: John Jordy Topic: Managing the Stress of Change
February 19, 2009	ASWA Spokane: Red Lion Hotel at the Park Speaker: Stan Key Topic: EDCCEZ Credits Speaker: Kevin Cox Topic: Federal Tax Credits
February 24, 2009	ASWA Portland: Thirst Wine Bar Speaker: Bryce Jackson Topic: Fitness & Nutrition
February 25, 2009	ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf & Country Club
March 9, 2009	ASWA Tacoma: La Quinta Inn
March 17, 2009	ASWA Bellevue: Coast Hotel Bellevue Joint IMA Meeting
March 17, 2009	ASWA North Cascades: Bob's Burger & Brew Speaker: Deana Lewis Topic: HRAs, HSAs & Health Benefits
March 19, 2009	ASWA Spokane: Red Lion Hotel at the Park Social Security Administration
March 25, 2009	ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf & Country Club
April 16, 2009	ASWA Spokane: Red Lion Hotel at the Park Speaker: Bill Ricker Topic: Spokane City Environmental Programs
April 20, 2009	ASWA Tacoma: La Quinta Inn Speaker: Wayne Borkowski Topic: Movement to International Accounting Standards



Announcements

Scholarship Application Deadlines. May 15, 2009 is the application deadline for ASWA Seattle Chapter 2009 – 2010 Scholarships. March 1, 2009 is the application deadline for the ASWA-EF Scholarship.

Other organizations that offer scholarships for accounting students: Educational Foundation for Women in Accounting (EFWA) www.efa.org. American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) www.aicpa.org.

Next *Journal* Deadline: Wednesday, January 28. The Seattle Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants, to serve its members' interests, publishes the *Journal* monthly. If you have news, seminars, community meetings, committee meetings or an article you would like published, attach the file (preferably in Word™, single spaced with no tables, boxes or irregular formatting) and send via email to **Marilyn Wilt** at journal@aswaseattle.org.

Employment Opportunities Newsletter will be posted after the dinner meeting to the Members Only section of the web site. You will need your 5-digit ASWA member ID number to log in. Send email to update@aswaseattle.org if you can't find your member number.

ASWA LinkedIn Group Please visit our [LinkedIn page](#) and join our group to network with other ASWA members. This is a great way to get connected – and stay connected – with women in New York or California or Texas. Nearly 300 members with 13,600 connections have already joined. Are you one of them? New features have been added to enhance services for users including “news”, “discussion” and “jobs.”

Internship Program We are putting together a list of Schools in the area with accounting Internship programs and the appropriate contact information. The intent is to create a resource for our members who might want to hire seasonal help. Ultimately, we would like to post this on our website as a practice aid to the small business owner. We are working closely with DeVry. We have members who represent other institutions, however, and would like to post the contact information for those programs as well.

SAVE THE DATE

Go for the Gold

Northwest Regional Conference ... May 14 – 16, 2009

Lakeway Inn and Convention Center, Bellingham

We are looking for a good turnout from the Seattle chapter. Plan to attend. Don't let money keep you from attending. The Seattle chapter has some scholarship money available. This is a **great** opportunity to **network, have fun and get CPE**.

More details will be posted in future newsletters.



Presidents Message – January 2009

Well the New Year is upon us and the new US President gets installed shortly. Hopefully we will see the economy rebound from the poor performance in 2008. On January 10, our year started off with a new member tea. Thanks Jo Smitchger for all your work on this, I was unable to attend as I work on Saturdays, but it sounds like it was a fun time.

Our student night is our February 25 dinner meeting, so if you have contact with any students or prospective new members please invite them to our dinner. Students will have special pricing, so please help support our chapter by subsidizing a student.

The North West Regional conference is coming up in Bellingham in May. Look for their save the date post cards and conference registration materials that should be arriving soon. We have been talking about carpooling so keep that in mind, and let's show them a good turn out.

The ASWA Education Foundation through National has two year and undergraduate scholarships as well as Becker scholarships available. Be sure that anyone you know who needs these scholarships visits the National web site.

Sue Tebrink

Report from the Endowment Fund Trustees

The ASWA Seattle Chapter No. 9 Scholarship Endowment Fund was established to encourage, receive and administer gifts in perpetuity for the purpose of granting scholarships for college and post-graduate studies in the field of accounting.

During fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, the fund received \$10,545.00 in permanently restricted contributions. The fair market value of the principal balance was \$138,446.18.

The Scholarship Endowment Fund earned \$5,668.39 during the year. This amount has been transferred to the Chapter's scholarship fund.

The trustees have continued to use the same investment management firm for investment advice. Karen O'Brien and Joe Hebert of TrueNorth Financial Services LLC have agreed to provide the trustees with investment management advice on a pro-bono basis. We very much appreciate their professional assistance.

Contributions, made payable to ASWA Scholarship Endowment Fund, may be sent to the chapter treasurer or to Susanne Lindsley, Trustee, 1218 Third Avenue, Suite 508, Seattle, WA 98101.

Respectfully submitted,

Susanne Lindsley, Trustee
Christina Anderson, Trustee
Linda Landerdahl, Trustee



**National Convention
October 19 –21, 2009
The Palms Resort Las Vegas**

Planning is already under way. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of the excitement! If you are looking to contribute your time and talents, your help is needed. Volunteers are needed for the Program, Hospitality and Workforce Committees. Contact Susan Tripepi at stripepi@neo.rr.com if you are interested in helping or if you want additional details. Your involvement adds to the value of the convention for you. Preliminary program content should be available in May. Other activities include leadership meetings and the Chapter Exchange.

If you are unable to attend perhaps you might have something to contribute to the auction, which supports The Foundation. Last year everyone was jealous of the chocolate that I got!

Some scholarship money will be available. So if you are thinking of going but need some help, please talk to Sue Tebrink.

Interesting Tidbit Elderly women are less likely than elderly men to have significant income from pensions other than Social Security. In 2004, only 24 percent of unmarried women aged 65 or older were receiving their own private pensions (either as a retired worker or survivor), compared to 30 percent of unmarried men. www.socialsecurity.gov/pressoffice/factsheets/women.

Membership campaign update: At the end of December, the following chapters have earned or are well on their way to earning a free JNC registration to Las Vegas:

Small Chapters: Dallas (3); Fort Worth (2); Boston (1); Central Arkansas (1); Charlotte (1); Flagstaff (1); Fort Walton Beach (1); Rhode Island (1); Spokane (1)

Medium Chapters: Memphis (4); Philadelphia (2); El Paso (1); Jackson (1); San Antonio (1)

Large Chapters: Omaha (1); Wichita (1)

Congratulations to these chapters. Will the Seattle chapter be joining these with free JNC registrations? Recruit your co-workers to join ASWA Seattle.

ASWA Mission Statement

The mission of the American Society of Women Accountants is to enable women in all accounting and related fields to achieve their full personal, professional, and economic potential and to contribute to the future development of their profession.

ASWA Claim Statement

For women who seek advancement in the accounting profession, ASWA is a professional membership organization that provides the leadership skills required for success. ASWA provides experienced mentors and a supportive, non-threatening environment to practice business management and establish a professional reputation among peers.