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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Nancy Kearson

Welcome to the new year in the Los Angeles Affiliate of AWSCPA. I will be your President for the next year. This year we welcome the contributions of several new board members, Irina Artem, Roobina Baghoomians, Judith Sacco, and Suzanne Jacobs.

We appreciate the substantial resources provided by our past President board members, Jenny Bolsky, Johanna Zimmerman, Annette Berko, and Louise Teeter. Sue Richman, as returning Program Chair, will no doubt continue to prove herself invaluable along with our continuing professional volunteers, Valerie Goldstein and Suzanne Maloney. I look forward to featuring our Board members in future newsletter messages.

Let "developing professional alliances" be the theme of my year as President. Our speakers, topics and restaurant choices for meetings this year will support an environment rich with opportunity for each of us to invite as our guests other professionals our members will enjoy meeting.

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2004 INSPIRED SOLUTIONS - JOINT NATIONAL CONFERENCE



Mark your calendar now for the **ASWA / AWSCPA Joint Inspired Solutions Conference.**

Date: November 10-12, 2004

Location: Chicago, Illinois.
InterContinental Chicago Hotel.

You won't want to miss these three education- and networking-packed days in the exciting city of Chicago!

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MONTHLY LUNCH MEETINGS



Please note the change in the time of Valley Lunch Group Meetings:

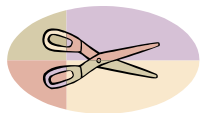
The Valley Lunch Group now meets the **fourth** Tuesday of the month.

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THE AWSCPA – LOS ANGELES BOARD OF DIRECTORS – OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2004/2005:

President: Nancy Kearson, Nancy Kearson, CPA
Past President: Jenny Bolsky, Miller, Kaplan, Arase & Co., LLP
Secretary: Roobina Baghoomians, CBIZ Southern California, Inc.
Treasurer: Judith Sacco, NWQ Investment Management Co.
VP Programs: Susan Richman, Susan Richman, CPA
VP Public Relations: Irina Artem, PricewaterhouseCoopers
VP Member Services: Johanna Zimmerman, Johanna E. Zimmerman, CPA
Director at Large: Annette Berko, Kirsche, Kohn & Bridge LLP
Director at Large: Louise Teeter, Louise Teeter, CPA
Director at Large: Suzanne Jacobs, Block, Plant, Eisner & Fiorito
Volunteer: Suzanne Maloney, Moss Adams, LLP
Volunteer: Valerie Goldstein, Delta Airlines

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – AWSCPA 2004/2005 MEETINGS



Date	Location	Speaker	Topic / Details
September 21, 2004	TBA*	TBA*	
October 19, 2004	TBA	TBA	
November 16, 2004	TBA	TBA	
December 14, 2004	TBA	TBA	A holiday party to mingle, network, and enjoy fine food and wine.
January 18, 2004	TBA	TBA	Tax updates.
February 17, 2004	TBA	TBA	The Board only meeting. However, members at large are invited to attend.
April 26, 2004	TBA	TBA	
June 7, 2004	TBA	TBA	Scholarship awards and a panel of AWSCPA members discussing their carriers and important issues affecting in the profession.

**Note: The specific locations and speakers will be announced shortly.*

AWSCPA – LOS ANGELES AFFILIATE MEMBER NEWS



- ▶ Shelly Randolph has recently become licensed as a Certified Public Accountant and is a new mother. Her baby, Adriana Michelle, was born on June 4th. Shelly served on the AWSCPA-LA board as a volunteer for several years, most recently was in charge of programs.

Note: If you have any personal and/or professional news you would like to share with other AWSCPA-Los Angeles members please contact Irina Artem at irina.artem@us.pwc.com. Your contribution will be shared in the next newsletter publication.

HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE 2004 MEETING & WINNERS OF AWSCPA NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The dinner meeting was held on June 17th at the Olympic Collection. The meeting began by Jenny Bolsky introducing and installing the new Los Angeles Chapter board members. The scholarship awards were then presented to this year's well deserved winners. This year's scholarship winners were:

Jennifer Bermudez, Loyola Marymount University
Miroslava Arnulf, UCLA
Elizabeth M. Rees, CSUN
Natalie A. Chandler, CSU-LA
Kuniko Mizuno, CSU-LA

Each of these ladies delivered a short speech, thanking the members of the Committee for their generosity and support. Also present at the June meeting were the AWSCPA National Board members. President Alexandra Miller introduced the President Elect, Jenifer Goforth, and the new members of the National Board. The meeting was concluded after an inspiring panel discussion, where the National Board members Alexandra Miller, Jenifer Goforth, and Kendra Hutchison (treasurer) shared their experiences of how they joined AWSCPA and the role of this organization in their careers and personal lives.

Since many of the National board members stayed in town after their meeting on Friday, June 18th, AWSCPA Los Angeles arranged an informal social event for Friday evening. National board members and interested members of our affiliate met for dinner and drinks on the Marina at Tony P's Dockside Grill. It was a great opportunity for Los Angeles members to get to know the National board, and we all enjoyed a fun, relaxing evening.

Photographs from the June 2004 Scholarships Award Dinner:



Miroslava Arnulf (left), Jenny Bolsky (right)



Jenny Bolsky (left), Natalie A. Chandler (right)



Jenny Bolsky (left), Kuniko Mizuno (right)

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Photographs of the AWSCPA National Board members visiting the June 2004 Meeting:



(From left to right) Jenifer Goforth, Alex Miller



(From left to right) Jenifer Goforth, Kendra Hutchison, Alex Miller

Photographs from the AWSCPA-LA and AWSCPA National Board Casual Dinner:



(From left to right) Kim Fantaci, Stefanie Yurus, Johanna Zimmerman



(From left to right) Mary Cheaney, MaryRiley, Alex Miller, Rhonda Ryan



Left side of the table (From left to right): Annette Berko, Kelly Thompson
Right side of the table (From left to right): Kendra Hutchison, Jenifer Goforth, Jenny Bolsky

MONTHLY LUNCH MEETINGS

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

- ▶ The **Westside lunch** group meets at noon, on the first Friday of every month at a Westside location. For more information e-mail Louise at: lteeter@lafn.org or call (310) 823-2234.
- ▶ The **Valley lunch** group meets on the **fourth** Thursday of the month at noon. For restaurant location and more information e-mail Carolyn Fox: cfox@pacbell.net

These locations not too convenient? How about forming your own lunch group meeting in your area, downtown Los Angeles, Pasadena, South Bay or West Valley? If you are interested in starting a local lunch group meeting, contact Louise Teeter or Jenny Bolsky for details.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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"DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL ALLIANCES" I have already talked to a couple of people I know that will be attending meetings as my guest, Statia Washington, a Vice President at Northern Trust, and Debra Frank, a Century City attorney. When approached, they both expressed their high level of enthusiasm in attending a meeting and meeting our members. My personal goal is to bring a professional with me to each meeting this year. I hope you will also consider inviting some of the professionals you know to attend meetings with you.

Our convention this year is in Chicago in November and will be the first joint convention with ASWA, the American Society of Women Accountants. I think it a real opportunity for the exchange of ideas and defining shared goals with our two organizations.

I believe we stand on the threshold of crafting a relevant organization to reflect the ever increasing diversity, goals and needs of women in our profession. I believe we can do this by communicating our personal and professional vision with other accounting professionals as well as professionals in other fields and in so doing create alliances with organizations and individuals with which to mutually manifest our shared vision.

Finally, I would like to thank Irina Artem for facilitating contact with Kimberly Jones, Diversity Team Leader at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Los Angeles. Kimberly and I have tentatively set a date in mid September to provide a presentation with a reception at the firm's office in Los Angeles on the benefits and opportunities of membership and involvement in AWSCPA.

I am enthusiastically looking forward to a year of "developing professional alliances" as your affiliate President.

I'll keep you posted.



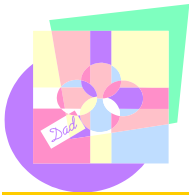
ASWA & AWSCPA have secured a block of rooms at the discounted rate of \$169 plus tax for single or double occupancy. All reservations must be made through the InterContinental Chicago Hotel Reservations Office at 800-628-2112 or 312-944-4100 and must be made prior to October 8, 2004. Reservations after that date will be accepted on a space and rate available basis. Please be sure to mention that you are with the ASWA/AWSCPA group.

Preliminary programs will be available very soon. Until then, be sure to make your initial plans to attend the ASWA/AWSCPA 2004 Joint Inspired Solutions conference.

For sponsorship opportunities, call Melissa Lynd at AWSCPA headquarters at (800) AWSCPA1 (297-2721). Interested in presenting an educational seminar at the Joint Inspired Solutions Conference?

For more information, contact AWSCPA at 136 South Keowee Street, Dayton, Ohio 45402; (800) AWSCPA1 or info@awscpa.org.

AWSCPA-LA SOUVENIRS AND GIFT ITEMS



AWSCPA-LA cups and pins are available for purchase at our meetings or through the board members. Cups and pins are \$5 each

The Voice of Women CPAs

***The American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants (AWSCPA)
is a national organization dedicated to serving all women CPAs.***

***The AWSCPA provides a supportive environment and valuable resources
for members to achieve their personal and professional goals through various opportunities
including leadership, networking and education.***