



AMERICAN WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Inland Counties Affiliate Newsletter – February 2004

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February 2004- President's Message

It seems like the 2003-2004 AWSCPA year is flying by as we rapidly approach another busy season. We have had some very interesting guest speakers so far this year and I want to thank all of the members who have volunteered to coordinate a meeting. Lets all thank Jennifer Starbuck for arranging our January speaker, Ms. Lucia Powell.

It will soon be time for our Past President, Ms. Joy Alexander, to begin preparing the slate of officers for next year. If you would like to be a part of the committee, or would like to nominate someone (or yourself) for an officer's position, please give Joy a call. I would love to see some of our newer members become involved. It takes very little time but offers an amazing amount of personal reward.

For those of you who were unable to attend our January meeting, we have been able to book a very special guest speaker for our February meeting, Mr. Georg (no e) Finder. Mr. Finder is one of the leading national authorities and expert witness on "Identity Theft" and will be presenting a special 2 hour CPE. PLEASE make every effort to attend this presentation as we need a minimum of 25 attendees for this meeting. A special flyer is attached to the newsletter and I urge all of you to invite a colleague or guest to attend.

I hope to see all of you at our February meeting.

Cheryl

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Announcements:

The Inland Counties affiliate of the AWSCPA will be "dark" during the months of March and April 2004. We will resume our regularly scheduled meeting in May.

Job Opening:

We are currently looking to fill the Manager of Financial Reporting & Analysis (MFRA) position at the NSTC. This is a Controller/Financial Analyst level position, overseeing the Finance & Registration department, who frequently interfaces with the key volunteer management positions and Board of Directors. The posting (with job description) is on the website, www.soccer.org.

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

Minutes

January 15, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Cheryl Meils...self-introductions were made by all present. Four students and 16 professionals were in attendance.

Since secretary was not present, Cheryl called for a volunteer to keep the minutes. Ronda Shutt volunteered.

Oct. 2003 minutes were approved by Tammy Beverage, seconded by Valerie Cleveland.

No old items to discuss. Discussion opened for new items.

Shana Hansen brought up a discussion on reduced fees for dinner meeting for retirees. After some discussion, a discount of \$10 was motioned by Helene Blumner and seconded by Tammy Beverage. All members present approved the motion. Retiree meeting/dinner fee is now \$20.

Cheryl Meils indicated that volunteers are needed for the scholarship committee. Tammy Beverage and Ronda Shutt volunteered to help.

The scheduled presenter for Feb. from the FTB will not be available due to state budget cuts. Cheryl informed the group about the opportunity to have Georg Finder, an expert witness on identity theft, give our presentation. It happens that he will be in town and has agreed to present a 2-hour CPE gratis. (Mr. Finder is usually compensated for his workshops) He has asked that at least 25 people be in attendance, so the group was asked to heavily publicize the event. The group agreed to have him be our Feb. presenter at a Riverside location to be determined.

Jennifer Starbuck gave the Treasurer report. The scholarship fund balance is \$2,788 and the unrestricted fund balance is \$2,179.

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Dinner was served.

Lucia Powell began her presentation with a tax quiz, rewarding correct answers with chocolate. Handouts were passed out to all in attendance. Lucia presented federal tax updates (and some state updates) for 2004 using a PowerPoint presentation.

Pie was served and the meeting was dismissed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Ronda Shutt for

Lori Ann Kuntz, Secretary

Our February's Speaker is Georg Finder of CM Financial Services

Georg Finder is a consultant, expert witness and authority on the topics of credit damage and identity theft recovery and compensation. His success as an expert witness is based on his Credit Damage Measurement (CDM) process, which provides a way to measure credit loss so that victims can recover damages in court.

Beginning in 1989 as the author of a book on protecting your credit report reputation, Finder provided credit report education for several years. Following a seminar in 1995, an attorney in a breach of contract case asked whether he could measure the cost of credit damage so it could be assessed and paid for the way property or medical damage can be recouped in court. The result was Finder's CDM process.

The outcome in that first case was an unqualified success. The plaintiff, who initially had been advised to settle for \$6,500, was ultimately awarded \$33,000. Finder has since appeared as an expert witness in numerous court cases, using his CDM method.

The author of several books and manuals on credit reports and credit protection, Finder formerly co-hosted the "Consumer Hotline Radio Show" and wrote the "CreditPulse" column for the Orange County Register newspaper. Additionally, he is accepted by the California State Bar to provide continuing education seminars on credit damage for attorneys.

Finder's published works include: "Get Even with Bill Collectors"; "The Minus Touch," a debt management book; "Money Smart," a money-management manual; and "Working Money," an investment manual. Seminars include: "Credit Reports: Misconceptions & Realities" and "Credit Damages: Evaluation & Compensation."

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Next Meeting: February 12, 2004

Date: Thursday, February 12, 2004
Time: 6:00pm: Networking
6:30pm: Dinner and speaker

Dinner/Meeting: Bossa Nova Grill
1690 Spruce St. (corner of Spruce and Chicago
Riverside, CA 92507

Directions: 215 S. to the Spruce Street exit. Turn left on Spruce. Bossa Nova Grill is on the southeast corner of Spruce and Chicago.

Menu Choices

- #1 - Pollo Mojito (rotisserie chicken marinated w/citrus, garlic & herbs, served w/rice and veggies)
- #2 - Enchiladas Rancheras (VEGETARIAN - Spinach & cheese)
- #3 - Enchiladas Del Mar (Crab/shrimp & cheese, served w/rice & veggies)

RSVP by Monday February 10, 2004

AWSCPA RSVP

Month of Meeting: February 2004



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

Retirees: Number attending at \$20 ex. _____

Students: Number attending at \$15 ea. _____

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Dinner Selection _____

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