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Message from Usha Murthy, President



Wishing Everyone a Very Happy and Prosperous 2008 New Year! As the LA affiliate rolls forward into another new year, we are excited to bring on new programs, new members and also renew existing programs this year. We look forward to partnering with various vendors to bring continuing education opportunities to our membership and at the same time promote work-balance lifestyles to all the women CPAs in our affiliate.

We are looking for people like you to fill in some Board positions that are open at this time. I can assure you that your participation as a Board member and/or serving on various Committees will enhance your personal and professional outlook in the LA community and you will find your experience very rewarding!

AWSCPA offers incentives for recruiting new members

Start recruiting your colleagues and friends! For every new member you enlist, we will send you a \$10 gift card from Barnes & Noble. And, for each new member you recruit, your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$100 Spa Finder Gift Certificate! There are no limits and no minimums.

If you have recruited a new member, be sure to email the National Office at info@awscpa.org

Monthly Lunch Meetings

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

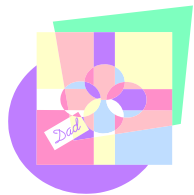
- ▶ The **Westside lunch** group meets at noon, on the **first Friday of the month** at a Westside location. For more information, e-mail Louise at: lteeter@roadrunner.com or call (310) 823-2234.
- ▶ The **Valley lunch** group meets on the **third Tuesday of the month** at noon. For restaurant location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

These locations not 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 lteeter@roadrunner.com or Usha Murthy @ umurthy@lafoodbank.org for details.



AWSCPA – Los Angeles Affiliate News

AWSCPA – Los Angeles is celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2008!



AWSPCA – 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.

Be sure to visit the AWSCPA website to see the new stock of logo merchandise available. Visit the AWSCPA Virtual Mall and Logo Shop at www.awscpa.org

AWSPCA – Los Angeles Board of Directors / Officers For the Year 2007 /2008

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President:	Usha Murthy , Los Angeles Regional Foodbank
First Vice President:	Open
Secretary:	Louise Teeter , Louise Teeter, CPA
Treasurer:	Inna Littwin , Rose, Snyder and Jacobs
VP Programs:	Irene Perer , Irene Perer, CPA
VP Public Relations:	Geralyn Ryan , Sandler, Powell, Jacobs and Berlin, CPAs
VP Member Services:	Karen Ton , PricewaterhouseCoopers

We are still looking for a few good women to serve on the 2007/2008 Board of Directors

Our organization is celebrating its 75th anniversary!

Help us keep this great organization strong by becoming a volunteer. Together we can continue to support the professional development of Women CPAs and to provide unique opportunities for leadership, networking and education.

Please Volunteer

Contact Usha Murthy for details - umurthy@lafoodbank.org

From the editor's desk

As we begin a new year, it's the perfect time to think about ways to improve our lives, both professionally and personally. Like most everyone else, I tend to make resolutions that I end up not being able to keep. This year, I decided to take it in little steps, to increase my chance of success. My first goal is to set aside a little time for myself each day. I bought a half-price calendar at Borders on January 5th (what a deal!) called "Watercolor Lesson-A-Day Calendar". I plan to carve out a half and hour or so a day to read the short lesson and then paint the tiny picture on the calendar. It's desk size, really small, but it should give me a nice break. Not an overly ambitious goal, but a realistic one, I think. Who knows, maybe I'll try yoga next!

Please feel free to send an email to gercpa@yahoo.com with any suggestions you have for taking a little time out for yourself. I'd love to print them in our next newsletter. We are all very busy juggling our personal and professional responsibilities. AWSCPA is about supporting each other. It would be wonderful to hear from you!

Note: If you have any personal and/or professional news you would like to share with other AWSCPA-Los Angeles members please contact Geralyn Ryan at gercpa@yahoo.com. Your contribution will be shared in the next newsletter publication.

News from Your National Organization

AWSCPA TechCasts

The American Woman's Society of CPAs has specifically designed their TechCasts for today's busy professional. In just 60 minutes, you have access to in-depth coverage of an ever-changing array of current topics including breaking accounting news, new and revised regulations and the latest trends and developments. We will strive to cover topics falling under the following areas: Accounting & Auditing, Tax, Controllorship and Personal and Professional Development.

For one low price, you can attend these sessions in the convenience of your own office – or in your conference room with your entire staff- and immediately put what you've learned to work in your department or organization.

Upcoming TechCasts:

- [January 16, 2008 – "Fair Value Accounting and Impairment of Assets" – Linda Bergen, Vice President, Citigroup Inc.](#)
- [April 17, 2008 – "Financial Crimes - Tracking the Global Criminal and Locating Hidden Assets" – Ronald F. Worst, Criminologist - Financial Fraud \(Fraud Examiner & Security Expert\) American Investigative Specialists](#)

PODcast archives of previous tele-conferences are now available for members. Check out the national website at AWSCPA.org for more information and to register to attend the next TechCast.

AWSCPA 75th Annual Joint National Conference

Save the date! The 2008 Joint National Conference will be held at The Fairmont Dallas in Dallas, Texas. The event will take place October 27 through October 30, 2008. For more information, visit the AWSCPA website at www.awscpa.org



We encourage you to attend this event and learn more about AWSCPA. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet other AWSCPA members from across the country!



Holiday Party, December 2007, at Irene Perer's home. Around the table – Elizabeth, Louise, Usha, Karen, Barbara, Irene S, and Irene P. LaVonne is taking the picture. We had a great evening of food and fun enjoying a night out with our friends.

*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.

Los Angeles Affiliate - Making Opportunities Count

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