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Next General Meetings



January 15, 2009
Program – Credit Management Updates

Speaker – Don Sheridan, NACM
(National Association of Credit Management)

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 Monday before the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Contact Don Mackey at reservations@aswa4.org
or 509-869-9041

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

1/15/2009
Don Sheridan
NACM
Credit Management Updates

2/19/2009
Stan Key
Spokane EDC
EDCCEZ Credits

3/19/2009
Social Security Administration

4/16/2009
Bill Ricker
Spokane City
Environmental Programs

5/21/2009
Public Relations Event

6/18/2009
Officer Installation
Chico's Fashion Show



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President's Message

Welcome to 2009! Thankfully, the weather has let up for a few days to give us relief from shoveling and warmer weather has melted a lot of the snow. It has been the most I've ever seen in my lifetime and hope it never happens again to this extent.

The Candle Sales in November netted \$385 and was added to the December Dessert Auction funds of \$364 for a total of \$749 to help the women at Hope House. I am very pleased that we were able to assist them by providing a variety of clothing, many household and personal items, and bus passes as well. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this worthy cause such a success!

January's meeting will include a presentation on Credit Management and the formation of the Nominating Committee to select candidates for next year's slate of officers. If you would graciously consider being on this committee or want to have your name added for a Board position, please contact me. We would love to have more involvement.

In addition, a Chapter business item needs your attention. Our Board is proposing a By-Law Amendment to change the requirement of an "audit or review" of our treasurer records, to need only a "compilation" of the records by an independent accountant. Members at the meeting in February will vote on this amendment.

Start your New Year off right by networking over dinner with fellow accountants before the ones involved in taxes get that glazed over look in their eyes.

With Kind Regards,
Sandi

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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.

Board Member Spotlight

Our 2008-2009 Recording Secretary is Leah Rourke.

Leah is currently a full-time student, pursuing a Masters of Accountancy degree at Gonzaga University. She also works part time at Heiskell MacGillavray & Associates, as well as at Applied Insight, and volunteers at the Shalom Ministries soup kitchen. Previously, managed a Real Estate office in Boise, and before that spent a year as a volunteer in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY.

Originally from Seattle, Leah's lived in such diverse locations as West Virginia, New York, Italy, and Idaho. Her family includes her Mom, two brothers, and a "hilarious boyfriend".

Things you should know? She is a certified expert dessert taster, tree-trimmer, and card-maker. So keep Leah in mind for your taste-testing needs.

Leah loves the diverse topics at ASWA's monthly meetings, the energetic participation of members, the relaxed atmosphere and the relentless dedication to giving back to the community.

For a message to members, she quotes Eleanor Roosevelt: "It takes strength, courage, and confidence each time you look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do."

Leah can be reached at leahrourke@gmail.com, or come to a meeting and meet her in person!

Welcome to our new member:

Lisa Hjaltalin

Congratulations to Marie Sweet

For passing the CPA exam!!

Members are needed for the Nominating Committee to nominate next year's slate of officers.

The Committee consists of 3 members: one appointed by the President, one elected by the Board, and one elected by the members.

At the January Board Meeting, Sandi, as President, appointed Leah Rourke and the Board elected Leslie Miller.

The members at the January meeting will elect someone as the third member.

The Committee will report no later than the February meeting. Please consider serving in this vital but short term committment.

Highlights of December 11
Dinner Meeting:

Early in December, we held our general meeting and even though some of you missed it, our first-time ever Dessert Auction raised \$364.00 for Hope House. Sandi kept raising her bid and was not outdone for the delicious cheesecake that Leslie provided! Several subsequent sales of individual portions added to the funds raised and probably to many waistlines as well. Three beautiful table runners were sold also.

Adding to the evening's enjoyment was a short performance of Christmas songs by a quartet from Sweet Adelines.

Finally, to top off the evening we played Bunko and Leah was the winner of a movie gift card.

Proposed By-Law Amendment:

A By-Law Amendment is proposed by the Board to change that "the records of the treasurer shall be audited or reviewed by an independent accountant" to read instead that "a compilation of the records of the treasurer shall be conducted by an independent accountant." An audit or a review are costly services and are deemed to be beyond the scope of the financial activities of our local chapter, therefore, the Board is recommending this change.

This notice is hereby posted prior to a vote of the members present at the meeting in February.

"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together."

— Vista M. Kelley

