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**Seattle Chapter Meeting
Wednesday, February 22, 2005**

College Club of Seattle
505 Madison Street, Seattle, WA 98104
(206) 622-0624

Social Hour	5:30 pm
New Member Orientation	5:30 pm
Dinner	6:30 pm

Menu

Salad	Spinach & Bacon Vinaigrette
Entrée	Tortellini with Sausage or Vegetarian Pasta (Vegetarian option)
Sides	Green Beans Almandine, Baked Stuffed Tomato
Dessert	Carrot Cake

Members	\$25.00
Guests	\$27.00
Student Members	\$17.00
Student Guests	\$19.00
Coffee Only	\$ 3.00

Reservations, even if selecting the coffee only option, need to be made by **1 pm, Thursday, Feb 16**, in order to guarantee a spot. Standing reservations will apply. For **reservations**: use the **Online Reservations Form**, send email to reservations@aswaseattle.com, or contact Nina Buffington, Arrangements Chair, (206) 467-8645 (ASWA voice mail). For **cancellations**, please call, use the online form, or send an email to cancel no later than noon on **Monday, Feb 20**, before the meeting. No-shows and late cancellations will be billed. Walk-ins are welcome but with no meal availability guarantee.

**Wednesday, February 22, 2005
Dinner Meeting**

Program

Elder Abuse

Speakers: Detectives Diane Wherley and Caryn Lee, Seattle Police Department

Detectives Wherley and Lee will discuss the many types of elder abuse from physical neglect to financial to name only a few, and the law enforcement responses.

Detective Wherley, in her 26 years with the Seattle Police Department, has held various assignments from that of a uniformed patrol officer to her current assignment as a detective in the Domestic Violence Unit. She has conducted extensive training on the issues and investigations of Elder Abuse cases over the past several years. Diane is an active participant with the Elder Abuse Council and an instructor at the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Academy on these issues. She was a recipient of the Seattle Police Department award for "Outstanding Public Service in 2003.

Detective Lee, in her 16 years with the Seattle Police Department, has also held various assignments and is currently assigned with the Fraud, Forgery and Financial Exploitation Unit. She works exclusively on financial exploitation of Vulnerable Adults. Her primary responsibilities include determining immediate financial risk assessments, interviewing victims, suspects and associated people, and preparing the case for filing with the prosecutor's office. She is a graduate from the University of Alaska with a BA in Marketing and Finance.



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President's Message February 2005

Welcome to **busy season**, Everyone! Regardless where you chose to spend your employment energy, you are most likely fully engulfed in *busy season* – whether taxes or audits, year-end closings, government, fundraising, or academia. It is simply what we do at this time of year.

There are a few other things that are happening at this time of year, and I would ask that you find a few minutes to heed the call. **ASWA Seattle is about to host the Northwest Regional Conference (June 16-18) on the Seattle University Campus.** Lots of help is needed to get the registration brochures out to the members and others, stuffing bags with goodies for the attendees, monitoring rooms, CPE sign in/out, and equipment, introducing and thanking the speakers, showing our guests around the campus or beyond into the City. The list goes on and on. Many of these tasks require a very small commitment of time, and some only on the days of the Conference, but ALL are critical. Contact the committee to make your choice.

The Nominating Committee has posted a survey that you can complete and submit on-line, or download and return to them via fax. Tonya, Karen, Linda L. and Jana are busy contacting everyone to **learn how talents and energies can be matched with the needs of our Board and the various committees.** There are assignments large and small, fun or more fun, for the many, or the few. Please consider what you can commit to in the upcoming year to assure the continued success of the Seattle Chapter of ASWA. As 3 of our past presidents mentioned at the dinner meeting in January, you have so much to gain by your active participation in the Chapter – whether that is help in finding a job, making lasting friendships, being part of a mentoring relationship, improving your leadership skills which can then be transferred to other areas of your life (community involvement, church, school, work, etc.), and more. From personal experience, I can warranty that you will gain more from ASWA than the effort you put into it.

Where are we with respect to our goals for the year? Both of the above offer key features in accomplishing our goals for the year. **The goals for the Chapter chosen at the planning meeting on July 9, 2005 are: to promote a sense of ASWA community; actively incorporate new members into activities; and to actively incorporate seasoned members into regional/national activities.**

From where you're sitting, how are we doing? Better yet, how are YOU doing?

Let me know how I can help.

Elizabeth A. Pray
President "at" aswaseattle.org



Speaker Highlights-January

Jan 2006: Donna Evered, CPA, JD

"Tax Update"

Chris Anderson introduced Donna Evered, CPA, JD, as the evening's speaker. Donna spoke on a variety of tax changes for 2005 and 2006, stemming from tax law changes in 2005 and earlier, including a new retirement plan choice called a "Roth 401(k)". She also addressed the implementation of the revised IRS "Circular 230" and it's far reaching impact on anyone who is "giving tax advice" (virtually anyone involved in taxes other than an individual self-preparer).

Liz thanked Donna for her presentation and introduced Oscar Lewis from the IMA. Oscar presented Donna Evered with a bottle of white wine as a speaker gift.

Feb 22 ASWA Dinner Meeting

New Member Orientation 5:45 to 6:30

New members and interested guests are invited to New Member Orientation at the February dinner meeting. We will discuss the ins and outs of being a member of ASWA and the Seattle Chapter and how to maximize the value of your ASWA membership. The meeting will take place during the social hour of the February dinner meeting from 5:45 to 6:30. New members from the past couple of years and interested guests are welcome to attend. Please call or email Mary Fisher if you would like more information - 206-763-9060, x224 or maryf@bigsandlittles.org. See you there!

ASWA NW Regional Conference

June 16-18, 2006 - Seattle, WA

Do you want to be a sponsor at the NW Regional Conference? Or do you know someone who would? Contact Sharron O'Donnell at NWRC06@aswaseattle.org for more information.

Announcements

Hurricane Katrina relief

There are opportunities within and without ASWA to provide support and relief for our ASWA members who fell victim to Hurricane Katrina (and those which preceded and followed). Please visit the ASWA national website (www.aswa.org) and click on Hurricane Katrina to pledge your support or get ideas on ways to be helpful - whether financially or otherwise. Alternatively, you can contact Monica Miles, ASWA national director, through the members only section.

2004-05 annual report of ASWA

ASWA national audited financial statements are now posted to the website (www.aswa.org) for your viewing. Although the entire report is about 20 pages, the actual financial information is on only about 6 of those.

Please be sure to explore the footnote disclosures as those yield critical information about the operations of the Society.

"Kids Are Our Business" fundraising breakfast

Please join ASWA members Teri Kertson and Rhonda O'Leary at KCSARC's 17th Annual "Kids Are Our Business" fundraising breakfast. It will be held at the Seattle Westin Hotel on March 1, 2006, 7:00 - 8:30 am. The program is usually very compelling and includes prominent civic leaders speaking about the mission of KCSARC: to "end the silence" regarding child abuse. The event ends on time so you will be able to get to your office with the minimum of delay. Please see Teri or Rhonda if you are interested in joining our table(s)."



News from Seattle Chapter Nominating Committee

The Seattle Chapter of ASWA needs you! To recapture our vibrancies and maintain our relevance to our members and the accounting community, we need your help. Please fill out the survey below and email to nominating@aswaseattle.org or hand it to Tonya Chin.

Volunteers are needed to continue member services and community outreach. Opportunities for involvement include: Professional Development to provide and track quality CPE for members, Membership to process new member applications and assess the needs of members, Marketing, Communication, and various administrative committees.

Do you have a talent for planning or would you like to further development of you organizational skills? If so, you might be interested in Arrangement where you coordinate monthly meeting meal and facility. Or perhaps the 2007 Fall Seminar Committee where site needs to be selected and programs developed.

If you prefer shaping the future of the chapter, maybe the finance or strategic planning committee would interest you. Volunteers are also needed for the administrative functions of Treasurer, Secretary, Yearbook, and Newsletter. Whatever your preference, the nominating committee needs to hear from you. Please review the committee descriptions, on the next page, or can be found on www.aswaseattle.org, click on "Membership" and then "ASWA Committees".

Tonya C., Jana H., Linda L., and Karen M



2006 ASWA Seattle Chapter Nominating Committee Survey

Your Name _____

Preferred contact: e-mail _____ or telephone: _____

- 1) What positions have you already held, including serving as a committee member?
- 2) Would you like to change the level of your commitment in the coming year? If yes, please elaborate.
- 3) In what capacity would you consider serving next year? Please check and rank your preferences (1st, 2nd, etc.). If you just want to learn more about the positions, please indicate with question marks (?).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President-elect | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer | <input type="checkbox"/> Director of Marketing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Director of Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Director of Professional Development |

Committee Chair – what committee? _____

Committee member – what committee? _____

- 4) Please check statements that apply to you:

<input type="checkbox"/> A recent college graduate	<input type="checkbox"/> Like meeting new people
<input type="checkbox"/> Passionate on Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Like keeping up with job market
<input type="checkbox"/> Party planner, or aspire to be one!	<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy creating new documents

Other activities you like to do: _____

- 5) Who in the organization do you recommend serving in leadership roles for the Chapter?

See the website for a roster of committees, directors and officers functions.

For hand written response, please provide your input to one of the Nominating Committee Members: Tonya Chin, Linda Landerdahl, Karen Mason, and Jana Helmuth. For electronic response, please email to **nominating@aswaseattle.org**. Thank you for your input!



Next Journal Deadline:

Wed, Feb 22, 2006

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" and single spaced with no tables, boxes or irregular formatting) and send to Michelle Yong via e-mail at journal@aswaseattle.org.**

Calendar of Events

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| Feb 26 | Board Meeting – 5:15pm
Dinner Meeting-Senior Scams - Diane Wherly & Carolyn Lee, Seattle Police Department, College Club |
| Mar 22 | Board Meeting – 5:15pm
Dinner Meeting-City of Seattle, B&O Taxes: Model Ord. A, College Club |
| Apr 26 | Board Meeting – 5:15pm
Dinner Meeting-Tostmasters, Parliamentary Rules, College Club |
| May 24 | Board Meeting – 5:15pm
Dinner Meeting-TBA, College Club |
| June 16-18, 2006 | ASWA NW Regional Conference - Seattle, WA |
| Sep 18-20, 2006 | ASWA/ASWCPA National Conference – Las Vegas, NV |

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.