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The holidays are over and as we pack away our ornaments and decorations, another tax season is staring us in the face. I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family, friends, and loved ones. It is difficult to believe that it is 2004, the past year has just flown by - (Although I will still be writing 2003 on my checks for at least a couple of months yet).

I want to thank Tammy Beverage and Ronda Shutt for coordinating our December holiday meeting. Everyone had a wonderful time as Ronda led us through a fun and imaginative game of...who am I? Although the gift exchange started out calm enough, it definitely livened up as participants began "stealing" gifts from one another! In fact, I later found out that we a couple of our attendees actually "conspired" to strategically steal gifts so that the co-conspirator would end up with what they wanted! Thanks again to Tammy and Ronda for organizing a great holiday meeting at a great venue.

Our first official new member in 2004 is Ms. Feilin Wang. Feilin is a student at University of California Riverside and is an active member of the Accounting Society. Please be sure to welcome Feilin to our organization.

January's meeting will be at Marie Callender's Restaurant on **Thursday, January 15th, 2004 (not the 8th)**. We have changed our meeting date for this month only to accommodate our speaker's schedule. The first speaker of the New Year will be Ms. Lucia Powell, CPA of Soren McAdam Christenson LLP. Lucia will get us up to speed for this year's tax season with the 2003 Federal Tax changes. I hope to see everyone there!

I wish you all a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year.

Cheryl

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There are no minutes this month as we did not conduct any business at the party in December.

Our speaker for January is Lucia A. Powell CPA. Lucia has been practicing as a CPA since 1992. She earned her bachelor's degree from CSUSB in 1989 and went to work for Fleming, Reiss & Co. After 4 years with this firm, she opened her own practice, handling clients in San Bernardino, Redlands and Riverside. In 1996 she accepted a position with her current employer, Soren McAdam Christenson LLP (at that time Soren McAdam Bartells).

Lucia manages the Accounting Services Department, specializing in on-site and in-house write up work, preparation of non-disclosure financial statements, small business reporting including payroll, sales tax, business property statements, etc. Currently the department is expanding into the area of out-sourced controllership work.

In addition to managing the accounting and reporting needs of clients in the medical, construction, and retail industries, as well as some non-profit organizations, Lucia handles other areas of public accounting such as tax planning, tax preparation and consulting.

Extra curricular activities include being treasurer of the San Bernardino Symphony Association and participation in the 2004 Leadership Redlands program.

Come join us Thursday, January 15th for Lucia's interesting tax update.



Announcements:

Welcome to our first official member of 2004, Ms. Feilin Wang, a student at UCR.

Congratulations to all of the senior students who have recently accepted offers from many of the local (and not so local) firms after graduation.

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*****Attention UC Riverside Alumni*****

The UCR Accounting Society is currently looking for long lost UCR Alumni. We have many opportunities for you to get more involved with current students as they pursue their career in accounting. These include quarterly alumni networking dinners, mentoring programs and recruiting events! Please contact David Gutierrez at (909) 660-9183 or by e-mail at mgutie3957@aol.com if you are interested.

Please email me at vcleveland@smc-cpas.com if you would like to make a personal or professional announcement in the newsletter.

January's Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 15, 2004
Time: 6:00pm: Networking
6:30pm: Dinner and speaker

Dinner/Meeting: Marie Callender's
2149 E Convention Center Way
Ontario, CA 92375

Directions: <http://www.infospace.com/mapredir.htm?&otmpl=yvp3/map.htm&QA=2149+East+Convention+Center+Wa&QC=Ontario&QS=CA&QZ=91764>>Map

RSVP by Monday January 15, 2004

AWSCPA RSVP

Month of Meeting: January 2004

Members and Guests: Number attending at \$30 ea. _____

Dinner choices are:

Students: Number attending at \$15 ea. _____

1) Veggie Lasagna

Name _____

2) Roasted Turkey

Mailing Address _____

3) Pot Roast

Dinner Selection _____

Please RSVP to:

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