



American Society of Women Accountants

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Next General Meeting



March 20, 2008 Program – Trade Secrets & Covenants
Not to Compete

Speaker – Michael Church
Stamper, Rubens PS

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

March 20, 2008
Trade Secrets & Covenants Not to Compete
Michael Church
Stamper, Rubens PS

April 17, 2008
“The Magic of Herbs”
Joyce Towne, CPA
Retired

May 15, 2008
Public Relations Night
Blending Generations in the Workplace
Mary Ann Sanger

June 19, 2008
Installation of Board and Wine
tasting at Arbor Crest

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
Program 6:45 pm			

RSVP by the Monday before the meeting at 10:00 am:
Contact Leslie Miller at reservations@aswa4.org
or 509-343-3124.



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President's Message:

To my fellow members,

It is hard to believe that we are half way through our fiscal year. It seems, as it was only a few days ago that we meet to set our goals for the coming year. You graciously agreed to the two areas I wish to work on and added two of your own. We set the goal of increasing membership, updating The Standing Rules and duties of the Board Members, looking into doing a golf tournament, and endowing the Scholarship Fund.

Thanks to the Convention last summer we where able to start the year off with two new members and have added three more since then. Dianne has the names of two or three more potential members. With a goal of six this year and 8 next year, we are well on our way to exceeding this year's goal. Do know of someone, male as well as female, who would like to join? Only a few more and we will have two registrations for the regional meeting this summer.

The board has been working hard on the Standing Rules and they are almost done with a final version. Lisa has been a big help in taking over the Board, so that I can meet my added family obligations. All the board has worked very hard on this and the many other items that come up. I cannot thank them enough. Sadly, we will be losing several long-term Board members this coming year. Their replacements will need your support as they step up and try to fill the large shoes of those leaving.

The golf tournament is still in the planning stages and Don has taken the lead on looking into all that is involved. If you are a golfer or just looking to get involved, please check with Don to see where he can use help. At one time, this was a large moneymaker for the Spokane Chapter, but requires many hands to pull it off. We heard of Billings' tournament each year and as they modeled theirs after the one we used to hold. Won't it be nice to have them once more look to us each year for new and better ideas.

The Board, under Leslie and Don, put together a very nice letter as a kick off to our Scholarship Endowment Fund. This too is a long-term goal set by the Board. We are experiencing a time of shortage of Accountants and we have a chance to be part of the solution. If you know of a corporation, small business or individual who could assist by making a donation to the Fund, please contact a Board member. A contract now may not yield a donation, but could allow us to be one of those who are considered when it comes time to set their annual budget. You too can donate and it is tax deductible.

Finally, I would like to thank those of you who have supported me during the past few months. I wish to thank the Board who has taken my goals and run with them, often without my help. Also, thanks to the members who graciously say nothing when I make mistakes in conducting the meeting. May the spring bring a more productive time for all.

Gwen

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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.



The nominating committee: Don Mackey, Mary McIntyre and Lisa Kroiss, met and came up with the 2008-2009 Slate of Officers and Board Members.

Slate of Officers and Board of Directors 2008-2009

- President – Sandi Pendleton
- Vice President – Dianne LaValley
- Treasurer – Mary McIntyre
- Recording Secretary -
- Corresponding Secretary – Shawna Troyer
- Director 1 – Lisa Kroiss
- Director 2 – Sara Melendy
- Director 3 – Don Mackey
- Immediate Past President – Gwen Smith

Slate of Officers and Board of Directors will be voted on at the March 20, 2008 General Meeting.



Spring is coming!
We will be planting flowers again at the Corbin Senior Center sometime in May. They appreciate the flowers and up keep we have done for them the last two years.

Welcome to our new members this year

Mary McIntyre
Janet Shaw
Connie Smith
Shawna Troyer
Amy Biviano
Michele Wood

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Upcoming ASWA Conferences

2008 Northwest Regional Conference
May 30-31, 2008
Courtyard by Marriott
Bellevue, WA

2008 Joint National Conference
October 28-30, 2008
The Fairmont Dallas
Dallas, TX

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: Surround yourself with people who believe
: you can.
: ~ Dan Zadra
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Mary M. Fraijo Scholarship winners for 08-09

Jourdain Poupore, Sophomore at Gonzaga University - \$600
Jessica Arre, Junior at Gonzaga University - \$900



Our local Scholarship Fund is named in honor of Mary M. Fraijo (1927-1995). Mary became a charter member of the Coeur D' Alene, Idaho chapter of ASWA in 1958. She joined the Spokane chapter in 1967. Mary held every office available throughout both chapters, and was later the Northwest Area Director of ASWA continuing to mentor young, bright students and accountants.

The scholarships are awarded to students with a primary residence in the Spokane Area, Inland Northwest (Washington and Idaho). The scholarships are designed to assist either women or men in accounting. We are non discriminatory.