

The Monthly Balance Sheet

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President's Letter



This past Saturday the Houston Affiliate of AWSCPA hosted its annual seminar. It was the 24th annual seminar and another successful one for our organization. The success of these annual seminars doesn't just happen. It occurs through the collective efforts of our members. A big thank you goes out to the following ladies: Brenda Banks, Barbara Courtright, Kathryn Harris, Patty Hunt, Joan Khosla, Phyllis Martin, Jane Tillinghast, and Annette Williamson for assisting with sponsorship, obtaining speakers, brochure design, registration, and membership. Also thank you to Uzma Chowdhury, Lucille Gedies, Eve Lawrence, Wendy Lewis, Ellen McMurrey, Jackie Pierson, Stephanie Sawyer, Pam Schertz, and Francis Weatherly for being monitors. And last but not least, to Sarabeth Boothe for assistance with obtaining vendors. Every one of these ladies performed their assigned tasks with the utmost competence and in so doing allowed our affiliate to exemplify a well-run organization and event. The success shows by the comments we receive on the evaluation sheets from the seminar. Our participants truly appreciate the effort we put forth in organizing this event and also realize that this is all done voluntarily - which makes it even more exemplary.

Gilda Mendoza

2006-2007 President AWSCPA Houston Affiliate

Board Meeting and Annual Seminar Recap

Please join us Thursday evening, February 15th at Gilda's offices at the Kanaly Trust Company to discuss the annual seminar evaluations, etc. We will also have a board meeting to discuss the state of our finances, the scholarship program, new officers, and programs for the 2007-2008 year. This meeting will start promptly at 5:45 and will finish by 7:45 pm. Please come with your comments and ideas, and also a list of proposed officers for 2007-2008. We will have boxed sandwich dinners from Café Express (\$8.00 pp). To reach the Kanaly Trust Building go east on San Felipe from West Loop 610. At the first light past the frontage road turn left on Post Oak Park (opposite of the entrance to Target). Turn right at the second stop sign. This street is Post Oak Place Drive. The Kanaly Trust Building is a block down at the corner of Post Oak Place Drive and Briar Hollow Lane. Call Gilda if you need assistance 713.582.0586 (cell) or 713.561.9338 (office). Please RSVP so that she can plan on the number of boxed meals to have.

Member News and Announcements

Welcome – to our January guests, **Linda Smith, Beverly Whittey, Linda King and Martha Polise.**

Welcome – to our new members **Gail Prather, Kathleen Gibson, Irene Ritchie, and Darlene Ayoub.**

January Meeting – As usual, **Deloitte Tax** sent us a great set of speakers for our annual tax update. Thank you, **Marilyn Falkenhagen, Kim Feimster, Melinda Grady, and Laura Holmes,** we learned a lot!

Member News – We give Mary Ross our condolences on the death of her father.

Has your contact information changed? Please submit all corrections to pahunt@earthlink.net and AWSCA at www.awscpa.org.

Job Opportunities – A downtown energy firm is searching for an Assistant Controller with Sarbanes-Oxley experience. Duties include accounting and SEC reporting for corporate and holding company entities and working with outside auditors, also supervision of accounts payable and general ledger accountants, debt compliance, management reports, earnings reports, procedures, and a feasibility study for a new accounting system. Approx \$120K. Contact Valerie Service, Select Search Consultants, LP, 713-715-5858, vservice@ssclp.com

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If you do not wish to be reminded of a meeting by the call committee, contact the member in your range. Otherwise enjoy the luxury of momentarily having a personal assistant remind you to make a reservation for a dinner meeting. If you are on the standing list, use this as a reminder to come to the meeting or to cancel so that you will not have to pay for an unattended meeting.

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Brenda Banks at the Merrill Lynch sponsor table.
Thank you, **Merrill Lynch!**

Gilda Mendoza, Houston Affiliate President, and **Mary Cheaney**, National AWSCPA VP Member Services, the closing annual seminar speaker.



The Annual Seminar Committee 2007





**Houston Affiliate
Fiscal Year 2006 to 2007
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Spring Mini Seminar	Brenda Banks	brenda_banks@ml.com	(281) 374-5328	(281) 812-2413

***Board Member names are in boldface.**

A Complete Member Directory can be searched or downloaded from the Member's Section of the national website, www.awscpa.org. Our affiliate website, www.awscpa.org/houston, has a schedule of upcoming events.

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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Board Meeting Date: Thursday, February 15, 2007

Location: The Kanaly Trust Building, 4550 Post Oak Place at Briar Hollow Lane

UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker – Topic</i>
February 15, 2007	Board Meeting and Seminar Recap
March 15, 2007	Technology Update, Speaker: Sheryl Greiner
April 19, 2007	Data Management, Speaker: Cheryl Watrobka



The Kanaly Trust Building
4550 Post Oak Place Drive
Houston, TX
(February meeting only)

Dinner and Program: 5:45 pm
Cost: \$8:00

RSVP to Gilda Mendoza, (713) 582-0586