

Seattle Chapter Meeting Tuesday, December 16

Joint Meeting with Bellevue

Speaker: Rick Sweeney, Executive Director of Washington State Board of Accountancy

Coast Bellevue Hotel
625 116th Ave NE
Bellevue WA 98004
425-455-9444

Members/Faculty	\$24.00
Guests	\$28.00
Students Members	\$15.00
First Time Guests	\$15.00

Reservation/Cancellation Policies

Standing reservations do not apply.

RSVP to Jessica Dreier jessorca@gmail.com by 1:00pm, Thursday, December 11, 2008 or call Jessica Dreier at 425-248-3494.

Cancellations are due by 12:00pm, Monday, December 15, 2008



Happy holidays. May the season bring you peace and joy. See you all in 2009.

Thank you

November 6, 2008

To our Dear Supporters at ASWA Seattle,

On behalf of the women we serve, a heartfelt thank you for the accessory and hygiene products you collected for Dress for Success Seattle.

We expect to serve close to 500 women this year. The items you donated will help each of them to feel more confident as they make that important first impression in the workplace.

We are grateful for your support of our mission and for your interest in the success of your sisters here at Dress for Success!

Many Thanks,
Monique B. Smith
Program Manager
Dress for Success Seattle

Strategic Planning Committee: This committee is hard at work setting goals and laying out plans for the coming year. As these goals become more refined and defined, the committee will be reporting to the membership. This committee wants your input. Be sure to check your inbox for a survey from Survey Monkey.

Dinner Meetings In these tough economic times it is easy to think that the money could be spent on other things; but your attendance is important. We need to do all we can to encourage our members to continue coming to these meetings and to be involved with the chapter. There are many opportunities to share your talents, strengths and interests with others.



Calendar of Events

December 11, 2008	ASWA Spokane: Red Lion Hotel at the Park Dessert Auction
December 12, 2008	Fall Tax Seminar: Seattle University
December 16, 2008	ASWA Seattle: Joint Meeting with Bellevue Speaker: Rick Sweeney
December 17, 2008	ASWA Billings: Yellowstone Art Museum Speaker: Sol Lovas Topic: Medicare Laws & Qualifications
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



Announcements

Your help is needed - ASWA Seattle has need of the following:

***2 – 3 Committee Members for help with Student Night, February 25, 2009. Activities: Find speaker, conduct an information session at a local university, or disburse information to local universities and students. Please call Liz Pray or Carrie Noess with your suggestions or to help on their committee. **Getting involved helps build friendships and brings more value to being a member of ASWA.**

Next Journal Deadline: Wednesday, December 16. 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.

Mentoring Program It is still the goal of ASWA Seattle to get a mentoring program off the ground. Tina Polf presented this at a dinner meeting last year. You still have a chance to make known your interest in participating. Please contact Marilyn Wilt at wzoem@aol.com.

National Convention October 19 –21 The Palms Resort Las Vegas Planning is already under way. 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.



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

April 21, 2009

ASWA Bellevue: Coast Hotel Bellevue

April 21, 2009

ASWA North Cascades: Bob's Burger & Brew

Speaker: Karen Bradley

Topic: Why Women are Underrepresented in Math and Science

April 22, 2009

ASWA Seattle: Rainier Golf & Country Club

April 28, 2009

ASWA Portland: Crowne Plaza, Lake Oswego

Spa Night

May 14 – 16, 2009

NW Regional Conference: Lakeway Inn, Bellingham, WA

The **ASWA Seattle Chapter** has chosen to support Noel House Programs' Annual Holiday Gift Program. Noel House is the largest women's only shelter in the Seattle area sheltering over 250 women every night.

Every year they host a holiday party for the women and present each woman with a gift package containing items such as hygiene supplies, socks, gloves, gift certificates to local restaurants, calling cards and other items to make life a little easier for women who are homeless.

They asked ASWA to sponsor a gift drive for some of the items on their wish list and we are asking for donations from both the Seattle and Bellevue Chapters. The items should be new, unwrapped and will be collected at the joint meeting in Bellevue on Tuesday, December 16th.

Below is a list of items Noel House is requesting:

Gift Certificates* (To fast food restaurants, coffee shops, drug stores, & Payless Shoes); Bus tickets*; Phone cards*; Umbrellas*; Backpacks*; Movie passes to downtown theaters; Wrist watches with alarms; New cosmetics and nail polish; Sleep masks; Ear plugs; Writing journals; House slippers; Knitting and crochet supplies.

* Indicates the items most needed. Please do not wrap gifts.

For more information contact Rhonda O'Leary at CommunityService@aswaseattle.org

Congratulations, Sharron O'Donnell. Sharron was the Northwest Region winner of the Balance Award. This soccer fan, who plays weekly and even traveled to Greece for the Olympics soccer competition, knows the value of mixing in some playtime with her work time. Although she works as much as necessary, she makes a point of being home early enough to spend at least some time each day with her husband, Dan, and also stays in touch as much as possible with her three grown children and two grandchildren.

A passionate advocate for nonprofit organizations, Sharron is a tireless advocate for her community's not-for-profit sector, both as a board member and a teacher. She currently chairs United Way's Audit Review Committee and is a board member for the King County Sexual Assault Resources Center.

When she's not volunteering; working at Bader Martin PS; spending time with family; or out kicking a soccer ball around, Sharron enjoys world travel, gardening, quilting and reading.



**Fall Tax Seminar 2008
 December 12, 2008 - Seattle University
 8 Hours of CPE**

You don't want to miss these great sessions. Mark your calendars now! Sign-in and breakfast begin at 8:00am; seminars begin at 8:30am.

Buying & Selling a Business – Janet Weisman - Harvest Capital Advisors; Robert Abbott - Principal, Harvest Capital Advisors; Bill Pearsall - owner, William Pearsall, PS. This presentation will cover the stages of transaction including checklists and key strategies.

Community Property – Nancy Cahill - Attorney, Holman Cahill Garrett Ives Oliver & Anderson. Property issues unique to Washington including titling of assets and the disposition of assets upon death of a spouse will be discussed.

Hedge Funds – Joe Canbern - Business Development Officer, Asset Summit Strategies. We'll remove the mystery and simplify the concepts to see how your clients are utilizing them today.

Passive Activity Losses – Donna Evered, CPA, JD, ASWA member. Donna will provide an in-depth review of the rules we all love to hate.

Tips To Help Your Clients Get Organized – Ginger Culver, Professional Organizer, member of NAPO. Despite the promise and hype, the paperless society has not yet arrived. Simple strategies for managing paper systems will be presented.

For more information contact: Valerie Moseley at valaccounting@yahoo.com 206-682-3177 x104 or Eleanor Siverts-Akerman at eleanorsa@comcast.net 425-255-8842

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.

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.