

The Monthly Balance Sheet



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Annual Scholarship and Charter Renewal Dinner June 21, 2007

Christie's Seafood and Steaks 6029 Westheimer, near Greenridge

5:30-6:00pm Registration/ Dinner
6:50pm Program

The Connected and Committed Leader *Speaker: Laura Lopez*

Course Objective:

- Define leadership and why it is important in business
- Why it's important to integrate management and leadership skills for a holistic approach
- Challenge the audience to honestly assess their leadership skills
- Understand the implications of poor leadership

Course Overview:

Leadership is a hot topic in many corporations today. Gallop Research has shown that there is a direct correlation between strong leadership and engaged employees. A happier, more satisfied workforce drives more sustainable results. However, despite these known facts, we are in an increasingly competitive marketplace today where it is not uncommon for organizations to be downsizing their workforce. Employees across industries are under greater pressure to pick up the pieces and work harder than ever before. While the importance and need for effective leadership has been heightened, time pressures and stress challenge its effective implementation. It becomes a vicious cycle that continues to perpetuate the issue.

We will discuss some specific ways in which we can all take personal accountability to alter the cycle and begin to create a more constructive, creative and engaged work environment through effective leadership.

Level: Basic Pre-requisite: None 1 hour CPE

Menu: Madeira Chicken and Fried Shrimp

Registration:

Stephanie Sawyer

(832) 338-0311

Members: \$32

Due date for registrations 6/13

Nonmembers \$37

Standing reservations do not apply

Walk-ins and late registration \$42



About the Speaker:



Laura Lopez is a former Marketing VP with The Coca-Cola Company. Throughout her 20-year corporate career, Laura has effectively led teams of people to launch products, build advertising campaigns and achieve results year after year. In her corporate roles as well as an entrepreneur, Laura has had the opportunity to learn about the challenges and opportunities of leadership in practice.

Laura Lopez' book, "The Connected and Committed Leader" is planned for release in the fall. It's concepts and principles will be at the core of this curriculum.

Laura holds a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from the American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird) and a Bachelors of Science from Bucknell University. Laura is a member of the National Speakers Association.

There will be a videographer in attendance filming the presentation.

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JULY PLANNING MEETING

July 19, 2007

Location: Joan Khosla's office at 2190 North Loop West Suite #415, Houston, TX 77018.

Directions: From the North Loop, exit TC Jester East, turn North (go outside the loop.) You will see entrances to the complex of buildings. Entrance 5 is for 2190. Turn right into the entrance, follow signs to 2190 parking garage. Park in visitor spaces, come up to Suite #415. If the building door is locked, call 713-862-9200 and press 0. Tell whomever answers that you need access to the building for the AWSCPA meeting.

Menu: Jason's Deli

Reservations and cost: To be announced

Member News and Announcements

Welcome – to the guests at our May mini-seminar, **Denise Castillo-Rhodes, Judy Gersh, Jan Miller** and **Maria Cheng**.

May's Mini-Seminar – **Karen Nowiejski** of Nova Actuarial Associates gave us a thorough and very well-organized overview of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 with assistance from **Tiffany Lauer**. Thank you, **Brenda Banks**, for organizing the mini-seminar for us, and thank you, **Annette Williamson**, for last minute registration help.

National News – The incoming and outgoing National Board meetings are on June 4th and 5th this year in Atlanta. **Wendy Lewis** and **Jane Tillinghast** are going to serve in the same positions in 2007/2008 as they did in 2006/2007. **Mary Cheaney**, who spoke at our annual seminar, will be the 2007-2008 National President Elect.

The 74th Joint National Conference is October 25-27, 2007 at Coronado Springs Resort Orlando, Florida. The 2008(AWSCPA Diamond Anniversary) Joint National Conference will be in October 2008 at Dallas, Texas.

The checklist for the **Affiliate Silver Star Award** is printed on the following page. Besides applying for the current year, we need to keep the checklist in mind during the July Planning Meeting for 2007-2008.

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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.

**American Woman’s Society of Certified Public Accountants
Affiliate Silver Star Award**

Star Affiliate Awards are presented annually to every affiliate nominated for an outstanding achievement during the fiscal year.

In addition, the Silver Star Award makes available an alternative process whereby an affiliate might gain the same recognition. This process would involve receiving points for meeting specific criteria, as established by “Healthy Affiliates”.

Complete the following checklist and return to national office:

MEMBERSHIP POINTS

Award one point for every ten active members. (Round up for fractions) _____
Award an additional point for each new member gained this year. _____

AFFILIATE PROGRAMS (please provide a listing of each event in this category)

Award one point for each affiliate event held during the year. _____
Award an additional point for each “new member” event held during the year. _____

*Bonus points are available for documentation of each event attached to this application.
Documentation includes copies of meeting notices, e*blasts, announcements, etc.*

MARKETING/PUBLICITY (all publications qualify in either print or electronic format)

Award one point for each press release issued by the affiliate. _____
Award one point for each newsletter published during the year. _____
Award one point for any other marketing piece published by the affiliate. _____
Award one point for each corporate sponsor used by the affiliate during the year. _____
The sponsorship is not limited to events, but can be for a variety of reasons.

Bonus points are available for documentation of each publication attached to this application.

AFFILIATE MANAGEMENT

Award one point for every Board meeting held by the affiliate. _____
Award an additional point if a Board Retreat or Board training session was held during the year. _____
Award one point if the affiliate has a budget and/or financial statements for the year. _____
Award one point if the affiliate kept Minutes of each Board meeting. _____
Award one point if affiliate conducts new member orientation, either as an event or individually. _____
Award one point if affiliate has developed and implemented a strategic plan. _____
Award a point for each first-time Board Member serving this year. _____
Award one point if affiliate utilized National Office resources during the year. _____

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Award one point for every scholarship given by the affiliate for the year. _____
Award one point for every community project the affiliate participated in. _____
Award one point for every affiliate member nominated for an AWSCPA National Award. _____
Award one point for every affiliate member who holds an AWSCPA National Board position or serves on an AWSCPA National Committee. _____
Award one point for every affiliate member who holds an AICPA National Board position or serves on an AICPA National Committee. _____
Award one point for every affiliate member who holds a State Society Board position or serves on a State Society Committee. _____

AFFILIATE NAME _____ TOTAL POINTS _____



Houston Affiliate
Fiscal Year 2006 to 2007
Officers and Committee Chairs

AFFILIATE OFFICERS

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***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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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 21, 2007

Location: Christie's Seafood and Steaks, 6029 Westheimer Rd., near Greenridge

*** Newsletter Changes ***

The affiliate has decided to go paperless beginning **July 2007**. We will continue to mail hardcopy newsletters to any current member who requests them, but otherwise will circulate on e-mail. As always, copies of the newsletter will be posted on our website at www.awscpa.org/houston. If you wish to receive hardcopy newsletters, please notify **Patty Hunt**, the AWSCPA Database Chair at 713-524-2428, 713-447-1115 or pahunt@earthlink.net. If you wish to correct or change your e-mail address, please notify pahunt@earthlink.net and www.awscpa.org.

UPCOMING MEETING CALENDAR

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker – Topic</i>
June 21, 2007	Charter Renewal & Annual Scholarship Dinner, Speaker: Laura Lopez
July 19, 2007	Annual Planning Meeting, 2190 North Loop West, Suite 415 77018
August 16, 2007	Risk Management, Speaker Fritz Koehler



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Dinner: 6:00 pm
Program: 6:50 pm

Reservations due by: Wednesday, June 13, 2007