



AMERICAN WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Inland Counties Affiliate Newsletter – May 2004

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE- MAY 2004

With another tax season under our belt, we can all look forward to a warm and relaxing summer along with the planning of another great year for our local affiliate. I have been honored to serve as your president for the past year and I want to thank everyone for the assistance and support that I have received!! I have been honored to have a wonderful group of officers serve with me and I would like everyone to remember to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication to our organization.

I am pleased to announce that our Scholarship Committee has again chosen two very dedicated and worthy accounting students as this year's recipients of our \$500 scholarship awards. You will have the chance to meet them at our May meeting so make sure to take a moment to introduce yourself, make them feel welcome, and congratulate them for all of their hard work and dedication. And for those who have not met them yet, you are in for a little surprise.

As we prepare to wrap up our 2002/2004 fiscal year (where did the time go), our past president, Joy Alexander, is preparing the slate of officers for next year. If you would like to nominate someone (or yourself) to serve in an office, please contact Joy as soon as possible. I would like to be able to vote the slate at our June meeting. I would love to see some of our newer members begin to involve themselves in our organization. There are plenty of opportunities to "get your feet wet". Although you will have to invest a little time and a little work, I promise that you will reap great personal reward and satisfaction as well as helping a great organization!

Cheryl

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Minutes

February 12, 2004

The Inland Counties Affiliate of AWSCPA's met on February 12, 2004, at the Bossa Nova Grill in Riverside, California. President Cheryl Meils called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm. After self-introductions, it was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the January meeting as they were printed in the February Newsletter.

Jennifer Starbuck gave the Treasurer's report. The Scholarship chairman announced that February 28, 2004, is the deadline for submitting applications for the annual scholarships. Only one application has been received to date. Students present at the meeting were encouraged to take an application. The money is given directly to the recipients, and since it does not go through the school, it does not impact financial aid.

There being no old business and no new business, dinner was served.

Following dinner the guest speaker, Georg Finder, spoke on the topic of identity theft. He administered a quiz, the answers to which were extremely informative on the subject. Tips on procedures we could use to minimize the risks of falling victim to this crime were presented. It was also pointed out that businesses were also at risk for this crime. Mr. Finder developed a system for calculating the loss victims suffer and his clients have been very successful in recovering their losses when he testifying for them in court.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara G. Sikra
For Lori Kuntz, Secretary

May Announcements

Congratulations to Cheryl, She's a Grandma again! Kanadie Marie Meils was born this morning at 10:30 am. She is a healthy, (and loud) little lady weighing in at 7lbs. 15oz and 20 inches long. Both Mom and baby are doing great!!

Don't forget Mother's Day – May 9, 2004!

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The proposed slate of officers for 2004/2005 is as follows:

President: Tammy Beverage
Membership: Ronda Shutt
Scholarship: Tina Virgen
Past President: Cheryl Meils

Newsletter: Valerie Cleveland
Secretary: Barbara Bowlby
Hospitality: Andrea Scott

There are still two open positions, please volunteer if you can fill one of these:

Treasurer:
Vice President:

Scholarship Update – Cheryl Meils

I would like to extend my congratulations to the 2004 AWSCPA Inland County Affiliate scholarship recipients: **Ms. Ginger Simonton and Mr. Cleveland Carter**, both from California State University, San Bernardino.

Cleveland found his love for accounting while working as an accounting technician in the United States Army. After 8 years of serving his country, Cleveland continued to work as an accounting technician in the civil service sector. As an active community leader, Cleveland is the current President of the Air-L.A. toastmasters and is very involved in his church. His goals in life are to, "complete my degree, start my own business, become a successful businessman, and use my success to mentor and train others." As the youngest of nine children, Cleveland is the first in his family to attend college.

Ginger, like many of us, found her love for accounting a little later in life. After working in various jobs in a bookkeeping capacity, Ginger realized that she was severely limited in her career pursuit without an education. After giving birth to her second child, Ginger made the decision to enroll in college. Her academic excellence was soon recognized as she began to tutor other students. Ginger is a current officer of the Accounting Association at CSUSB and many of you may recognize her as a student member of the AWSCPA. In Ginger's words, " this is truly an exciting time in my life. I love academics and I love my major." Ginger is also the first person in her family to attend college and she wants her two sons to know the power of an education.

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May's Guest Speaker is Linda Saddlemire, CPA, CFE

Education and Certifications:

Certified Public Accountant - State of California, 1984

Certified Fraud Examiner - National designation as expert in fraud investigation, 1994

Bachelor of Science in Accounting - Magna Cum Laude, with Honors - University of La Verne, 1982

Certificate of School Business Management, California State University, San Bernardino, 1987

Present student at Claremont Graduate University – Peter F. Drucker School of Management, EMBA program

Experience:

Industry Experience:

- Retail grocery stores
- Food service retail operations
- Schools and Colleges

Fraud and investigative services including:

- Expert witness testimony
- Cash skimming
- Purchasing fraud
- Conflict of interest
- Credit card abuse
- Management fraud

Business and consulting services including:

- Internal control reviews and analysis
- Cash flow analysis and cash management review
- Preparation and review of financial projections and budgets

Planning and supervision of hundreds of audits

Speaking Engagements: (not a complete list)

"Fraud Protection in Business" – Corporate 2000 Council, San Antonio Community Hospital

"Basics of Accounting and Fraud" – High Technology Crime Investigation Association

"Fraud in Government" - California Society of CPAs

"Fraud Prevention" - California Association of School Business Officials (CASBO)

"Auditor Friend or Foe?" - Chief Financial Officers

"Internal Controls" - Institute of Aspiring Business Officials

"Fraud Prevention and Detection" – Executive 2000 Council, Riverside Community Hospital

Professional Affiliations:

- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- California Society of CPAs
- California Association of School Business Officials

Next Meeting: May 13, 2004

FRAUD RISK – HOW WILL SAS 99 CHANGE WHAT WE DO?

How will SAS 99 change what we do?
What new skills may be required for the CPA?
What are the key implications for the auditee?
Examples of fraud risks.

Presented by Linda M. Saddlemire, CPA, CFE

Date: Thursday, May 13, 2004
Time: 6:00pm: Networking
6:30pm: Dinner and speaker

Dinner/Meeting: The Whole Enchilada
10276 Foothill Blvd
Rancho Cucamonga, 91730

Directions: Take the 15 Freeway to Foothill Blvd. Travel North on Foothill. The restaurant is located just past Haven.

RSVP by Monday May 10, 2004

AWSCPA RSVP

Month of Meeting: May 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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