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Next General Meeting



November 16, 2006
Program – Id Theft

Speaker – Jeff Jones with Trust CC

Come learn how to keep your identity safe.

Dinner Meeting Details

Red Lion Hotel at the Park
W. 303 North River Dr. Spokane

		<u>Cost:</u>	Students	\$15
Networking	5:30 pm		Members	\$20
Dinner	6:00 pm		Guests	\$20

RSVP by Monday, at 10:00 am: Contact Marie Sweet at mgsweet@williams-webster.com or 953-2736 (cell)

Gold Canyon Candle Fundraiser

October 19 – November 20, 2006
40% of the proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund
Contact Dianne LaValley for more information,
Dianne.LaValley@accountemps.com



Raffle items needed

If you have some items to donate for the raffle, please bring them to the meeting.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 16, 2006
Id Theft
Jeff Jones, Trust CC

December 14, 2006
Christmas Party

January 18, 2007
Tax Update
Connie Goodman, Blodgett & Company

February 15, 2007
Retirement
Dave Scott, MetLife

March 15, 2007
Systems Integration for Fiscal Management
Amy Cleary, Inland NW Ascentium Corp.

April 19, 2007
Stress Relief at Your Fingertips
Ingrid Agnew, Peak Performance Specialist

May 17, 2007
Retirement
Marilyn Rider, Smith Barney

June 21, 2007
Installation of Board and Gardening Tips

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President's Message

Thank you everyone who helped with this year's planning. We have a good variety of programs and speakers. Now we need to finish planning for the conference.

The National Joint Conference was September 18-20 in Las Vegas. Leslie, Joyce, Dianne and I attended the conference. The CPE was good and we got to go on a tour of Bally's casino including the cage. The National Board is looking forward to attending our conference in June.

September's program was very informative about office safety and ergonomics. We learned how to pick a chair and the proper way to work at our desk. October's program was Student Night and we had an informative panel of speakers from four different fields of accounting. This month we will learn about identity theft.

See you at the meeting.

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ASWA MISSION STATEMENT

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



Do You Know the ABCs of Career Change?

Making a career change is one of the toughest job-search challenges. For clarification, “career change” means much more than “job change.” A career change means choosing a completely new profession or industry. A “job change” is simply changing employers within the same industry and profession.

Why do people change careers? The two main reasons are:

- * The industry or occupation becomes obsolete (or is outsourced overseas)
- * Job dissatisfaction (If you dread going to work on Monday morning, you’re probably in this category.)

What makes a career change so difficult? After all, most job seekers attempting a career change know exactly why they would do well in a new profession or industry. The problem comes down to communication. Most job seekers have difficulty communicating in their resume their ability to excel in a new career. Resumes, by definition, focus on career experience (history), but career changers need employers to see their expertise (current skills) in order to be viewed as a viable candidate.

If you are attempting a career change, it becomes easier when you understand the ABC’s of career change:

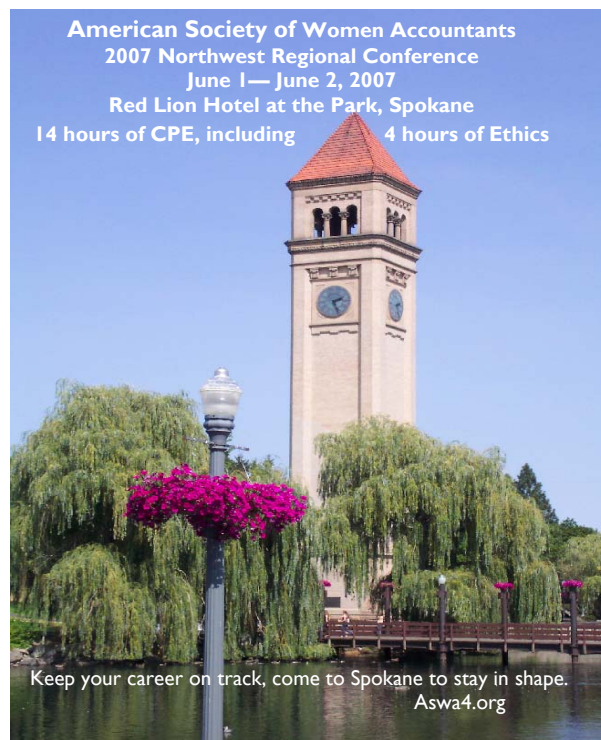
- A: Assess
- B: Bridge
- C: Communicate

Assess what you want changed.

Before you can make a successful change, you must decide what needs changing. Is it the duties you perform? Your overbearing boss? Your current geographic location? The industry you work in? The size of company you work for? The level of responsibility you hold? Once you pinpoint your exact source of unhappiness, you’re on your way to making the correct choice for change.

Bridge the gap between what you’ve done and what you want to do.

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Upcoming ASWA Conferences
2007 Northwest Regional Conference
June 1-2, 2007
Red Lion Hotel at the Park, Spokane

2007 Joint National Conference
October 25-27, 2007
Coronado Springs Resort, Orlando, Florida

Y Women Breakfast Club
Meet other successful women while enjoying
Continental Breakfast the 2nd Wednesday of
every month
When: 7:30-8:30 am
Where: YWCA Comstock Room
829 W Broadway
Cost \$7 per person
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The key to selling yourself based on your expertise rather than your experience is transferable skills. Transferable skills work like bridges to help you cross over from one industry to another or one occupation to another. Transferable skills are those skills you now possess that qualify you as a viable candidate for your career change.

Communicate your ability to excel in your new profession or industry.

Your resume is your front-line communication tool to prospective employers. No matter how well you interview, if your resume doesn't sell you, there won't be an opportunity to convince them in person. Use your accomplishments to prove the strength of your transferable skills, and you'll get interviews faster and with more enthusiasm.

An experienced career coach can help you apply these ABCs to your current resume and your interview skills. Once you practice the ABCs of career change you'll be on your way to changing your career and changing your life—for the better!

Deborah Walker, CCMC
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The most precious thing under the sun today is a minute, and he who can do the most with it can demand the most.

Henry Kaufman

Spokane Chapter ASWA Cookbook

We are currently accepting submissions of recipes for a chapter cookbook, the proceeds will be put towards the Mary M. Fraijo Scholarship. Currently there is no deadline for recipe submission. Each recipe should be e-mailed to mgsweet@williams-webster.com or sent via regular mail to the ASWA PO Box.

Recipes should include the name of the contributor.

More information will be provided concerning deadlines and sales information as more recipes are submitted.

Thank you for your support.