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**Seattle Chapter Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 27, 2006**

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

**Social Hour/Silent Auction**                      **5:30 pm**  
**Dinner**    **6:30 pm**

**Menu:** Salad and Taco Bar

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, September 21,**

in order to guarantee a spot. Standing reservations will apply. For **reservations**: use the **Online Reservations Form**, send email to [reservations@aswaseattle.com](mailto:reservations@aswaseattle.com), or contact, 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, September 25.**

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

**Wednesday, September 27, 2006**

**13th Annual Scholarship Dessert Auction**

With autumn comes the start of the school year and the ASWA Seattle Chapter's annual scholarship dessert auction. You have made this auction so successful that we are able to limit our fundraising activities to this single event each year.

We ask you to make your donation to the ASWA Scholarship Fund\* and allow us to continue our scholarship awards program. Since 1962, our Chapter has awarded more than \$140,000 in scholarships to accounting students. ASWA scholarships benefit students striving to join us in our chosen profession.

**How you can help:**

- **Attend the auction (silent auction and social hour start about 5:30pm)**
- **Bring a friend or another member along with you**
- **Contribute an item to be auctioned**
- **Make a donation or bid on items**

For other information concerning the auction or to reserve space for that special treat you will be providing, please call Patricia Angell at (206) 236-1932 or e-mail her at [angellp@u.washington.edu](mailto:angellp@u.washington.edu).

If you are unable to attend or do not wish to participate, you can help by making a financial contribution to the ASWA Scholarship Fund\* so that we may include your contribution in our fundraising tally. Members are underwriting all expenses of the auction, so that your entire donation will go directly to scholarship awards.

Your help is deeply appreciated. Thank you.

\* Alternatively, you can make your contribution to the *ASWA Seattle Scholarship Endowment Fund*, which provides scholarship awards for the long-term.

## President's Message

September 2006

**The National Conference is where? Vegas? I'll go! That was the response from a large number of our members.**

**I received in the ASWA mail pouch a magazine entitled *Association News, America's Most-Read Magazine for State and Regional Associations* (so it touts). There was a surprisingly very long article entitled "Rolling Out the Welcome Mat for Meetings: Iowa & Indiana". I had to laugh because I am from Iowa and frankly, Des Moines (the s's are silent) Dubuque and Council Bluff just don't have the same appeal.**

**Whether you are attracted to "the Midwestern idyllic heartland scenes of rolling hills, freshly mown hay fields and fish-filled streams, spreading out over the miles beneath pale blue skies" or the glitz of Las Vegas, it is really the people that make any conference worth the trip. We go to meet up with old friends. We build new relationships. We raise money for worthy causes and laugh and play and learn something along the way.**

**So, whether it is a national conference, regional conference or one day of local continuing education sponsored by ASWA, join in. You will be surprised at how entertaining a bunch of women accountants can be.**

Jana Helmuth  
[president@aswaseattle.org](mailto:president@aswaseattle.org)



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### Announcements

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A **Mentor Task Force**, Sharon Lee, Rachel Petrich, Tina Polf and Akilah Stewart, was formed in support of one of the current year goals. They have met once and developed a tentative goal of establishing a Mentoring Program: To provide and support a formal program for matching ASWA members for the purpose of forming a mentoring relationship.

It is expected that outcomes of such a program would include the following:

1. Become a selling point for membership in ASWA, on the same level as CPE and monthly dinner meetings
2. Bind the chapter together
3. Incorporate new members into chapter activities
4. Export the program to other chapters.

For our purposes a mentoring relationship is between 2 persons and can either follow a traditional model (mentor – protégé) or peer mentors. We want to develop a program that will serve both models. For more information, please contact: Tina Polf, 15 S. Grady Way, Suite 633, Renton, WA 98055. Telephone: 425-226-1500, Fax: 425-228-1500, email: [TinaPolf@aol.com](mailto:TinaPolf@aol.com)

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**ASWA-AWCPA Joint National Conference**, at Bally’s, Las Vegas Monday - Wednesday, September 18-20, 2006. One free registration was awarded to our chapter by National for recruiting six or more members during the period of January 1 to June 30, 2006. This was awarded to our President-elect, Rachel Petrich, a first-time JNC attendee. Also, Andrea Smith, Past President, and Mary Sheard, Past and Current President of Tacoma Chapter, say they have condo space available in Las Vegas. They are renting a car to get around. Big place, lots of room. Andrea’s e-mail is: [AndyLee20@comcast.net](mailto:AndyLee20@comcast.net) and Mary’s e-mail is: [Olalla@aol.com](mailto:Olalla@aol.com).

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### Boeing Hispanic Employee Network NABA SHPE NSHMBA BHEN

We are pleased to announce the First Joint Summer BBQ!

Come and enjoy an afternoon full of fun, and games! We will be having soccer, volleyball, and activities for kids!

This is a perfect opportunity to network and meet fellow professionals in the Seattle Area. We will be inviting our sponsors and they will be available to answer questions you may have about career opportunities!

**Location:** NewCastle Park - Picnic Site 1 Sheltered

**Time:** 3 pm to 10 pm

**Date:** Saturday, September 23rd, 2006



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**Pay It Forward.** Volunteer your financial skills. Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity where you can put your financial management expertise to good use? The Executive Service Corps of Washington (ESCWA) is looking for volunteers with bookkeeping, accounting, or financial management experience to help nonprofit organizations improve their financial management practices. ESCWA is a nonprofit organization, one of 34 ESC in the US providing management support to nonprofits and schools.

Volunteers are needed to serve as consultants on well-defined consulting projects, as workshop leaders, to conduct assessments of financial systems for nonprofit organizations, and to assist new organizations with setting up sound financial systems. Volunteer projects typically require about 5 hours in a month and the volunteer sets the schedule with the client organization and team. Share your skills! Go to [escwa.org](http://escwa.org) or call 206-682-6704 for more information.

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The **Nikkei Heritage Association of Washington** is a 501 (c) (3) with a volunteer Board of Directors. We are looking for a board member with accounting skills who might be interested in helping us build our Japanese Cultural Center in Seattle! It's a long held dream of all who love Japanese culture. Contact Lori Matsukawa at 206-604-0587 or [lmatsukawa@king5.com](mailto:lmatsukawa@king5.com). For more information about the Japanese Cultural and Community Center, check out the website: [www.jcccw.org](http://www.jcccw.org).

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An update to the **ASWA Seattle Chapter Yearbook** has been published on the website in the Members Only section.

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**A Wonderful Opportunity for an amazing cultural expeience**

ASWA Seattle has been invited to present our strategic planning resources to a group of Ukraine accountants who will be visiting Seattle this fall. The group is very interested in setting up and running a professional association of accountants in Ukraine and is here to learn how to accomplish this goal. Six out of ten accountants in the group are women, so ASWA is especially interesting to them.

As a member of the Seattle chapter, you can participate by providing support in the presentation preparation or actual presentation on October 4, 2-4pm at the Port of Seattle's conference room at Pier 69. Please let Tonya Shum know if you are interested in helping with this activity by e-mail [strategic@aswaseattle.org](mailto:strategic@aswaseattle.org).

You may also host a member of the delegation. Hosting dates are September 30 – October 18, 2006. Participate profiles are available at [http://www.fraec.org/?page=events&id\\_news=52](http://www.fraec.org/?page=events&id_news=52). For more information, or to volunteer as a host, please contact Ryan Boe at 206-770-4002 or [ryanb@fraec.org](mailto:ryanb@fraec.org).



### Strategic Plan Goals for 2006 – 2007

**Program:** Provide 12 monthly dinner meetings, of which 10 qualify for CPE credits and offer 40 hours of CPE.

**Membership:** Approve 24 new members during the year.

**Member Retention:** Retain 90% membership using the following formula – beginning of year membership MINUS non-renewals and transfers out DIVIDED by beginning of year membership.

**Member Participation:** Encourage 75% participation measured by any committee or dinner meeting, including dessert auction, seminar, group event or community service project.

**Mentoring:** Organize association’s resources to launch a mentoring program by July 1, 2007.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Next Journal Deadline:</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday, September 27, 2006</b></p> <p>The Seattle Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants, to serve its members’ interests, publishes the <u>Journal</u> monthly.</p> <p>If you have news, seminars, community meetings, committee meetings or an article you would like published, <u>attach the file</u> (preferably in Word™, single spaced with no tables, boxes or irregular formatting) and send via email to <b>Marilyn Wilt</b> at <a href="mailto:journal@aswaseattle.org">journal@aswaseattle.org</a>.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Calendar of Events</u></b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><b>September 18-20, 2006</b></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><b>ASWA/ASWCPA National Conference ... Las Vegas, NV</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><b>September 27, 2006</b></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><b>Scholarship Dessert Auction ... College Club</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><b>October 18, 2006</b></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><b>Executive Board: 5:45 ... Jana Helmuth’s home Board Meeting: 6:30 ... Jana Helmuth’s home</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><b>October 25, 2006</b></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><b>Dinner Meeting ... College Club</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><b>November 15, 2006</b></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><b>Annual Student Night ... College Club</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;"><b>December 19, 2006</b></td> <td style="padding: 5px;"><b>Joint meeting with Bellevue ... Coast Bellevue Hotel</b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>September 18-20, 2006</b>	<b>ASWA/ASWCPA National Conference ... Las Vegas, NV</b>	<b>September 27, 2006</b>	<b>Scholarship Dessert Auction ... College Club</b>	<b>October 18, 2006</b>	<b>Executive Board: 5:45 ... Jana Helmuth’s home Board Meeting: 6:30 ... Jana Helmuth’s home</b>	<b>October 25, 2006</b>	<b>Dinner Meeting ... College Club</b>	<b>November 15, 2006</b>	<b>Annual Student Night ... College Club</b>	<b>December 19, 2006</b>	<b>Joint meeting with Bellevue ... Coast Bellevue Hotel</b>
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#### 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.