



American Society of Women Accountants

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### Next General Meetings



March 19, 2009 Program – Social Security Benefits:  
Retirement, Survivor and Disability Benefits  
Medicare and an overview of Social Security

Speaker – Cheryl Anderson

April 16, 2009 Program – Dual Accounting –  
Carbon & Dollars

Speaker – Lloyd Brewer

### Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

3/19/2009  
**Social Security Administration**

4/16/2009  
**Lloyd Brewer**  
**Spokane City**  
**Environmental Programs**

5/21/2009  
**Stephanie Vigil**

**Volunteering in our Community**

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

### 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](mailto:reservations@aswa4.org)  
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## President's Message

Greetings ASWA Members!

As I glance out the window to write this, the snow is coming down like a "white-out". Didn't we just make the "Spring-Ahead" to Daylight Savings Time? I guess the month of March is being like a lion today! As some of our members are in the middle of tax season as well, they may be growling like a lion too. But take heart, this season will pass and many good things will come with the Spring.

New opportunities will present themselves for the members listed on the Slate of Officers to be elected at the March meeting. If anyone would like their name added to the list at that meeting, there will be a call for names as allowed in our By-Laws or you can send me an e-mail to let me know.

The Scholarship Committee is meeting to review the applications and to determine the amount of funds to be awarded to worthy recipients. We are proud to be able to offer this assistance to students in our area and promote their development as accountants.

The Scholarship Fund grows slowly each month from the money raised with our raffle items at our meeting. But the fund can get a big boost with your participation in our May event that will have an enhanced Dessert Auction. More details will be sent soon to all our members.

Make plans to attend our monthly meetings and nurture the friendships and professional connections with other accountants and students in attendance. I look forward to seeing you.

Kind Regards,  
Sandi

### Spokane Chapter Officers

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We will be voting on our slate of officers for the upcoming 2009/2010 year at our March meeting. Proposed list follows: come make your voices heard!

Welcome to our new members:

Candy Anderson  
Shelley Ripley

Proposed Slate of Officers 0910		
President	Pendleton, Sandra	Douglas Eden Phillips DeRuyter & Stanyer PS
President Elect	Rourke, Leah	Gonzaga University
Vice President	LaValley, Dianne	Robert Half International
Treasurer	Moeller, Lindy	Spokesman Review
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Director Historian	2 Sweet, Marie	Williams & Webster
Director Hospitality	3 Mackey, Don	Premera Blue Cross



***Happy St. Patrick's Day!***

***May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night, and the road downhill all the way to your door.***

***- An Irish blessing***



*The North Cascades Chapter  
Cordially invites you to join us for the  
Northwest Regional Conference!*

**Northwest Regional Conference 2009**  
*Go for the Gold!* May 14-16, 2009 *...for World Class Accountants*  
**Best Western Lakeway Inn**  
**Bellingham, Washington**

**Keynote Address: Principles of Excellence – Ralph Vernacchia**

The mental skills developed and utilized by elite athletes to help them succeed can also be applied to the workplace and in your personal life. **Ralph Vernacchia**, one of the nation's leading experts in applied sport psychology, discusses how everyone can draw on their mental skills and inner strengths to achieve peak experiences, effective performances and a satisfying quality of life.

**Exciting Fun Night!**  
**Roaring 20's  
Murder Mystery  
Dinner Theater**  
Courtesy of  
Lucky Lady Interactive Events  
*Period Costumes!*

**16 Hours of CPE!**



**Wine Tasting!**  
**Thursday  
Night**

**Featured Topics and Speakers:**

- Ethics/FASB Update - Wayne Borkowski, CPA, CMA
- Federal Tax Update – Donna Evered, CPA, JD
- Sustainability Accounting – Stephen Senge, CMA
- International Taxation Issues – Gail Kruk, CGA
- Elder Law – Barry Meyers
- Navigating New Features of Excel 2007 – Sharon Kirkpatrick, CPA
- Domestic Production Activity Deduction – Reed Showalter
- Managing Through Change – Jennifer Moss
- Estates & Trusts – Bruce Smith
- Recessions: A Recipe for Fraud? – Tiffany Couch

**Registration: Non-Members \$375, Members \$325, Early Bird Discount (\$50) if postmarked by April 17th**

**The Best Western Lakeway Inn: Phone 671-1011 [www.thelakewayinn.com](http://www.thelakewayinn.com)**

**Conference room rate for Single/Double Occupancy is \$129 if reserved by April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**For reservations or more information, contact Darice Ratzlaff at (360) 354-5149, or [daricer10@msn.com](mailto:daricer10@msn.com).**

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