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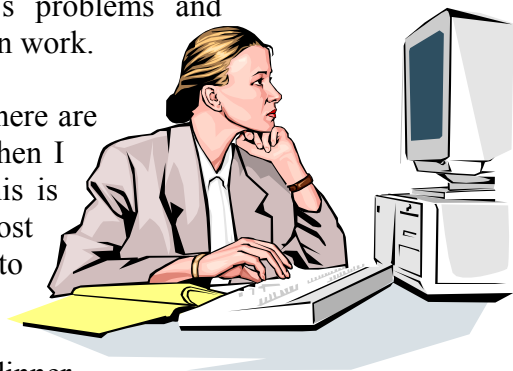
**President's Letter**  
*Johanna Zimmerman*

Worn out? Burned out? What can we do to bring a fresh approach to our work and our lives? Some of us retreat and omit professional activities. We feel if we can just keep up with the basic needs of family and work, things will be better next year. If we take a well-deserved vacation, we come back to find even more work. Next year comes and the deadlines reappear; no time to do the things we would find energizing. Work has expanded to fill all the available time.

What would happen if we did set aside the time to meet and talk to fellow professionals for an hour or two? What would happen if we tried a different approach to our professional lives?

I believe we could benefit in many ways. When I take the time to talk to and listen to other professionals, I find answers to troubling questions. I find alternative approaches to time-consuming tasks. Sometimes I find answers by asking direct questions, most times I find simply leaving the task and listening to another's problems and solutions gives me a fresh view of streamlining my own work.

No matter how many motivational seminars I attend there are times when I simply do not want to do any work, when I seriously contemplate firing the difficult clients. This is when conversations with other professionals are most helpful. After all, I do want to continue to be able to pay my bills.



AWSCPA of Los Angeles luncheon meetings and dinner meetings are my favorite source of professional conversation. The intelligent women I speak to and listen to have offered an unbiased resource to me. It is not about a specific topic, it is not about a specific skill, it is about energy.

## Upcoming Events

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| • GAAP Update         | Sportsmen's Lodge        | November 6, 2002  |
| • Holiday Celebration | Member's home (Glendale) | December 11, 2002 |
| • Tax Update          | Sportsmen's Lodge        | January 21, 2003  |

Remember, when you bring a guest to any meeting, you will receive a coupon good for \$5 off the price of our next meeting.

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## GAAP Update

Our annual GAAP Update is a joint meeting with the American Society of Women Accountants, California Society of CPA's Members in Industry, and Institute of Management Accountants.

Our speaker, Mark Dauberman served as owner of the Mark Dauberman CPA Review Course and its successor Mark's CPA Review Course for 27 years. At the time of its close in February 2001, it was the largest CPA review course in the state of California and second largest in the country. Mark is currently a partner of NSBN, a CPA and business consulting firm based in Beverly Hills. He is responsible for all levels of education for firm members as well as recruiting. He is also involved in business development activities and strategic planning for the firm.

Mark is active in several professional organizations and is currently vice chairman of the California Society of CPAs. He has been a public speaker for most of his career. He speaks for student groups, professional organizations, and a wide range of professionals. The meeting will qualify for two units of CPE.

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## A. Hilary Grosberg, Esq.

AWSCPA Los Angeles held a continuing professional education seminar on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the lovely Bamboo Cuisine Restaurant in Sherman Oaks. Everyone gathered in a quaint room, saying hello to new faces, and greeting each other with stories of happenings and events that have occurred since their last visit.

A dinner was served family style. Guests were lavished with myriad delicious oriental dishes from which to choose. This was definitely a very nice change of pace from the usual cuisine.

A. Hillary Grosberg was our guest of honor and speaker for the evening. We learned about how to choose a lawyer and about estate planning and probate issues. She is a dynamic speaker. Everyone was captivated by her words and the hour passed like minutes. Many thanks are extended to her and we hope to have her speak to us again in the future.

## Lunch Anyone?

Would you like an opportunity to meet and network with members in your area? Or just a chance to get out of the office? Come to a lunch group meeting:

- The **Westside** lunch group meets the first Friday of every month at the Nordstrom Café in the Westside Pavilion, noon. For more information, e-mail Louise Teeter: [lteeter@lafn.org](mailto:lteeter@lafn.org)
- The **Valley** lunch group meets on the third Tuesday of the month, 11:50. Meetings are usually at P.F. Chang's in Sherman Oaks (Ventura and Sepulveda). For more information, e-mail Carolyn Fox: [cfoxcpa@pacbell.net](mailto:cfoxcpa@pacbell.net)

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## Welcome New and Returning Members

Theresina Lloyd	Student Member
Miranda Koski	Student Member
Irina Artem	PricewaterhouseCoopers
Cara Camilli	Student Member
Diedre Cox	Insurance Corporation of Hannover
Amanda Wilson	

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## Member News

**Jeanne Phares** received her MBA from UCLA in June. Jeanne is a former board member and previous scholarship recipient.

**Nancy Kearson** spoke on the topic of detecting financial statement fraud at the American Society of Appraisers local luncheon meeting at McCormick's downtown on Wednesday, October 23. She was also featured in the "Ask a CPA" section of CalCPA Online.



**Carolyn Fox** and **Nancy Wheeler-Chandler** were named among the top 25 CPAs in the greater San Fernando Valley region and honored at a special reception presented by the San Fernando Valley Business Journal.

## 2002-2003 Planning Meeting

On Saturday, August 24, your board of directors held a strategy meeting to discuss the events of the upcoming year, the current status and goals of our organization. The board is constantly striving to provide the events and activities that our members want, such as networking opportunities, professional education, and camaraderie. One of our challenges this year, and going forward, is to find and keep good leaders. Another is to increase our membership. Please contact any one of us if you have ideas about how we can reach these goals, or you would like to serve on our board, or help plan an event. We welcome your input!



AWSCPA Los Angeles Board members Twylah Bowman, Johanna Zimmerman, Jenny Bolsky, Carol Suruki, Annette Berko, Shelly Randolph, Louise Teeter, Kathy Edwards (with daughter Amber). Not pictured: Nancy Kearson and Suzanne Maloney

One of the things we talked about was whether to present technical education or “soft” topics at our meetings. We also discussed dinner versus lunch meetings, whether to award scholarships, and what kinds of fundraising activities we might engage in. Our tentative schedule for the remainder of the year is as follows:

- November: GAAP Update (joint meeting)
- December: Holiday Event (strictly social)
- January: Tax Update (joint meeting)
- May: Fashion Show (fundraiser)
- June: Scholarship Awards

Please join us for any or all of these events, and let us know what kinds of programs you would like in the future.

## Annual Leadership Conference

This year's conference, entitled "Debits, Credits and All That Jazz" is scheduled for June 24-26, 2003 in the beautiful city of Montreal. As always, the conference will provide excellent technical programs covering all the latest hot issues, and more opportunities than ever to network with members of AWSCPA from around the country. In addition, the Association for Accounting Administration (AAA) will be hosting its 20th Anniversary Symposium in Montreal the same week. We'll be staying at the lovely Hotel Wyndham Montreal in the heart of downtown Montreal, just minutes away from some of the city's best attractions, and right next to the Metro for those places that aren't within walking distance.

Montreal is a wonderful city of full of history, great food, shopping, beautiful parks and museums. One of the evening events planned is a "dine around" where you get a chance to try out some of Montreal's best restaurants. For those seeking history and culture, try one of Montreal's many museums. The fabulous Museum of Fine Arts needs two buildings to house its impressive collection. The Pointe-a-Calliere, the Museum of Archaeology and History, is built on the site of the original colony and is a fascinating collection of artifacts, ruins, and exhibits. The Museum of Contemporary Art of Montreal is the only one in Canada, and is right across the street from our hotel.

For those looking for other types of diversions, Montreal truly offers something for everyone. There are the fun shops and history of Vieux-Port (Old Port) or the beautiful Jardin Botanique, the world's second largest botanical garden and the Insectarium or the amazing Biodome. Explore the Parc Olympique (Montreal was host to the 1976 Summer Games) and take a trip up the world's tallest inclined tower for a memorable view of the

entire city, including the St. Lawrence River. Wander the Underground City. Be inspired by the Basilica of Notre-Dame. Montreal is home to Crescent St. and the Latin Quarter where you'll find every type of nightlife you could want, most open until 3:00 a.m.!

Consider planning your trip to include the 24th International Montreal Jazz Festival, which is headquartered right at our hotel, and starts the day our conference ends. Because June and July are Festival months, you'll want to get your hotel reservations right away if you plan on taking advantage of some Montreal vacation time and either arriving early or staying beyond the conference. For more information visit [www.awscpa.org](http://www.awscpa.org).



## Mission Statement

The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants provides a supportive environment that promotes equity and provides opportunities for the achievement of career goals in a competitive and rapidly changing profession.

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