



American Society of Women Accountants

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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

**NOVEMBER 19TH**

**MAXIMIZING OUTLOOK  
FUNCTIONALITY**

**(TO MINIMIZE YOUR WORK)**

**SPEAKER - RHONDA MOOREHEAD**  
**BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR - SCC**



## **Dinner Meeting Details**

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

Networking	5:30 p.m.	<u>Cost:</u> Students	\$15
Dinner	6:00 p.m.	Members	\$20
Program	6:45 p.m.	Guests	\$25

**RSVP by the November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Contact Don Mackey at [reservations@aswa4.org](mailto:reservations@aswa4.org)**  
**or 509-869-9041**

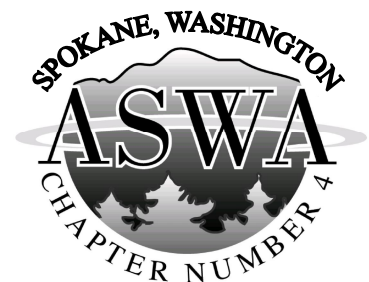
### Calendar of Upcoming Events

**12/10/2009**  
**Special Event**  
**Holiday Fun - Charitable**  
**Fundraiser**  
**Vendor Tables**  
**Shopping**  
**Auction**

**Proceeds to Benefit Hope**  
**House**



**1/21/2010**  
**Evening General Meeting**  
**Mikael Patrick – Langenhorst &**  
**Norwood CPA's, P.S.**  
**And Gonzaga University**  
**Tax Matters – '09 update**



## President's Message

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Greetings ASWA Members!

The Holiday season is upon us with Halloween just ended, Thanksgiving soon to be here and then we look forward to Christmastime.

In the midst of all these activities, please take time to attend our meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> and learn some practical tips involving the capabilities of Outlook from Rhonda Moorhead.

I would also encourage you to mark your calendars now for our December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. It is scheduled a week earlier than normal due to the busy schedules in December. While doing your seasonal shopping, please pick up a few items for Hope House – the charity targeted this year for your assistance. See the list of needs included in this newsletter.

Also, remember to add a little humor to your days so that the stress of "too much to do" won't get to you. Read the light hearted writings from our "Novice" attendee (Leah Rourke) to the ASWA JNC Conference to get you started.

Speaking of Leah, we wish her Best Wishes on her recent move to Boise and will miss her greatly! My thanks to her, to all the Board members for what they do to make our group a success.

Kindest Regards, Sandi



### 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.

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Restoring Hope &  
Rebuilding Lives

*“We open our hearts to the  
women everyone else has  
forgotten.”*

Marilee Roloff

Last year Spokane’s Hope House provided shelter and refuge to more than 350 women aged 18 and older. These women are grandmothers, mothers, sisters and daughters.

Each woman receives safe shelter, a soft bed, a clean change of clothes and something warm to eat. But more importantly, each woman also has access to Hope House’s supportive services like case management, access to mental-health or substance-abuse treatment, and housing—that help women rebuild their lives and leave homelessness behind forever.

The shelter is currently at capacity with 34 beds and 25 onsite apartments. Growing need is stretching resources to the breaking point. Please help sustain this essential program for vulnerable Spokane women.

To get help, get involved or give a gift visit  
[www.voaspokane.org](http://www.voaspokane.org) or call us at 509.624.2378.



## Hope House Wish list

- Pajamas, robes & slippers
- Jeans, flannel shirts, Sweat shirts & sweaters (esp. LG-XXL)
- Gloves, stocking hats & coats
- Household items (alarm clocks, dishes, irons, microwaves, pots/pans, shower curtains, silverware, towels, twin sheets, etc.)
- Bus passes
- Gift certificates (clothing, crafts, food, haircuts, movies, etc.)
- Cameras, photo albums & picture frames
- Watches & jewelry
- Toiletries (deodorant, razors, toothbrushes, etc.) & make-up
- Craft, sewing & quilting materials
- Postage stamps & stationary
- Backpacks
- Socks & underwear

*"What Happens in Vegas Doesn't Stay in Vegas...the 2009 ASWA Joint National Conference" as told by Leah Rourke*

*Day 1: Leslie "The Leader" Miller, Joyce "The Committee" Towne, and Leah "The Novice" Rourke united at the Spokane International Airport at 10:30 on a beautiful crisp Sunday morning. They managed to keep their seats on the overbooked flight, opting to pass on the \$300 vouchers for giving them up. The trio enjoyed leisurely bowls of clam chowder at the Seattle International Airport before connecting to Las Vegas. Seat mates were fairly benign between Leslie's cougher, Leah's 70-year-old flirter, and Joyce's skinny guys who didn't take up too much room. The airport bus whisked them past a gorgeous desert sunset to The Palms Hotel. Infused with anticipation, the trio eagerly awaited the conference to begin.*

*Day 2: The conference started bright and early with the Chapter Exchange. The trio introduced several members from other chapters to the wonders of Constant Contact – the Spokane Chapter is on the ball with technology, fundraising, and member outreach! The keynote speaker, Charlotte Stallings, engaged them in the three E's of Money & Investing: Examine, Explore, and Execute. Examine your mindset and beliefs about finances; Explore your plan for spending, emergencies, and retirement; Execute your action plans. After the day's sessions, a social reception, collecting goodies from vendors, and perusing the silent auction items – The Leader, The Committee, and The Novice proceeded to gamble. That's right. And on the casino's free \$10 promo money to start. Leslie won \$30 and treated her good luck tag-alongs to a frozen yogurt. Joyce then found a hot machine and won \$35! She'll buy yogurt tomorrow...*

*Day 3: 7am session on LinkedIn....yes, they attended, but Leslie The Leader had already taught them everything they need to know to have a successful online network. On the go ever since – sessions on Non Profit accounting, a 2009 tax update, the IRS Stakeholder Advocate program, and detecting fraud on financial statements.*

*The awards luncheon was monumental and emotional – introducing the first annual financial literacy education award, and the President's Award was bestowed on a very deserving and surprised National Board Member, Monica Miles. The annual business meeting recognized outstanding chapters in New Members and Member Retention, New Attendees to the conference and Long Standing members, as well as passed the two proposed by-law amendments.*

*Later in the evening, Joyce earned another \$20 and she splurged on frozen yogurt treats.\* Sounds like a lot of business, but trust them – they had plenty of play! You'll have to attend next year to find out for yourself!*

*\* If you really want to hear about their fun: Leslie won a two-pack of 24oz Miller Lites (fitting, per her name!). She also spotted Grandma Lee and Kevin Skinner from America's Got Talent. The trio socialized with The Billings Gals in their penthouse suite – it's the only way to stay when 6 members from your chapter attend! And if you want a Margarita – the trio can tell you where to find a 42oz blended with a keepsake glass (at 42oz, that glass looks more like a bowl!).*

*Day 4: The cleaning lady is malicious! The first morning, the hotel alarm buzzed at 5am. The second night, Joyce specifically checked to ensure it was turned off, and they slept soundly until their reasonable wake-up hour. Assuming that what is turned off, stays off, no one checked that alarm the third night. What do you know: that blaring alarm startled them all at 5am. The trio are not a practical joking group – the only other person in the room was the cleaning lady! Not cool!! It didn't dampen their smiles, though. Morning sessions on the new Form 990 for non-profits and exempt organizations, valuation discounts, and business intelligence tools prepped their appetite for lunch.*

*Sadly, after lunch, the trio parted ways. The Leader and The Novice needed to catch a return flight, while The Committee moved to the Circus Circus Hotel for a few days of vacation with her family.*

*The trio sincerely thanks the Chapter for helping to sponsor their attendance at the Conference. A successful and rewarding time was enjoyed by all!*

***We would like to wish a fond farewell to Leah Rourke. She is relocating to Boise, Idaho to continue her education and be closer to her sweetheart. Leah would like to re-activate the Boise Chapter of ASWA as she values the benefits that our group exposes her to and would like to continue the valued relationship! We wish you well and hope to be seeing you at regional events, Leah!***

## Board Member Spotlight

Don Mackey is in the spotlight for November. Don currently holds the Director #3 Hospitality position on the Board of Directors for the second term in a row. Prior to that Don Was Treasurer for the '06-'07 and '07-'08 terms. Don also acts as our unofficial photographer, being one of the many skills he brings to the group.

Currently Don is a Membership Analyst with Premera Blue Cross. His prior experience includes Senior Accountant at Western United Life Assurance Company, Audit Specialist at Wells Fargo Bank in the Mortgage Lending Group and Accounting Manager at HMU Management in Edina, Minnesota.

Don earned his Bachelor's in Business and Economics at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa and attended the Masters Degree Program in Communications and Entrepreneurial Leadership/Information Systems Management at Eastern Washington University.

Don describes his wife Carole as his best friend in the world. They live in Otis Orchards and are enjoying the good life here in rural Spokane. Don is a Green Bay Packers fan, but we won't hold that against him. Don is a little torn these days, as Brett Favre now plays for the Vikings. I wonder who he was cheering for in last weeks game?

The ASWA gives Don an opportunity to meet a great variety of people and provides him access to continuing education. Being involved in the group also gives him opportunity to expand his skill set and contribute his time and talent in areas outside of his work environment.

Don would like to remind members that it is never too late to start something new. Today is the first day of the rest of your life and tomorrow will be, too.



## **Upcoming Conferences**

*ASWA Northwest  
Regional Conference  
"Stop and Count the Roses"*

*June 18-19, 2010*

*Portland, Oregon*

*Crowne Plaza Hotel*



*ASWA Joint National  
Conference*

*Nashville, TN  
Sept. 27-29, 2010*



*IMA Joint National  
Conference*

*Reno, NV  
Feb 18-20, 2010*

*20 hours CPE  
Accounting, Finance and  
Management Tracks*